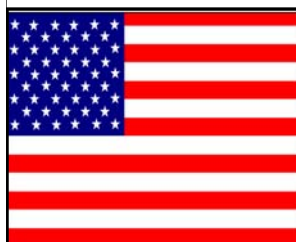


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Orientation
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business opportunities for African American businesses and professionals throughout the region. Guided by the core values of equity in opportunity, economic advancement, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.

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This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. Pa.

Check your email & follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter @ aaccwp.com for your upcoming Chamber events!

Your Chamber's Website had nearly **2,200** hits in November. Visit us at: www.aaccwp.com

It was great seeing old friends & greeting new ones @ the Business Luncheon. Our thanks to Sponsor Jay Ferguson/ Fifth Third Bank, Suresh Ramanathan/Koryak for the gifts, Bill Strickland/ MCG for the Drew Mathieson Center orchids, & as always, the Omni William Penn.

PowerBreakfast Meeting **January 20th - 7:30 AM** **Rivers Club - Downtown**

Join us as we welcome Randy Woelfel, CEO, NOVA Chemicals. We will hear about NOVA & plans for this region & globally. RSVP by 1/18 @ 412-392-0610.

Members Orientation **January 25th** **11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **Regional Enterprise Tower** **425 Sixth Ave., 23rd Flr.**

Join us & learn more about the value of being part of our organized body. RSVP by 1/23 @ 412-392-0610.

Networking Mixer **January 31st** **5 PM - 7 PM** **Executive Cigars** **630 Suismon Street** **North Side**

Member Andrew Lee will welcome us to "his place" for a relaxing mixer to ring in the new year! RSVP by 1/27 @ 412-392-0610.

Diabetes: **The Silent Killer** **Self Management of a** **Chronic Disease**

The next workshop will be held in February. Watch your email for the date!

Members Events **Now thru January 8th** **Phipps Conservatory** **Presents** **The Winter Flower** **Show**

For a list of events, programs & classes visit phipps.conservatory.org

Now thru April 7th **Teenie Harris,** **'Photographer** **An American Story'** **Carnegie Museum of Art**

This exhibit is a MUST SEE & full of positive images of historic Pittsburgh. You can also visit online @: www.cmoa.org/teenie.

January 18th-8:30 AM **Certification** **Made Simple** **Diversity Business** **Resource Center** **700 River Avenue** **North Side**

A member of PA's Dept. of General Services will walk you thru the Application for Certification as a Minority or Women Business Enterprise. **Pre-registration is required.** Applications can be downloaded @: www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/forms_publications/1532 or email Judy McNeil @: jm@riversidecenterforinnovation.com.

January 20th-7:30 PM **Tribute:** **A Symphonic** **Celebration of African** **American Culture** **August Wilson Center** **The Pittsburgh**

Symphony Orchestra in association with the August Wilson Center & Hill House will present this celebration featuring the AWC Dance Ensemble. Call 412-392

-4894.

**January 21st - 8 PM
'Suite Bill'**

August Wilson Center

Enjoy the 70's & 80's music of Bill Withers & performances by the AWC Dance Ensemble. Call 412-392-4894.

**Ready To Run
Campaign Training For
Women**

**January 21st
7:30 AM - 7 PM**

**Chatham University
Mellon Hall**

The Pennsylvania Center for Women & Politics @ Chatham will present this conference on running for office or getting involved in public life. Register @: www.pcwp.org or call 412-365-1878.

**January 21st
thru April 27th
The Andy Warhol
Museum Presents
Off The Wall 2012**
A series of thought provoking contemporary live performances. Call 412-237-8300

**January 25th
SBA Workshop
9 AM - Noon
Riverside Center
For Innovation
700 River Ave.
North Side**
For information call Marisa Fentzel @ 412-395-6560 ext. 109.

**Employment
Opportunities**

Senior Auditor

Supporting Member John Stillwaggon/ Paparone Stillwaggon & McGill is seeking a senior auditor. For information call 724-458

-7490.

**Become Part of the
Marcellus**

Several positions are open with the Marcellus Shale project. Learn more @: <http://marcelluscoalition.org> Click on *Job Portal*.

Attention Employers

YouthWorks provides youth 16-25 trained for the workplace. If you are interested in offering internships & part time & full time employment call 412-281-6629.

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URA

**Business Development
Center**

Learn how the center can help you leverage the capital necessary for growth & success. Contact Tom Link 412-255-6669.

**Erie County
Open For Business**

Turn your idea into a business with help from *Start, Grow & Prosper*, an initiative from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. Call 814-454-7191.

Export Business

If you need grants or financing to start or expand your export business, information is available @ www.newpa.com

**Façade Improvement
Programs**

The URA offers façade improvement programs for commercial building owners & tenants to improve their storefronts. call 412-255-6550.

New Business

**Formation
Pittsburgh vs.
Benchmark Average**

See how Pittsburgh stacks up against other regions when it comes to starting new businesses. Go to: www.pittsburghtoday.org/view_NewBusinessformation2.html

Did You Know

In 1913 the first gas station in the nation, built by Gulf Refining, opened in Pittsburgh @ Baum Blvd. & St. Clair Street in East Liberty.

Congratulations

Members Fulton Meachem/Pittsburgh Housing Authority on the Reopening of the Frank H. Mazza Pavilion; Lloyd Wright/PA Senate on his retirement; Germaine Husser/Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank on \$100k won for the Food Bank by local news anchors Peggy Finnegan & David Johnson on *Who Wants to Be A Millionaire*; Esther Bush/Urban League on the Ronald H. Brown Leadership Gala; Erroline Williams/ Duquesne Univ. named one of Pittsburgh Professional Women's 2012 Women of Integrity; Stephan Broadus/Pittsburgh Courier newly elected Chair, Allegheny County Human Relations Commission Jerry Cozewith/Entrepreneurship Youth a finalist for Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners' *Fast Pitch Competition*; Jessica Schmidt/ Pittsburgh Symphony

has accepted the position of Director of Education & Community Engagement @ the Boston Symphony; & Jan Glick/Big Brothers Big Sisters on 2 successful fundraisers in one week.

In the News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Greg Spencer/ Randall Industries & Larry Davis/Pitt @ the Urban League's Leadership Gala; Andre Guess/ August Wilson Center @ the AWC Town Hall Meeting; your Chamber's Annual Business Luncheon featuring guest speaker John Wetenhall, President, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh;

**Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette**

Associate Member Phipps Conservatory featured in Magazine & Health's "A Leader in Green Building", & Corporate Sponsor Gregory Dell'Omo/Robert Morris Univ. @ the University's President's Council Dinner.

Pittsburgh Quarterly

Member Germaine Husser/Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank featured in *Arrivals*.

**Welcome
New Members**

Regular Members
K. Chase Patterson
Corporate Diversity
Associates

Neal Holmes
Designing Love, Inc.

*Best wishes for
good health & prosperity
this year!*