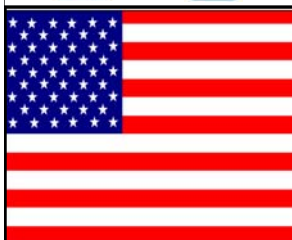


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ February 17th - PowerBreakfast
- ◆ February 21st - Diabetes Workshop
- ◆ February 25th - Ice Skating Party
- ◆ April 11th - Candidates' Forum
- ◆ May 10th - Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- ◆ Members Events
- ◆ New Members



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.

Last year, your Chamber received over **30,000** hits on our website, **139** friends on Facebook & **13** followers on Twitter: not bad!

February is Black History Month

Negro History week, originated by Carter G. Woodson, was observed for the first time on February 7, 1926.

Thank you to Corporate Sponsor Randy Woelfel, CEO of NOVA Chemicals who shared information with our members & guests during our January PowerBreakfast about NOVA & Range Resources' working relationship on the Marcellus Shale project.

Our Member's Orientation provided info on our programs, benefits, & procurement opportunities. The next session is scheduled for July.

Kudos to Member Andrew Lee for a fun & relaxing Members Mixer at Executive Cigars LLC.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
February 17th - 7:30 AM
Rivers Club - Downtown
Michael Lamb, Controller

City of Pittsburgh

Come learn about the city's fiscal health, plans for improvement, & contract opportunities.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

March 16th - 7:30 AM
Rivers Club Downtown
Rich Fitzgerald
Allegheny County
Chief Executive
Join us as we welcome our new County Executive & learn about his plans for the county.

Diabetes Workshop "Optimum Eye Care & Fitness"

February 21st
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Kaufmann Center
Hillman Auditorium
Hill House
Join us for this two part workshop: Dr. Jerome Gloster, Medical Director, North Side Christian Health Center will discuss ophthalmic testing for optimum eye care & Fitness Expert & Author Heather A. Worthy will demonstrate one of her circuit training routines you can track from her book (she will be signing), *Worthy Workouts*.

Annual Ice Skating Party

February 25th
1:00—3:00 PM
PPG Ice Skating Rink
Bring the entire family for an afternoon of fun. Your first cup of hot chocolate is on us!

Annual Meeting Members Meeting

11:00 AM
Luncheon 12:00 Noon
May 10th
Corporate Sponsor Robert Oeler, President and CEO of Dollar Bank, will be our guest speaker.

Highmark Rewards

This special program is designed for Highmark employees, for purchasing goods or services & for you, as Chamber Member, to promote your firm & generate revenue without paying a fee! You can offer discount coupons, specials, etc. For more about the program & to register, go to www.rondinopromotion.com.

Members Events

WQED-TV has a great lineup of Black History Month programs. Go to: www.wqed.org for listings.

Now thru April 7th
Teenie Harris,

**'Photographer
An American Story'**
Carnegie Museum of Art
This exhibit is a MUST
SEE. Visit online @:
www.cmoa.org/teenie.

February 16th Webinar
Transportation
Patterns & Impacts
from Marcellus
Development
1 PM - 2:15 PM
For info & to register,
call 1-570-433-3040.

March 10th 6PM-10PM
Soul Food Dinner & Jazz
Rivers Club
Oxford Centre
301 Grant Street
Join Member Rob
Jones/Ingood Company
for a night of gourmet
soul food buffet & live
jazz. \$46 adults; \$20 for
children. For reservations
call 412-860-8500.

Transportation Bill
Your Chamber is
supporting the effort to
get Congress to pass a
highway, transit & safety
bill. If your company,
association, chapter or
coalition is interested
go to: [www.fasterbetter
safer.org](http://www.fasterbetter
safer.org)

Employment
Opportunities
February 15th 5PM - 7PM
PNC Park Job Fair
PNC Park
Multi-Purpose Room
General Robinson St.
These are seasonal
positions with the Pirates,
& related firms hiring in
security, catering & greet-
ers (employers on site).

March 9th
9AM - 12:00 pm
John Heinz History Center
The Greater Pittsburgh

Chamber of Commerce &
the U.S. Chamber of
Commerce will host the
2012 Hiring Our Heroes
Job Fair for those
interested in moving to
our region & others.

Construction
Opportunities in
Butler County
Learn about their bid
process & contracts @:
www.bceo/contracts.html

Grants Available
In Emerging Fields,
Literature & Performing
Arts
Creative Capital is
accepting online Letters
Of Inquiry for grants. The
inquiry form will be open
until March 1. Visit
creative-capital.org/apply

Become A Member
The Greater Pittsburgh
Arts Council is offering a
special discounted rate.
Go to: [www.pittsburgharts
council.org](http://www.pittsburgharts
council.org)

Pennsylvania 2-1-1
Southwest
Learn how your can
connect your company/
employees to human
services; from child care
to help for families. For
more info on 2-1-1 call
412-456-6823.

Go to www.parkpgh.org
to identify available park-
ing spaces the Cultural
District Downtown.

Congratulations
Members Ruth Byrd
Smith & Jackie Dixon on
receiving the Pittsburgh
Business Times; 2012
Business Women First
Awards next month. **Mem-**
ber Floyd Cephas/North
Side Christian Health

Center on receiving the
Bronze Fine Foundation
Award, Andre Kimo
Guess/August Wilson
Center's Dance Ensem-
ble named "25 To Watch
In 2012" by Dance
Magazine; **Chairman**
Circle Member Larry
Brinker/Brinker Group's
Universal Glass &
Metals awarded PPG's
Crystal Achievement
Award; Corporate Sup-
porter Member Joyce
Bender/Bender Consult-
ing named Chair, Board
of Directors at the
American Assoc. of
People with Disabilities;
Associate Member
William Bodine/Frick Art
& Historical Center on
signing up more than
400 new members since
the October opening of
the Fabergé Exhibit.

In the News
New Pittsburgh
Courier
Members Cecelia
Jenkins/Pittsburgh
Community Services @
the PCS Turkey Drive;
Dara Ware Allen/Youth-
Works article, 'Youth-
Works Puts Youth To
Work'; Andrew
Cheeseboro/Small
Seeds Development @
the Show Up & Show
Out Praise Party.
Member Rev. DeNeice
Welch/Bidwell Presbyter-
ian Church performed @
the event; Corporate
Sponsor Bill Strickland/
MBC @ the MCG 25th
Anniversary featuring
the Billy Taylor Tribute;
Gene Barr named new
President of the PA
Chamber of Business &
Industry; Associate
Members Andre Kimo

Guess/August Wilson
Center with Commentary
in *Forum*, Esther Bush/
Urban League on health
disparities in our region, &
Linda Clautti/Northside
Urban Pathways Charter
Schools celebrating 5
years on their Benefiting
African American Males
Mentoring Program ; Rod
Doss/New Pittsburgh
Courier in 'Out & About'.

Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette
Members Lou Alexander/
Byars & Alexander Finan-
cial Group & Jermaine
Husser/Greater Pittsburgh
Community Food Bank @
County Executive Rich
Fitzgerald's inaugural
bash; Victor Diaz/
Pittsburgh Metropolitan
Area Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce @ their Three
Kings Day Gala; Patty
Paytas & Chaz Kellem/
Pittsburgh Pirates accept-
ing the CORO MLK
Leadership & Diversity
Award.

Whirl Magazine
Corporate Sponsors
Gregory Dell'Omo/Robert
Morris University @ the
Pittsburgh Speakers
Series; Frank Coonelly/
Pittsburgh Pirates @ A
Night In The Orient; &
Presidential Roundtable
Member James Rohr/PNC
Financial Services @ The
Magic of Mentoring event.

Regular Members
Marlene Ellis
Allegheny County Bar
Association
Homer S. Brown Division

Don't Forget:
March 26th is the last day
to register to vote in the
April 24th Primary!