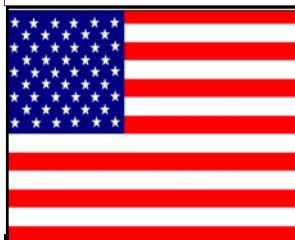


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ March 13th - Tax Workshop
- ◆ March 16th - PowerBreakfast
- ◆ March 29th - Networking Mixer
- ◆ April 12th - Candidates' Forum
- ◆ April 20 - PowerBreakfast
- ◆ May 10th - Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- ◆ May 21st - Next Diabetes Workshop



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.

March 26th is the last day to register to vote in the April 24th Primary!

Pittsburgh City Controller Michael Lamb gave an insightful financial overview at last month's Power-Breakfast Meeting.

Last month's Diabetes Workshop featured Dr. Jerome Gloster/North Side Christian Health Ctr. discussed the importance of regular eye exams for Diabetics. Then Ms. Heather Worthy-Trainer, Physical Therapist & Author of the book: Worthy Workouts highlighted 5 routines for regular exercise, & Chamber Intern J.D. Williams demonstrated each one: (Dad-Vice Chairman Oscar Worthy, stood beaming in the background). Special thanks to Member Floyd Cephas/North Side Christian Health Center for help.

There was lots of family fun & hot chocolate @ our annual Skating Party @ PPG Ice Rink.

Special Small Business Tax Workshop

March 13th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

O'Neill Room-Regional

Enterprise Tower

This special workshop Includes representatives from some of the region's largest CPA firms: CrawfordEllengoben, ParenteBeard, Stunkel Accounting & Taxes, Stillwaggon & McGill, & the PA Institute of CPA's. They will update you on business taxes for small firms & self-employed individuals on your tax rights, responsibilities & Act 32. Facilitator: Carol MacPhail, Former Partner Deloitte Tax LLP will facilitate the workshop. Space is limited: RSVP by March 9th.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

March 16th - 7:30 AM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

Join us as we welcome Allegheny County's new Chief Executive-Rich Fitzgerald & hear his plans for the county.

Member's Mixer

March 29th - 5PM

Carnegie Museum of Art Join us for a reception followed by the must see Teenie Harris Photography: "An American Story".

Candidate's Forum

April 12th

4:30PM - 7PM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

We will be hosting the candidates for State Representative-District 24. Free & open to the public. Note date change.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

April 20th - 7:30 AM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

Duke Rupert, President & CEO of West Penn Hospital & Health System will discuss the status of the hospital development & opportunities for procurement.

Annual Meeting &

Luncheon

May 10th

We are pleased to announce Robert Oeler, CEO, Dollar Bank, will be our guest speaker.. Your invitation will be mailed .

Diabetes:

The Silent Killer
Self Management of a

Chronic Disease

"Proper Foot Care"

May 21st

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Three Rivers Youth

6117 Broad St.

East Liberty

Our next workshop will feature Podiatrist -

Dr. Diane Johnson, DPM. She will discuss the importance of proper foot care, & how diabetes can affect your feet. Open to the public.

Members Events
Now thru May 13th

The Warhol: Gentlemen Start Your Exhibition

Featuring artwork from early silkscreen to film & sketches. Learn more @ www.warhol.org

March 10th 6PM-10PM
Soul Food Dinner & Jazz

Rivers Club
Oxford Centre
301 Grant Street
Member Rob Jones/ Ingood Company looks forward to everyone coming out for a night of soul food & live jazz. Reservation required. Call 412-860-8500.

May 18th - 11:30 AM
Pittsburgh Community Services's Growing Green Growing Strong
Holiday Inn

University Center
Lytton Ave., Oakland
Member Cecelia Jenkins invites you to attend PCSI's Annual Meeting. Call 412-904-4700 for details.

May 19th
Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community

Member Andrew Cheeseboro/Small Seeds & Team Small Seeds will head the group for the 10th Annual Walk. Register @ 412-665-2810.

3E Links

Member Sustainable Pittsburgh's "3E Links" highlights events &

resources relevant to the integration of Economy, Environment, and Equity. Sign up @:
www.sustainablepittsburgh.org/3E_links.html.

Rob Stephany, former Director of URA, is now the Head of Economic & Community Development for the Heinz Endowments!

Governor Corbett recently appointed Associate Member Andrew Masich as Chairman of the PA Historical and Museum Commission.

Employment Opportunities

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Strategist

The URA Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship is seeking a strategist who can serve as a resource for entrepreneurs and innovation & technology firms needing assistance. A degree in Business Administration, entrepreneurship, & or innovation & relevant professional experience is helpful. Send cover letter & resume to Darnell Griffin-Benton @ dgriffin-benton@ura.org.

Congratulations

Your Chamber's own Shawn Hicks & Members Neil Parham/Highmark and Shaunda Miles/August Wilson Center were among the Fab 40 Pittsburgh Courier honorees; Associate member Chancellor Curtiss Porter on an anonymous \$2.2 Million estate commitment to Penn State Greater Allegheny; Chairman Circle Keith Key/KBK on the final phase of the

Garfield Commons \$80 million redevelopment project; Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell recognized by the Rodef Shalom Congregation as the 2012 Pursuer of Peace; & Chairman Circle Bob Agbede/Chester Engineers will be named as the 2012 NSBE Golden Torch award honoree for Entrepreneur of the Year; and Members John Bettis & Connie Thornhill were recently married in Michigan!

In the News
New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Scott Brown-Citizens Bank @ their MLK Essay Contest; Member Cory McGhee/McGhee Moving featured in the Business Section; Member Bill Generett/*Urban Innovation 21* on name change from Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone; Member Darryl Ford Williams/WQED & Vice Chancellor Robert Hill-Univ. of Pittsburgh, attending the World Premier of Thaddeus Moseley: Sculptor; Member Charlene & Cheryl McAbee/River Development celebrating with their father; Associate Member Esther Bush celebrating Urban League Sunday at Covenant Church; Member Linda Lane/Pittsburgh Public Schools, Maurita Bryant/NOBLE, Esther Bush/Urban League featured in Pittsburgh Women History Makers; Rex Crawley/Robert

Morris Univ., FedEx Corporate Sponsor Bridgette Cofield & Howard Russell/OPUS @ the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund Dinner; Member Roland Criswell/Coston's Funeral Home honoring the Whitney Houston Homegoing; Chairman Circle Members Chuck Sanders & John Bettis/Savoy @ the Savoy;

Talk Magazine

Dr. Rhonda Johnson/Highmark on *Healthcare - Prevent Poor Eye Health Today*.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Supporting Member Frank Polito/Comcast attending an Oscar Party;

Whirl Magazine

Chuck Sanders/Savoy Restaurant's Fashion 101 Friday event series.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Marylin Barnett
Imani Christian Academy

Renard Smith
Nationwide
Smith Insurance Agency

Christopher Spradley
Coventry Cares
(Health America)

Supporting Members

Emmett Santillo
Nationwide Insurance

Associate Members
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