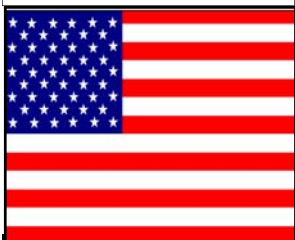


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ April 12th - Candidates' Forum
- ◆ April 20th - PowerBreakfast
- ◆ May 10th - Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- ◆ May 21st - Diabetes Workshop
- ◆ May 24th - Networking Mixer
- ◆ June 15th - PowerBreakfast
- ◆ June 19th - Members Orientation
- ◆ New Members
- ◆ Members Events



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.

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, April 24th!

Thanks to Paul Block/ParenteBeard, Chad Brzezinski/Stillwaggon & McGill, Giulia Dozzi/Crawford Ellenbogen, William Stunkel/Stunkel Tax & Accounting, & special thanks to facilitator Carol McPhail/former partner @ Deloitte Tax for a great Special Small Business Tax Workshop. They responded to a sold out audience!

Allegheny Co. Chief Executive-Rich Fitzgerald updated us on the state of Allegheny County to a full house at last the March PowerBreakfast Meeting.

The Members Mixer @ Carnegie Museum having Van Harris, son of the photographer & an over-view of the exhibition by the Photo Archivist- Karin Schellenberger. We then left the Founders Room to view the wonderful Teenie Harris photography exhibit & Poetry reading by the Brooklyn Museum of Art. (Exhibit will close April 7th).

Candidate's Forum

**April 12th
4:30PM - 7PM
Rivers Club**

One Oxford Center
State Representative Joseph Preston, Jr. & Ed Gainey, candidates for State Representative -District 24 are confirmed. Free & open to the public. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

April 17, 2012 How to do Business with Allegheny County 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

An announcement has been mailed to everyone. M/W/D Director Byrd-Smith will present the unified certification program, electronic bidding, & their loan program.

PowerBreakfast Meeting April 20th - 7:30 AM Rivers Club

One Oxford Center
Duke Rupert, President & CEO/West Penn Hospital will discuss the hospital development & opportunities for procurement.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon May 10th

We are pleased to announce that Robert Oeler, President & CEO, Dollar Bank, will be our guest speaker. Look for your invitation in April.

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.**
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.
Free & open to the public. You must RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
June 15th - 7:30 AM
Rivers Club**
One Oxford Center
Steve Bland, CEO, Port Authority will discuss what is planned for county transit service in September.

**Members Events
April 12th & 13th
U.S. Global Growth
Conference
St. Vincent College**
A must attend for companies involved in international trade. For details call 724-537-4572.

**April 14th
Glenshaw Bus Tour
1PM - 5:30PM**
Join Member Arthur Ziegler/Pittsburgh

History & Landmark Foundation to see restoration in progress: the Isaac Lightner & Joseph Kirk Houses, & the Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church & Public Library. For more info call 412--471-5808.

**April 17th-May 3rd
Carnegie Mellon's
Distinguished Lecture
Series**

Learn more @ www.cmu.edu/environmental/education/lectures

**April 27th - 6 PM
The 2012 Nellie
Leadership Awards
Gala**

Carnegie Museum
Member Peggy Harris invites you to join Three Rivers Youth for "A Moroccan Experience". Call 412-441-5020.

**April 29th - May 2nd
Together For Tourism
Pennsylvania Tourism
Summit**

**Hilton Harrisburg
Harrisburg, PA**
For info call 717-901-0220.

**May 3rd
NAACP
Human Rights Dinner
Make An Impact**

**Confront the
Inequality of Justice
Omni William Penn**
Join Member Gail Moss for this annual event. For more info call 412-471-1024.

**May 6th 11:00 AM
National Kidney
Foundation
Take A Lifesaving Step**

Walk
Oglebay Resort
Contact Member Deb Hartman to register @ 412-261-4115.

**May 9th
Entrepreneur's Growth
Conference**

**Duquesne University
Union Building
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

For more information visit www.dug.edu/sbdc

**Now thru May 13th
The Warhol: Gentlemen
Start Your Exhibition**

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

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

**University Center
Lytton Ave., Oakland**
Join Member Cecelia Jenkins for PCSI's Annual Meeting. Call 412-904-4700 for details.

**Now thru June 30th
Strength in the Struggle:
Civil Rights**

August Wilson Center
The exhibit features the Women's Movement in Pittsburgh from 1967 - 1987. Learn more @: augustwilsoncenter.org.

Attention Entrepreneurs
Office space is available @ Riverside Center for Innovation on the North Side. Call Juan Garrett @ 412-322-3523.

OppsPlace.com
Congrats Member Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh on the new website connecting minority job seekers with companies seeking to diversify their workforces.

Congratulations
Member Sylvester Pace/NEED on the Benefit Dinner; Lucille

Dabney/PACE on Inclusive Voices; Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell Corporation, recipient of La Roche College's Ad Lucem Award; Member Jeremy Waldup on the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership's Annual Meeting; Members Kimo Guess/ August Wilson Center & Melanie Harrington/ Vibrant Pittsburgh were elected to the Board. Member Victor Diaz/ Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Pittsburgh has entered into a Twin Cities Agreement with Naulcalpan, Mexico, home of PMAHCC's newest office.

**In the News
New Pittsburgh
Courier**

Members Fulton Meachem/Pittsburgh Housing Authority speaking at MWDBe's event; Rev. Dr. Steven Jackson/Bethel AME @ Bethel's Men's Day; Chuck Sanders/Savoy in Lifestyles; Larry Davis/ Univ. of Pgh & Evan Frazier/Highmark at the Sickle Cell Dinner ; Kimo Guess @ the Young, Gifted & Black Dinner; Associate Member Maggie Jensen/YWCA @ the Y's New Voices Luncheon; Floyd Cephas & Dr. Jerome Gloster/ North Side Christian Health Center with your Chamber's Diabetes Workshop participants & Power-Breakfast speaker— County Exec. Rich Fitzgerald with Member Chauncey Smith (presentation on

his retirement from H.J. Heinz.

Tribune Review
Chairman's Circle Member Bob Agbede/ Chester Engineers, award from the Engineering Society.

ImaginePittsburgh.com
Corporate Sponsor Highmark's Dr. Rhonda Johnson, Medical Director of Health Equity & Quality Services & Member Dr. Erroline Williams/Duquesne University's Director of Professional Development/ School of Leadership & Professional Advancement featured in *Unsung Heros*.

Business Times
Member Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's Jermaine Husser appointed to the County Chief Executive's Human Services Vision team; Associate Member Carl Knoblock/SBA "Crisscrossing the Region"

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Karen Stokes
Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs

Chuck Austin 2
Photographer

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