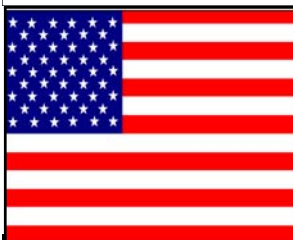


Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ May 10th - Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- ♦ May 21st - Diabetes Workshop
- ♦ May 24th - Networking Mixer
- ♦ June 15 PowerBreakfast
- ♦ 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.

The Candidates' Forum, featuring the 24th Legislative District candidates Ed Gainey & Member State Representative Joe Preston was truly engaging! Congratulations to Ed Gainey on his victory.

Thank you to Ruth Byrd-Smith/Allegheny County M/W/DBE who presented the How To Do Business with Allegheny County Workshop which included a discussion on the certification process.

Thanks to Corporate Sponsor P.J. Dick, Lindy Paving, & Trumbull Corp. for a great Networking Mixer. Jennifer Howe & the construction manager shared information with members: several left with next steps & meetings scheduled.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

May 10th

Annual Meeting: 11:00 AM Luncheon: 12 Noon
Omni William Penn Grand Ballroom-17th Fl.
We are pleased to welcome Robert Oeler, President & CEO, Dollar Bank, as our guest speaker. Please respond if you

will attend the Members Meeting. We will have a special presentation to our Founding Member—Mulu Birru, honor Jim Rice & Julius LaRosa, who are rotating off the Board, & voting on new Board Members. The RSVP deadline is May 4th. We look forward to seeing you.

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. Free & open to the public. You must RSVP. Lunch included.

PowerBreakfast Meeting **June 15th - 7:30 AM** **Rivers Club**

One Oxford Center
Join us as we welcome Stephen Bland, CEO, Port Authority Transit.

Hear about proposed service cuts & the new TPlus.

Special Breakfast Meeting with **State Auditor General Jack Wagner** **July 20th**

8:00 AM Rivers Club
The Auditor General will update us on the state's financial health & the new budget. Don't miss it!

Members Events

May 6th 11:00 AM
Take A Lifesaving Step
National Kidney Foundation Walk
Oglebay Resort
Contact Member Deb Hartman to register @ 412-261-4115.

May 9th **8:30 AM - 4:30 PM** **Entrepreneur's Growth Conference**

Duquesne University Union Building
For more information call 412-396-6233 or visit www.duq.edu/sbdc

May 11th 9am-1:30pm
American Heart Association
Go Red For Women
Wyndham Grand Downtown
Call 412-208-3605.

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**

**Service's Growing
Green Growing Strong**

Holiday Inn

Lytton Ave., Oakland

Member Cecelia

Jenkins invites you to attend PCSI's Annual Meeting. Call 412-904-4700 for details.

May 19th

MYDC Gala

Rivers Casino

Ballroom

Join Member Cheryl Walker/Manchester Youth Development Center for this Annual Event. Call 412-322-0585.

May 19th

**Highmark Walk for a
Healthy Community**

Member Andrew

Cheeseboro/Small Seeds will lead the group for the 10th Annual Walk. Register @ 412-665-2810.

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.

A special thank you to John Levi and Bill Jones/Parkhurst Dining Services for sponsoring the Chamber's reception @ the Teenie Harris exhibit @ the Carnegie.

Attention

Entrepreneurs

Office space is available for start-ups @

Riverside Center for Innovation-North Side. Call 412-322-3523.

Internship Position

The Allegheny Co.

Housing & Human Services Division is offering an Internship for undergrad & graduate students. Responsibilities include providing general & technical assistance to customers & the general public. Letters of interest & Resumes should be emailed to: Shannon Dansak @:

Shannon.Dansak@AlleghenyCounty.US

Green Up Pittsburgh

If you are interested in *greening up* a vacant lot to reduce blight, help is available. Go to:

www.buyinthepittsburgh.com

Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Scholarship is now available. call 412-784-1355.

Did You Know

May is Stroke

Awareness Month

Stroke is the 3rd leading cause of death in the U.S.

Shell Oil will build a massive petrochemical plant in Beaver County.

The Pittsburgh region landed 286 economic development deals in 2011—representing nearly 1.5 billion in capital investment & potentially 11,440 new jobs - wow!

Nearly 52 thousand people in this region are employed in the tourism industry.

Up & Running

The new "TPlus" runs under the Allegheny to the

North Side Station @ PNC Park, & Allegheny Station near Heinz Field & Rivers Casino. The ride is free.

Congratulations

Members Ron Scott/RS Supply received the Pirates' Jackie Robinson **Most Valuable Diverse Business Partner Award**; Peter Cooper/Cooper Trading celebrating 29 years; Constance Horton on FAME Luncheon; Lawrence Swanson/Action Housing Inc. on the 55th Year Annual Meeting; Esther Bush/Urban League on the League's Young Professionals celebrating 10 years; Chairman's Circle Member Bob Agbede/Chester Engineers named the National Society of Black Engineers' Entrepreneur of the Year; Member Ray Vargo/Pitt Center for Excellence named SBA Small Business Champion of the Year; Associate Member Tom Link, new Director for URA's Center of Innovation & Entrepreneurship; Constance Horton/FAME on Kappa Alpha Psi's Humanitarian Award & your Chamber received the Community Service Award.

Congrats to Nick Marchuk/Common Plea Catering crowned *Best In Show* for the "Evening In The Jungle" display & others @ the 2012 Catersource & Tradeshow in Vegas.

**In the News
New Pittsburgh**

Courier

Members K. Chase Patterson/Corporate Diversity Associates, Rod Doss/Pgh Courier @ CJ's; Greg Spencer/Randall Industries, Esther Bush/Urban League & your Chamber President @ the Whitney Young Awards; Chuck Sanders/Savoy @ Bethany Baptist Church's Evening with The Dungys"; Rev. Dr. Steven Jackson/Bethel A.M.E. @ the 5N1 Easter Services; Senator Jim Ferlo @ the Thelma Lovette YMCA opening, & State Representative Joe Preston & Ed Gainey @ our Candidates' Forum.

Pittsburgh

Business Times

Member D. Jermaine Husser/Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank @ Empty Bowls 2012;

Whirl Magazine

Corporate Supporter Joyce Bender/Bender Consulting @ the Mardi Gras Gala;

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Shirley Anderson
Beauty Mark, Inc.

Mulugetta Birru, Ph.D.
MGB & Associates, LLC

Cynthia Headen

C&K Janitorial

Chairman Circle

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Lewis Smoot, Jr.
Smoot Construction Company

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