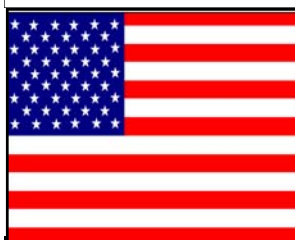


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ Citizens Bank Workshop
- ◆ July 13th Special Breakfast Meeting: Auditor General Jack Wagner
- ◆ August 24th Business Meeting: Senator Bob Casey
- ◆ 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.

Your Chamber had more than 2,100 hits last month on the website....go to: www.aaccwp.com.

Thanks to Steve Bland/Port Authority for a candid discussion on PAT's plans for the county's transit system. We were pleased to introduce our new Member- Winston Simmonds, former PAT employee responsible for the North Shore Connector Project.

Supporting Member Connie Bach/Children's Home served as our host for a lovely Members' Mixer: Good attendance & what a beautiful facility.

Your Chamber attended the NHL Draft Luncheon. Penguins Corporate Sponsor Kimberly Slater-Wood will help us keep you informed of their upcoming events.

July 12th

"Digging Out - Cleaning Up - Moving Forward"

8:30AM - 10:00AM

Citizens Bank

525 William Penn Place
28th Floor - Downtown

This special workshop was designed by Citizens Bank to address the financial issues that face

small business owners & business professionals. They asked to share it with Chamber Members,

Special Breakfast Meeting State Auditor General Jack Wagner July 13th

8:00 AM Rivers club.

Come welcome the Auditor General who will update us on the state's financial health & new budget. Don't miss it!

Business Breakfast Meeting with Senator Bob Casey August 24th - 8:00 AM Rivers Club

This special meeting will provide an opportunity to share with the Senator our expectations from the Senate for small & minority businesses in Western PA. Member, The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber is partnering with us, & Bill Flanagan will serve as moderator.

Diabetes: The Silent Killer Self Management of a Chronic Disease September 26th

West Penn Hospital
Mark your calendars for this next workshop on

nutritional cooking & a presentation from the Joslin Diabetes Center. The workshop is free and open to the public. **You must RSVP.**

Members Events

July 12th - 6 PM

Big Brothers

Big Sisters

Putt For Kids' Sake

Red Carpet Golf & Recreation Center

Washington, PA

RSVP @:

stthomas@bbbspgh.org

July 21st

Epilepsy Foundation

5k Run/2mi Walk

Join Supporting Member Judith Painter & stay for the Tailgate Party @ PNC Park. Call 412-322-5880 for details.

July 26th

Tell Your Story

Save A Life

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Four Gateway Center

The American Stroke Association wants to hear from you if you've had a stroke. **You must call 412-208-3606 by Friday July 13th.**

July 26th

Big Summer Shindig

Hofbrauhaus

2705 South Water St.

South Side

Join Member Tom Baker & start something

big with Big Brothers & Big Sisters. The event is free. Call 412-204-1217.

August 24th
Bartko Foundation's
Annual Golf Classic
Quicksilver Golf
Course

Join Member Carl Ellis Perkins for a day on the course. Call 412-371-1142 or go to: www.bartkofoundation.org.

September 15th
Power of Laughter
Health Workshop
& Luncheon
Featuring
Comedian
George Wilborn &
Trumpeter Sean Jones
Westin
Convention Center
Join the American Heart Assn. & the American Stroke Assn. for this event. Call 412-208-3606 for more info.

September 24th
Athena Awards
Luncheon
Westin Convention
Center
Noon - 1:30 PM
For more information, go to: www.ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com.

October 6th
American Cancer
Society
Making Strides
Against Breast Cancer
5K Walk
North Shore
Riverfront Park
Registration 8 AM
For info call 412-919-1100 & remember that the Society is offering free wigs for cancer patients. Call 1-800-227-2345 for details.

SPUR INITIATIVE
Free Career Training

The Hill House, in partnership with CCAC is offering the training. Call 412-392-4448 for details.

Positions
PNC is looking for talent, full & part time, at the Teller level & above. Email Michael Sahayda: michael.sahayda@pnc.com

Did You Know
Andre Guess/August Wilson Center has stepped down as CEO. Chairman Aaron Walton is conducting a search. Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr. elected as Highmark's new President & CEO. Presidential Roundtable Chairman Gregory Babe is now the President of Orbital Engineers. Ellen Kight/PPND & Dottie Sweeney/ Pittsburgh Job Corps Center, retired June 30th. Randy Krakoff is now the contact. Randy Dearth is now CEO for Calgon Carbon, & we welcome Lanxess new President & CEO Flemming Bjornslev. NEED Board Member Claudette Lewis is serving as interim President & CEO while a search is conducted. State lawmakers approved comprehensive unemployment reform that will restore solvency to the current system. The Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh has selected Cale America to upgrade its parking meter system with the nation's first pay-by-license plate technology. The state budget and tax reform code passed both chambers last week and were signed by Governor Corbett with two great wins for the coalition,

which your Chamber is a part of. First, the phase-out of the Capital Stock & Franchise Tax (CSFT) was continued, and effective January 1, 2013, the state will move to a single sales factor apportionment formula that should encourages employers to invest & grow jobs here.

Congratulations
Cameil Williams is now the DBE Officer for PAT. **Members Cece Jenkins/** Pittsburgh Community Services on the opening of the Environment & Energy Community Outreach Center in East Liberty; **Evan Frazier/** Highmark honored as Father's Day Council Father of the Year. **Dr. Herman Reid/Point Park Univ.** on the School's new Urban Accounting & Finance Initiative; **Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium** on a successful "The Adventure Begins" fundraising gala; **Mark Nordenberg/** Pitt & **Jared Cohon/CMU** received the Community Impact Award from the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee with; **Special** Congratulations to our Members honored as Women of Excellence by the New Pittsburgh Courier; **Dara Ware Allen/Youth Works;** **Cheryl Hall-Russell/Hill House & Lara Washington/AHRCO;** **Michele & Melissa Rice/Rice Enterprises.**

In the News
New Pittsburgh
Courier
Members Karen Stokes/

Governor's Commission for African American Affairs on the re-creation of the commission; **Larry Davis/Pitt @ the 10 year anniversary of the school's Center on Race & Social Problems;** **Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth & Esther Bush/Urban League @ the Hat Luncheon 2012;** & **Cheryl Hall-Russell/Hill House** on plans to open a grocery store in the Hill District by Spring 2013.

Whirl Magazine
Members Bill Strickland/ MCG honored as a Rodef Shalom "Pursuer of Peace"; **Frank Polito/** Comcast at *Festa Rustica*; **Dr. Alex Johnson/CCAC @ the Legends in Leadership event;** **Esther Bush/Urban League @ PNC Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy's Spring Hat Luncheon;** & **John Bettis/** Savoy Restaurant at the Celebrity Friday event

We will deeply miss Member **Sylvester Pace/** NEED .

New Members
Regular Members
Winston Simmonds
Simmonds Construction
Associate Members
TamMichele Borys
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown

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

