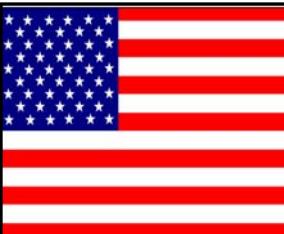


**Dates for your Calendar**

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Business Meeting:  
Senator Bob Casey
- ◆ September 21st  
PowerBreakfast w/  
Eric Shiner
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Workshop
- ◆ September 27th  
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Rivers Casino
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- ◆ 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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**August 2012**

**This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. Pa.**

**Your Chamber ranked 11th among the top 25 Chambers in the region with the Pittsburgh Business Times!**

Thank you for the exceptional feedback on the Special Breakfast Meeting with PA Auditor General Jack Wagner.

**Breakfast Business Meeting with Senator Bob Casey**

**August 24th - 8:00 AM  
Rivers Club**

The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber is partnering with us, & Bill Flanagan will serve as moderator for this special meeting. Come & share with the Senator what Congress can do to support small & minority businesses in our region.

**PowerBreakfast  
September 21st -7:30AM  
Rivers Club**

Join us as we welcome Eric Shriner, Director of the Andy Warhol Museum. He will share his vision & highlight the upcoming fall exhibits.

**PowerBreakfast  
October 19th -7:30AM  
Rivers Club  
Dr. LaVaughn Henry  
Vice President &**

**Senior Regional Officer  
Federal Reserve Bank  
of Cleveland-Cincinnati  
Branch**

This meeting will provide an economic forecast for our region to prepare you for 2013.

**Diabetes:  
The Silent Killer  
Self Management  
of a Chronic Disease**

**September 26th  
West Penn Hospital**  
This luncheon meeting & lecture features a cooking demonstration preparing nutritional meals & a lecture from the Joslin Diabetes Center. The workshop is free and open to the public. **You must RSVP !**

**Members Mixer**

**September 27th  
5 PM - 7 PM**

**The Rivers Casino**

Join Members Craig Clark, Bob Neff, & Sanford Rivers-the new Director of Community Relations, to network & feature your business.

**October 10th  
Doing Business With  
The Energy Industry**

As a new Member of Marcellus Shale Coalition's Main Street of

Chambers, we will be conducting a workshop with the Coalition & EQT to discuss doing business with energy companies & their process. You don't want to miss it!

**Members Events**

**August 22nd  
Paying It Forward #3  
8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon  
Piatt Place, 301 5th  
Ave. Room 3023  
Downtown**

Supported by Allegheny Co. MWDBE & PA Dept. of General Services. Sign up is limited for this free session on the Marketing, Accounting & Legal industries. Call 412-350-4309.

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

Join Member Carl Ellis Perkins on the course. Call 412-371-1142 or go to: [www.bartkofoundation.org](http://www.bartkofoundation.org) .

**August 26th  
Red, Ripe & Roasted  
11 AM - 5 PM  
Phipps Conservatory**

Join our members of Phipps Conservatory & Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for this tomato & garlic festival. Lots of good eats & a farmers market. Bring a fresh

produce donation for free admission!

**August 30th offCENTER**  
**August Wilson Dance Ensemble Unplugged**

The performance is free & open to the public. For more info call 412-338-8742.

**September 15th Power of Laughter Health Workshop & Luncheon Featuring**  
**Trumpeter Sean Jones & Comedian George Wilborn**

Convention Center  
Join our Members at the American Heart Assn. & the American Stroke Assn. for this event. Call 412-208-3606 for details.

**September 24th Athena Awards Luncheon**

Westin Convention Center

Noon - 1:30 PM

For more information, go to: [www.ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com](http://www.ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com).

**Dollar Bank's August Cinema In The Park**

Grab a blanket & the family for a fun evening of free cinema under the stars Call 412-422-6426 for movies & times. Also, After having served for many years as Vice President of Community Development for Dollar Bank, Mona Generett has retired, passing the baton to Carol Neyland. We offer Mona Good Luck & welcome Carol to our membership.

**Reservoir of Jazz Sundays In August**

**5 - 7 PM**  
**Relax on the lawn at Highland Park & enjoy Pittsburgh's finest musicians free! Call 412-255-2493 for details.**

**PHRA 'People Do Matter' Awards**

Nominate a company for best practices. Call 412-261-5537.

**Did You Know**

You can register to vote online @: [http://www.presidentialelection.com/register\\_to\\_vote/pennsylvania.htm](http://www.presidentialelection.com/register_to_vote/pennsylvania.htm). \$15M in federal money is allocated to an East Liberty transit center for the 1,000+ arriving & departing buses daily. New Presidential Roundtable Member Highmark's William Winkenwerder Jr., MD, MBA has begun full-time duties as Highmark CEO, by the way Highmark is the official health insurer of Team USA; & Steven Shivak has been named President @ SMC Business Councils.

Your Chamber is proud of Member Chuck Sanders for his generous \$100k for the 2012-2013 season sponsorship presented to the August Wilson Center.

**Congratulations**

Member Dr. Rex Crawley/Robert Morris University on his major Heinz Endowment Grant Award to create the RMU Center for Black Male Educational Success. Robert Morris will raise funds to match the grant. PNC's new Legacy Exhibit at the Lantern Building, 600 Liberty Avenue features our regions' Non-

Profits in Arts & Culture that have helped to shape our region. One opening voice to be heard is that of Member Sean Gibson/The Josh Gibson Foundation: you must see it! Best wishes to Member Dara Ware Allen new COO for Leadership Pittsburgh; Member Gail Saunders/ Dollar Bank is heading to Ohio for Dollar & getting married. Member Drew Bullard/2 Men & A Truck has accepted a new opportunity in their Tenn. office; Associate Member Esther Bush/ Urban League received a perfect rating in the NUL Affiliate Performance Appraisal; Member Ray Vargo/Pitt Small Business Development Center named SBA Lending Champion of the Year; & Jeff Letwin/Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis promoted to co-chair; & Happy 47th to Big Brothers Big Sisters!

**In the News**  
**New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Ruth Byrd-Smith/MWBE on WGRN's "Taking Care of Business"; Stephanie Durrett/SD Transit featured in *Business*; Kimberly Wood/Pgh Penguins @ the Wine & Cheese Soiree for the Center Avenue & Thelma Lovette YMCA's Building Bridges; & Maurita Bryant/NOBLE recognized @ the August Wilson Center's *Strength in the Struggle* Awards,

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**  
Member David Atkins/

Visit Pittsburgh in the *SEEN* column; & Supporting Member Lisa Schroeder/ River Life on her article, *Perspectives: A River-front That Breathes*

**Pittsburgh Business Times**

Members Rice Industries, Chester Engineers, Urban Lending Solutions & Savoy Restaurant, All Purpose Cleaning, Allegheny Housing Rehabilitation, & Waller Corp. are among the region's 25 largest minority owned companies; Business Times' Healthiest Employers of Western Pennsylvania include members VisitPittsburgh, Chatham Univ., Pittsburgh Housing Authority, YMCA, Allegheny Co., Giant Eagle & Highmark; Neil Parham @ the Ward Homes dinner; & Carl Knoblock/SBA featured in *Thinking Differently*;

**Richard King Mellon Foundation Annual Report**

Member Dianne Swan/ Rosedale Block Cluster @ client Whole Foods in East Liberty.

**New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Belinda Ashley**  
Chief U.S. Probation Officer Western District PA

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