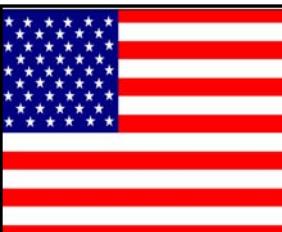


**Dates for your Calendar**

- ◆ September 21st Powerbreakfast w/ The Warhol
- ◆ September 26th Diabetes Workshop
- ◆ September 27th Networking Mixer Rivers Casino
- ◆ October 19th PowerBreakfast w/ the Federal Reserve
- ◆ October 23rd Networking Mixer Highmark

**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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**September 2012**

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

Effective October 1st, your Chamber will be located in the Koppers Building, Suite 2220!

**U.S.** Senator Bob Casey joined us for a special Business Breakfast Meeting where Members of our Chamber & the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber had the opportunity to share their expectations for small business from Washington. A special thanks to our moderator Bill Flanagan & Member Barbara McNees for partnering with us.

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

Rivers Club

**Eric Shiner, Director**  
**The Andy Warhol Museum**

We invite you to join us to welcome Eric who will share his vision for the museum since becoming Director, & tell us about the fall exhibits, including *Warhol Headlines & Before & Happily Ever After*; this in preparation for our upcoming Holiday Celebration held at the museum. Don't miss it!

**Diabetes:**  
**The Silent Killer**  
**Self Management**  
**of a Chronic Disease**  
**September 26th 11:30AM**  
**West Penn Hospital**

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

Dr. Henry will give an economic forecast for our region & the role the Federal Reserve Bank plays in our regional economy.

**Networking Mixer**

**October 27th**

**5 PM - 7 PM**

**Café Amante**

**Fifth Avenue Place**

Highmark will host our Mixer in Café Amante for an evening of networking.

**Chamber Holiday Celebration**

**November 29th**

**The Andy Warhol Museum**

A special invitation will be mailed for you & your guest.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**December 3rd**

**Annual Business Luncheon**

Dennis Yablonsky, CEO, Allegheny Conference on Community Development will be the guest speaker; you wont want to miss it.

**Don't forget:** You must be registered to vote by October 9th. A Photo ID is required. For more on obtaining a **free photo**

**ID** & more info on your voting rights, call toll free: 1-866-687-8683.

**Members Events**

**September 10th  
9th Annual Golf Tournament: Pittsburgh**

**Transportation Group**

**South Hills Country Club**

Join Member Joyce Lee for this fundraiser to benefit Camp KON-O-KWEE/SPENCER. For more information call 412-323-0417.

**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**

**11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

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

**September 25th - 6 PM  
Pittsburgh Community  
Services Annual  
Meeting & Awards**

**Holiday Inn  
University Center  
100 Lytton Drive  
Oakland**

Join Member Cecelia Jenkins for this year's event. RSVP by the 14th @ 412-904-4705.

**October 15th thru  
February 15th  
The August Wilson**

**Center  
"Nazi Olympics"**

This exhibit is travelling from the Holocaust Museum in DC, & will be on display in the main gallery.

**October 20th  
Soul Food Dinner &  
Jazz Night  
6 PM - 10 PM  
Rivers Club**

Join member Rob Jones for this annual evening of great food & jazz. RSVP to 412-860-8500-a must!

**Bravo!**

**Member Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank** distributed more than 18 million pounds of food & served an average of 68,000 people each month in Allegheny County in fiscal year 2010-2011!

**FY\$1**

The PA Minority Business Development Authority provides low interest loans to MBE's unable to finance projects such as land, buildings, equipment & working capital. For more info, call 717-787-6246.

The URA will vote to expand the pilot program that provides matching grants to small & medium sized businesses conducting energy audits.

**Did You Know**

Pittsburgh Public Schools had their first drop in overall Student Performance in 5 years. The released Adequate Yearly Progress report for the city's 56 schools shows only 6 schools made adequate yearly progress for 3 consecutive years.

**Congratulations**

Members A. Fulton Meachem/Pittsburgh Housing Authority has accepted the Executive Director position at the Charlotte Housing Authority; Keith Key for the Grand Opening Ceremony of the KBK Center for Student Leadership & Service; Dr. Erroline Williams/Duquesne Univ. as the recipient of the 2012 Pittsburgh Business Times Leadership Award; Craig Davis/VisitPittsburgh named Chair at the Destination & Travel Foundation; Dennis Yablonsky/Allegheny Conference on Community Development awarded for distinguished achievement in sustained stewardship by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

**In the News**

**New Pittsburgh Courier**

Members Chase Patterson/Corporate Diversity Associates & Rex Crawley/Robert Morris @ the Robert Morris Univ. Black Male Leadership Development Institute's Rights of Passage & graduation; Sean Gibson @ the unveiling of his great grandfather Josh Gibson's statue @ the Heinz History Center; Chauncey Smith, K. Chase Patterson/Corporate Diversity Associates; Alex Johnson/CCAC; Rex Crawley/Robert Morris @ the Kappa Scholarship Endowment

Fund; Your Chamber's Special Breakfast Meeting with PA Senator Bob Casey in partnership with The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber.

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

**Diversity Matters** featured members Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh, K. Chase Patterson/Corporate Diversity Associates, Alex Johnson/CCAC & Victor Diaz/Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**Whirl Magazine**

Members Robert Hill & Dr. John Wilds/Univ. of Pitt awarded @ the AKA's Distinguished Fathers event; Bill Strickland hosting GOI representatives, & Roundtable Member James Rohr/PNC @ 3 Rivers Corporate Players Championship.

**New Members  
Regular Members**

**William Thompson**  
Le Maison du Paix  
Bed & Breakfast

**Trisha Gadson**  
Macedonia  
Family & Community  
Enrichment Center

**Autumn begins  
September 22nd**

***A schedule of all programs & events is emailed to members each Monday & Thursday. Check your emails & follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter @ aaccwp.com***

