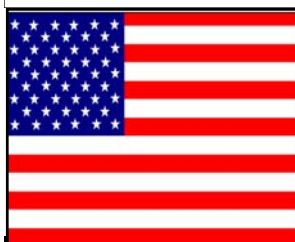


Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ 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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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

This, our 7th workshop, will feature the Joslin Diabetes Center, lunch with a nutritional cooking demonstration, & feature Kevin Watson-Chef @ the Savoy Restaurant. The workshop is free & open to the public. **You must RSVP by the 24th.**

Networking Mixer September 27th 5 PM - 7 PM Rivers Casino Allegheny Room

Join Members Bob Neff, Sanford Rivers, & other members of their Management Team to network & discuss business @ the casino.

Doing Business With The Energy Industry October 10th

Members of Marcellus Shale Coalition, EQT, & Universal Well Services, Inc. will present this workshop to discuss procurement with the shale gas industry & their process. A program announcement will be mailed. You must RSVP.

PowerBreakfast October 19th -7:30AM Rivers Club LaVaughn M. Henry, Ph.D. Vice President &

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 won't 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 Noon - 1:30 PM

For more info, go to: 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\$!

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. Errol 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

