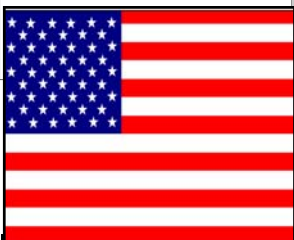


#### Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ January 18th  
PowerBreakfast w/  
ALCOSAN
- ♦ January 22nd  
Chamber Open  
House
- ♦ January 29th  
Networking Mixer
- ♦ January 31st  
Marcellus Shale  
Workshop
- ♦ 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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#### December 2012

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

Thanks to Dennis Yablonsky for sharing his vision for our region at the Annual Business Luncheon, & to you for such a strong attendance. Also, thanks to the Omni William Penn, our lunch sponsor.

Thank you to PNC for their sponsorship of our Seasonal Celebration @ the Andy Warhol Museum; Director Eric Shiner made everyone feel welcome.

Our two-year series on Diabetes: The Silent Killer - Self Management of a Chronic Disease concluded with a moving Grand Finale @ the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild. Members & participants gave testimonials about the impact the series had on them personally & plans to establish wellness programs @ their firms. Our many sponsors were acknowledged & kudos went out to the planning team.

**PowerBreakfast**  
**January 18th - 7:30 AM**  
**Rivers Club**  
**ALCOSAN**

Chairman Circle Member Arletta Scott Williams of ALCOSAN will present the

Environmental Opportunities with the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority that provides wastewater treatment services to 83 communities.

**Open House**  
**January 22nd**  
**12 Noon - 4 PM**

Come visit your Chamber's new offices, enjoy the refreshments, & take a tour.

**Members Mixer**  
**January 29th**  
**5 PM - 7 PM**  
**Heinz History Center**  
**From Slavery to Freedom**

Join us to see this special exhibit about how Pittsburgh was a destination for freedom. Your Chamber is a partner on this exhibit.

**January 30th**  
**8:30 AM—11:30 AM**  
**Hill House/Elsie Hillman Auditorium**  
**Urban Power to Prosper Program**  
You will receive an announcement on this exciting program for new businesses & entrepreneurs: a joint venture with the Univ. of Pittsburgh's Center for Excellence.

**January 31st**  
**8:30—11:30 AM**  
**Koppers Building**  
**Grant Room— 9th Floor**  
**The Marcellus Shale:**  
**Workforce & Business**  
**Development**

This workshop will focus on both the requirements for Supply Chain Suppliers & workforce development efforts for this project; don't miss it!

**PowerBreakfast**  
**February 15th - 7:30 AM**  
**Rivers Club**  
**Robert Morris Univ.**

Join us as we receive an update & learn about doing business with the university.

**Mini Grant Funding**  
Vibrant Pittsburgh is accepting applications for Mini-Grants funding valued up to \$7500 for non-profit Affinity Groups. The deadline is December 14th. Learn more @ :[www.vibrantpittsburgh.org](http://www.vibrantpittsburgh.org).

**Members Events**  
**Now thru**  
**January 6th**  
**Phipps Conservatory**  
**& Botanical Gardens**  
**Winterlight Garden**  
**5 PM - 10 PM Daily**  
**Bring the family & come see the warm seasonal lights & the Garden Railroad.**

**January @ WOED  
Soul Food Junkies**

Your Chamber is hosting a screening of *Soul Food Junkies*, & the love affair African Americans have with this culinary tradition. This film puts it under the microscope its significance & its consequences. Stay tuned: you will be invited for the airing of this special program.

**Now thru  
February 15th  
August Wilson Center  
The Nazi Olympics:  
Berlin 1936**

This moving exhibition is here on loan from the Holocaust Memorial Museum in DC. Something you *must* see.

**Good Fridays  
@ the Warhol**

**117 Sandusky St.  
North Side**

Every Friday, enjoy music, film & more for half price admission. Learn more @ [www.warhol.org/webcalendar](http://www.warhol.org/webcalendar).

**December 13th  
SWPA Smart Growth  
Conference**

**8:00 am - 3:30 pm  
David L. Lawrence  
Convention Center**

This year's conference will focus on the policy & practice of sustainability to further unite business and local government.

Register @ [www.sustainablepittsburgh.org](http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org).

**December 13th  
Empowering Women  
Artisan Cooperatives  
that Transform  
Communities**

**Carnegie Museum  
4400 Forbes Ave.  
Oakland**  
Come & explore the

work of female artisans from Africa to Asia to the Americas. For info call 412-622-3131.

**December 20th-23rd  
Pittsburgh Symphony  
Orchestra Presents  
Highmark Holiday Pops**

Celebrate the season with the PSO, Mendelssohn Choir & more. Call 412-392-4900.

**December 27th & 28th  
Summer Camp  
In December  
at the**

**Carnegie Museums**

Sign the kids up for exploration, discovery & creativity (ages 6-13).

Learn more @ [www.carnegie.mnh.org/holidays/#camps](http://www.carnegie.mnh.org/holidays/#camps)

**January 24th - 7 PM  
Sean Jones Presents:  
Duets - Sean and the DJ**

August Wilson Center  
Downtown

**Positions Open  
President Position  
NEED is recruiting for  
the position of President**

To apply, send a cover letter resume & salary history to Susan Egmont at Egmont Associates, [www.segmont@egmontassociates.com](http://www.segmont@egmontassociates.com)

Green Building Alliance is seeking a full-time Director of Development who will manage GBA's efforts to raise the annual budget. Submit a cover letter & resume to: [hr@gbapgh.org](mailto:hr@gbapgh.org).

**Free Parking Downtown**

Each Saturday now thru December 22nd park free at any Pittsburgh Parking Authority Garage.

**Marcellus on Main Street**

Your Chamber's participation entitles you to a free membership to their online directory connecting the natural gas

industry to local vendors. Go to: [www.marcellusonmainstreet.org](http://www.marcellusonmainstreet.org).

**Attention January 1st  
Government Services  
Administration  
Changes**

For a complete listing of changes to MBE, WBE, VBE, & SDVBE programs call 412-442-5872.

**Did You Know**

Pittsburgh is no longer 'financially distressed'. That's the message from the city's financial oversight Act 47 coordinators at November's meeting!

**Congratulations!**

Members Esther Bush on a successful State of Black Pittsburgh; Cheryl Hall Russell/Hill House on the project restart & funding completion for the Centre Heldman Plaza project; Member Connie Parker-New President/ NAACP & Charlene McAbee 1st Vice President. Member Jacqueline Wilson on Three Rivers Adoption Council marking 34 years; LaNee Benton, Highmark's new Supplier Diversity Manager; the new President, -Susan Shipley, Huntington Bank Western PA & Ohio Region; Huntington Bank's. Maggie Jensen on the YWCA Racial Justice Awards Dinner; Chancellor Mark

Nordenberg/University of Pittsburgh awarded the Johnson Institute Exemplary Leader Award; Arthur Ziegler/ Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation awarded a 2012 PA Historic Preservation Initiative Award commending the foundation for

working with Pittsburgh Public Schools; Dolly Ellenberg/Carnegie Museums on a \$1 Million grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York for technology initiatives @ Carnegie Museums; & Janel Everly, New Program Director at Green Building Alliance.

**In the News**

**New Pittsburgh Courier**

Members Bill Strickland during PA 1st Lady Susan Corbett's visit to Manchester Craftsmen's Guild; Chaz Kellm/ Pittsburgh Pirates @ the YWCA's 'Week Without Violence'; & Esther Bush/ Urban League on "The Teen Brain".

**Pittsburgh Quarterly  
African Americans In  
Pittsburgh: The**

**Newcomer Experience**

Members Evan Frazier/ Highmark, UPMC's Candi Castleberry Singleton/ & Melanie Harrington/ Vibrant Pittsburgh were featured.

**Whirl**

Members Kimberly Slater-Wood/Penguins @ the Hill of Hope Gala; Craig Davis/Visit Pittsburgh @ the Marriott's Global Customer Appreciation Reception; & John Surma/ USS & David Porges/EQT @ Big Brothers Big Sisters' Corporate Roast.

**A schedule of all  
programs & events is  
emailed to members  
each Monday &  
Thursday. Check your  
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**Enjoy The Season!**

