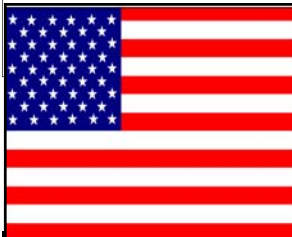


Dates for your Calendar

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'Focus on Finance
Workshop
- ◆ February 15th
PowerBreakfast w/
Robert Morris Univ.
- ◆ February 19th
Members
Orientation
- ◆ February 28th
Larrimor's
- ◆ 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.

Enjoy Black History Month

Thanks to Member Arletta Scott Williams/ALCOSAN for a simplistic presentation at our PowerBreakfast on waste H2O treatment, & how to do business with them. .

We appreciate you for coming to your Chamber's Open House: a constant stream of members & guests paid a visit to see our new offices, converse & have refreshments.

Member Darryl Ford Williams/WQED gave the welcome to a full house for our hosting the film, "Soul Food Junkies". It was a great follow-up to our Diabetes Workshop Series.

Member Betty Arenth & Curator Sam Black/Heinz History Center made our Chamber Mixer exciting around the exhibit, "From Slavery to Freedom". Curator Sam Black gave a brief lecture about the exhibit, that includes photos of Members Eustace Uku & Bob Agbede. It is definitely worth seeing (Sam will join us for a special book signing of Soul Soldiers: African Americans and the

Vietnam War, expected to be released in June. Watch your email for the date.

Kudos to Ray Vargo/Univ. of Pitt Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence for the outstanding presentation: 'Financial Boot Camp last month; our next Urban Power to Prosper workshop will be Tuesday, the 12th @ RiverSide Center.

Our second Marcellus Shale workshop was enjoyed by a full house of small business owners & professionals. A big thanks to Lance Hyde/EQT for partnering with us for the Marcellus Shale Workforce & Business Development Workshop. Thanks to speakers Peter Speaks/Senator Vincent Hughes Office; Blue Jenkins/EQT Jim Rodgers/Dawood Engineering; Alexander Nichols/WPMSDC & Kristine Kirk/Mentors Community Wealth Building Initiative & to Cliff Baker/EQT who facilitated the Q & A session.

PowerBreakfast
February 15th - 7:30 AM

Rivers Club

Join us as we learn about doing Business With Robert Morris Univ. Our guest speaker is Neal Binstock, the Sr. Director of Business Operations.

Members' Orientation

February 19th
11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Koppers Bldg.
436 7th Ave.
Suite 2220

Come learn more about the value of being part of our organized body. RSVP the 15th.

Members Mixer
February 28th
Larrimor's

Join us for this Cajun theme mixer & meet our special guest, Judge Joseph Williams for a evening of business card exchange. RSVP by the 24th.

Members Events

February 9th - 6 PM
Urban League of
Greater Pittsburgh
95th Anniversary
Kick-Off Celebration
Reception & Program
John Heinz History
Center
1212 Smallman Street
Join Member Esther Bush to welcome the National Urban League President Marc Morial. **then Sunday, the 10th**

for their **28th Annual Urban League Sunday** East Liberty Presbyterian Church, **116 S. Highland Ave.** from 4-6 PM. The Rev. Dr. E. Dewey Smith will be the guest speaker. For more info, call 412-227-4229. Free & open to the public.

**February 14 - 6 PM
Carnegie Museum of Art's Valentine's Day Dinner**

"The Art of Food, Wine & Photography"

Enjoy photographs of love & romance in the exhibition "Yours Truly". For tickets call 412-622-3131.

**February 12th
8:30 AM—10:30 AM
Riverside Center for Innovation
700 River Ave.
North Side**

Urban Program to Prosper's Focus on Business Finances: Getting the Picture

In partnership with your Chamber, Ray Vargo & Rhonda Carson Leach will present this workshop. For more info & to RSVP, call 412-392-0610.

**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. RSVP @ 412-421-1500.

Volunteers Wanted
The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives needs

volunteers for the NOBLE Training Conference & Exhibition at the Convention Center August 3-7. Learn more at: www.noblepittsburgh.org
Click on: *Volunteers*

Marcellus on Main Street

Your Chamber's participation entitles you to a free membership to the online directory connecting the natural gas industry to local vendors. Go to: www.marcellusonmainstreet.org.

Bernadette Puzzuole of Rothman Gordon, P.C., will serve as Interim President/CEO The Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce after the recent passing of Sally Haas who served as President/CEO for 14 years.

**During February
Call to Freedom Exhibit**
City Hall— Grant Street
Visit this special photography exhibit on African Americans who served during the Civil War.

Did You Know
CompetePA is a coalition of businesses & organizations that represent more than half the private sector employment in PA that works to successfully create new jobs & investment. Your Chamber is a member.

The Pittsburgh Parking Authority has a new on-line instructional video on the pay-by-license plate multi-space meter. Go to: www.pittsburghparking.com/meter-policies.

Congratulations!
Chairman Circle Mem-

bers Keith Key/KBK Enterprises & Chuck Sanders/Urban Lending Solutions were honored by the trustees of the Tuskegee Airmen; Member Rhonda Carson Leach named Director - Urban Entrepreneurship Program at the Univ. of Pittsburgh's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence; Lee Ann Munger is Director of Seton Hill University's PowerLink Program. Highmark is 1 of only 14 companies in PA recognized by the American Heart Assn. as a platinum-level "Fit-Friendly Worksites"; Member Victor Diaz/ Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 3 Kings Gala selected as Pittsburgh's third best gala for 2012; Associate Member Petra Mitchell/ Catalyst Connection awarded the 2012 Energy Leadership Award by the Pittsburgh Business Times;

In the News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Michele & Melissa Rice/Rice Enterprises & Stephanie Durett/SD Transit featured in Business: New Year, A Sign of Hope; William Generett/ Urban Innovation 21 & Kimberly Slater-Wood/ Penguins @ the Grants Competition Awards; K. Chase Patterson in "Out & About" your Chamber's PowerBreakfast with ALCOSAN;

Soul Pitt Quarterly
Dr. Rhonda Johnson/

Highmark on managing stress.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Members Chaz Kellem/ Pirates on hiring the disabled; Esther Bush/ Urban League, Jared Cohon/CMU & your President @ the Urban League's Ronald Brown Leadership Awards Gala.

Urban Connection
Strengthening Business Acumen in Western Pennsylvania: An article on your Chamber by your Chamber President .

New Members

Regular Members
Jason Matthews
W. Blazer Holdings

Marimba Milliones
Hill Community Development Corporation

Stephanie Turman
Always Busy Consulting

Supporting Members
Dotti Bechtol
Fragasso Financial Advisor

Associate Members
Joy M. Ruff
Marcellus Shale Coalition

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

