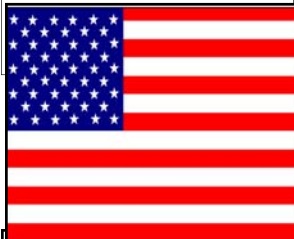


Dates for your Calendar

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HTDB Workshop with
Housing Authority
- ♦ March 15th
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URA & DCED
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Dollar Bank
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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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This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. Pa.

Thank you to Neal Binstock/Robert Morris University for a concise presentation on doing business with RMU. Their certification & new supplier forms are available online: www.rmu.edu/businessoperations.edu

It was nice to have a mix of new & existing members @ the Members' Orientation. The feedback was everyone learned about the benefits of being a Chamber Member & its rich history.

Tom Michaels/Larrimor's exceeded everyone's expectation with our 2nd delightful Member's Mixer. Member's enjoyed the delicious gumbo & great hors d'oeuvres as we networked, shopped, & enjoyed the trunk show.

How To Do Business

**With the
City of Pittsburgh
Housing Authority
Tuesday March 12th
8:30 AM - 11 AM
200 Ross St.**

1st Floor - Downtown

This workshop will introduce you to Caster Binion, the new Executive Director & his procure-

ment team who will present the process for doing business.

PowerBreakfast

**March 15th - 7:30 AM
Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre
Urban Redevelopment
Authority**

Member Robert Rubinstein, Acting Executive Director will provide an update on current city economic development priorities. Also Carolyn Newhouse, Deputy Secretary of Innovation & Investment-Dept. of Community & Economic Development will present Governor Corbett's budget proposals around small business. Join us to welcome them.

ABC's of Selling Online

**March 26th
9 AM - 11 AM
Registration: 8:30 AM
Kingsley Center
6435 Frankstown Ave.
East Liberty
in partnership with
the African American
Chamber of Commerce**

This program has been developed in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excel-

lence & your Chamber. If you like to sell your product online & not sure how or where to begin, come & learn with Robert Stein, Director of Information Technology for the Institute. Call 412-392-0610 to register.

Members Mixer

**March 27th
Dollar Bank
340 Fourth Ave.
Downtown**

Join us to see the restoration of Dollar Bank's historic Lions inside the main banking floor. RSVP by the 22nd.

**Financial Planning
Workshop
April 4th**

**Koppers Building
9th Floor Penn Room**
Our Members from Luttner Financial Group, Merrill Lynch, Fragasso Financial Advisors, & Janney will discuss the importance of financial planning as a business owner & the resources available to assist you.

**Critical Business
Trends for 2013
Campos Inc.**

**April 11th
11:30AM—1:30PM
Koppers Building
9th Floor Grant Room**
Returning Guest Presenter Yvonne Campos/CEO & Marty McGough/

VP of Market Insights will present the top consumer trends for 2013 & how it may impact your business.

**Mark Your Calendar
Annual Meeting and
Luncheon**

**May 1st
Members' Meeting:
11AM**

**Luncheon: 12:00noon
Omni William Penn
530 William Penn Place
17th Floor**

Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr., new President & CEO of Highmark will be our guest speaker. Your invitation is forthcoming.

Candidates' Forum

**May 2nd 4:30 PM
Rivers Club
Oxford Center
Downtown**

Sponsored by Comcast.

Come hear from the candidates for Mayor of Pittsburgh & their plans for the city's future. Free & open to the public. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**March 15th
"The Value of Sustainability Reporting"**

**8 AM - 11:30 AM
Fairmont Hotel
Pittsburgh**

**510 Market Street
Member Court Gould
invites you to this Sustain-
Business Compact.**

**For more info, go to:
sustainablepgh.org.**

**March 19th
7:45 AM - 10 AM
Pittsburgh Downtown
Partnership
Annual Meeting**

**BNY Mellon
34th Floor
500 Grant Street
Join Supporting Mem-
ber Jeremy Waldrup for**

this annual event & learn about plans for the Golden Triangle. For more information call 412-566-4190

**April 27th
Pittsburgh Jazz
Orchestra
Spring Concert
Hill House
The Elsie Hillman
Auditorium**

Join member Cheryl Hall Russell for this live Jazz performance featuring Sean Jones. For more info, go to: hillhouse.org.

**Now thru April 28th
The Warhol Presents
Regarding Warhol
60 Artists, 50 Years**

Featuring Warhol-inspired artists. For tickets, call 412-237-8300.

Volunteers Wanted

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives is recruiting volunteers for the NOBLE Training Conference & Exhibition, August 3-7 @ the Convention Center. Go to: www.noblepittsburgh.org & click: *Volunteers*

Did You Know

Kiplinger's ranks Pittsburgh among "10 Great Cities for Starting a Business".

Congratulations!

Board Member Bill Strickland/Manchester Craftsmen's Guild was honored on the floor of the U.S. Senate as this year's "Black History Month Nominee" by Senator Robert Casey; & Associate Member Esther Bush/Urban League honored as a "White House Champion of Change: Achieving

Educational Excellence for the Next Generation of African Americans". How proud we are of both of them!

Member Rhonda Carson Leach named Director Urban Entrepreneurial Program, University of Pittsburgh; Alex Sciulli/Highmark received the Metcalf Award from the Engineer's Society of Western PA; Dottie Bechtol/Fragasso Financial appointed Chair of the Board of Governors, Rivers Club; Rufus Idris/Christian Evangelistic Economic Development named one of the Pittsburgh Courier's Fab 40; Mary Ellen Sullivan/PNC is retiring in April after 38 years; Highmark & Jefferson Regional Medical Center on having finalized their affiliation plan.

In the News

**New Pittsburgh
Courier**

Members Vice Chancellor Robert Hill, Dean Larry Davis & Chancellor Mark Nordenberg/University of Pittsburgh, along with Members Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth, & K. Chase Patterson/Corporate Diversity Associates @ Pitt's K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Program; At the Annual Kappa Sweetheart Ball were Chamber Chairman Sam Stephenson, Rex Crawley/Robert Morris Univ. & Member Howard Russell/Opus Acquisitions Group Member Connie Parker/NAACP on New Direction for

NAACP & August Wilson Center's Great Collaboration Series with Esther Bush/Urban League; Marimba Milliones/Hill CDC featured in Business: Hill CDC provides a business center; Vibrant Pittsburgh: *Blacks Must Be Part of Diversity*; Urban League's 95th Anniversary;

**Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette**

**Vibrant Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Inclusion
News**

Member Dr. Alex Johnson/CCAC & your president featured during Black History Month.

New Members

Regular Members

**Kevin Carter
Adonai Center for
Black Males**

**Robert Chambers, III
RWIV Construction**

**Cardell Collins
Walk Around The World
Entertainment**

**Demetrius Grimsley
7G Design and
Manufacturing**

Supporting Members

**Pauline Connelly
PiCon Web Design &
Marketing Inc.**

**Patricia Dodge
Meyer, Unkovic &
Scott LLP**

***A schedule of all
programs & events is
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each Monday &
Thursday. Check your
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