

Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ March 12th HTDB Workshop with Housing Authority
- ◆ March 15th PowerBreakfast w/ URA & DCED
- ◆ March 26th Urban Power to Prosper Workshop
- ◆ March 27th Member's Mixer @ Dollar Bank
- ◆ 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.

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 Luttnar Financial Group, Merril 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 Winkenwender, 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 Member 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 Millions/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 emailed to members each Monday & Thursday. Check your emails & follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter @ aaccwp.com

