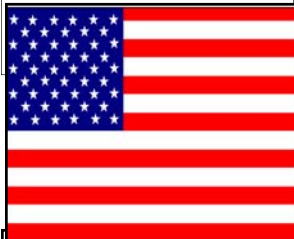


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ April 4th - Financial Planning Workshop
- ◆ April 11th - Business Trends Workshop
- ◆ April 19th - PowerBreakfast
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- ◆ May 1st - Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- ◆ May 2nd - Candidates' Forum
- ◆ 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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April 2013

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

Our to How to do Business Workshop with the City's Housing Authority & the follow-up session was highly rated & gave optimism on HACP's procurement opportunities. Thanks to Member Caster Binion-the new Executive Director & his staff.

Supporting Member Robert Rubinstein/ URA provided an update on the city's economic development priorities at our last PowerBreakfast Meeting. Kudos to State Deputy Secretary of Innovation & Investment/DCED Carolyn Newhouse for joining us to present the Governor's budget proposals for small business initiatives.

The ABC's of Selling Online connected the infrastructure & components of selling your product or service online. Thank you presenter Robert Stein on a job well done for the Chamber's partnership with the Urban Power to Prosper Program/University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence.

The Members' Mixer at Dollar Bank was special! President and CEO

Robert Oeler greeted everyone & gave a tour of the banking floor & the newly restored historic lions.

Financial Planning Workshop **April 4th**

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

**Koppers Building
9th Floor Penn Room**

Members from Janney Montgomery Scott, Fragasso Financial Advisors, Luttner Financial Group, & Merrill Lynch 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
Suite 2220**

Returning guest presenter Yvonne Campos/ CEO & Marty McGough/ VP-Market Insights will present the top consumer trends for 2013 & how they can impact your business.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
April 19th - 7:30 AM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

Allegheny County Chief Executive Richard Fitzgerald will update us on the state of our county government.

Strategic Business Planning

April 23rd

9 AM - 11 AM

Manchester Bidwell

Our next joint Urban Power to Prosper Program will stress the importance of strategic business planning. An announcement will be mailed.

Members Mixer

April 24th

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

HYP Club

Join us for what should be an enjoyable time to network & exchange business cards .

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

May 1st

Members' Meeting: 11AM

Luncheon: 12:00noon

Omni William Penn

17th Floor

Our luncheon guest speaker will be the President and CEO of Highmark **Presidential Roundtable Member Dr. William Winkenwerder, Jr.** Your invitation is being mailed: don't miss it!.

Candidates' Forum
May 2nd 4:15 PM
Rivers Club
Oxford Center
Downtown

Sponsored by Comcast.

The candidates for Mayor of Pittsburgh will discuss their plans & you can ask questions. Open to the public.

Members Events

April 8th

7 PM - 9 PM

Café Scientifique
'War of the Currents'
Carnegie Science Center

Join Dr. Gregory Reed from Pitt's Swanson School of Engineering to learn about the U.S. strategy to improve energy efficiency. Free Admission Learn more @ carnegiemuseums.org/site/calendar

Tuesday, April 9
3:15 PM - 4:45 PM
"Presenting the Case for Crafting a Regional Energy Strategy & Plan"

David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Room 407

Join Member Court Gould/Sustainable Pgh for this free event-part of the Engineering Sustainability 2013 Conference.

April 12th
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise
"Inclusive Voices"

Join Member Lucille Dabney for the 5th annual luncheon to converse, listen & learn. For more info, call 562-0290.

April 26th
5:30 - 8:00 PM

YouthWorks presents
"The Sky Is Not The Limit"

Emmy Award-winning producer Emma Alaquiva will be the guest speaker. Call 412-952-9704 for details.

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.

October 29th
PA Conference for Women
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA

Mark your calendars for this annual event. Go to: info@paconferenceforwomen.org.

The John Heinz History Center's Meadowcroft Rock Shelter & Historic Village desires a seasonal part-time Interpreter/Tour Guide. For more info, call 412-454-6357.

Volunteers Wanted

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

Join me in welcoming home VisitPittsburgh's new National Sales Director Tamara Whiting.

Congratulations!

Member Floyd Cephas/ North Side Christian HealthCenter on the re-opening of the Northview Heights Health Center; **Member** Roland Criswell/ Samuel E. Coston Funeral Home for 50 Years of Service; **Member** Caster Binion on being named Executive Director, Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh; **Member** Charles Toran/ Sci-Tek on his contract award on environmental evaluation work for the conversion of the former Connelly Trade School into the Energy Innovation Center, **Chairman** Circle Member Howard Graves received for his recent building code contract. **Member** Stan Loper on his HVAC & installation contract. **Associate Member** Kevin McMahon/ Pittsburgh Cultural Trust honored with the 2013 Downtown Experience Award. **Corporate Sponsor** Laura Thomas/ AHRCO has been named to the Board of Directors of EQT.

In the News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Ruth Byrd-Smith/Allegheny County MWDBE, Robert Chambers/RWIV, Mary Coffey/All Purpose Cleaning, Toni Silva-Jeter/UPMC, & Ronald Scott/RS Supply were

featured at the Duquesne Light Home & Garden Show; Connie Parker/ NAACP featured in "NAACP Presidents Call for Youth Involvement"; Keith Key/KBK Enterprises featured on his \$1M Tax Credits Awarded Top Larimer Housing Plan; Your Chamber's Chairman-Sam Stephenson at the PowerBreakfast Meeting with URA Acting Director Robert Rubinstein & the State Deputy Secretary for Department of Community & Economic Development, Carolyn Newhouse.

Regular Members

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