

Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ **PowerBreakfast**
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- ♦ **Members Orientation**
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- ♦ **Members Events**
- ♦ **Welcome New Members**



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.

County Executive Rich Fitzgerald updated Members & Guests last month @ our PowerBreakfast Meeting on what we can look forward to in 2013. We saluted James Cooper & Herman Jones, Ph.D. for their service at our Members Meeting. They rotated off the Board of Directors & welcomed Caster Binion/Housing Authority City of Pgh to the board. Dr. William Winkenwerder, President and CEO/Highmark, met privately with our members before speaking to a full house on the affiliation approval with West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS) & the creation of the Allegheny Health Network & Allegheny Clinic. It was well received. Kudos to Bill Strickland/MBC for the Hydrangeas, & thanks to Yvonne Cook/Highmark Foundation for the stylus gift that was a big hit. It was so nice to see so many of our members & friends in attendance.

Our Members Mixer at the Harvard Yale Princeton Club was a classic & a good networking session.

Our Financial Planning

Workshop was packed with information useful for all small business owners. Thanks to Member Elise Yanders for serving as Facilitator for our Panel Members: Constance Bettis-Luttner Financial, Abraham Moosa-Janney, & Dan Dingas-Fragasso Group: it was terrific!

Members Ray Vargo & Rhonda Carson Leach/University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence conducted an in-depth workshop on Finance thru the Urban Power to Prosper Program; a joint effort with your Chamber.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
June 14th - 7:30 AM

Rivers Club

Member Darrell Smalley & his team from Ernst & Young will present the Affordable Health Care Act & the impact on small businesses.

Members' Orientation
June 19th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Bldg.

4367th Ave. Suite 2220

Open to new & existing members, come learn about the value of being part of our organized body. You must RSVP.

Members Mixer

June 18th

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

PNC Park

Our corporate sponsor will host us in the Hall of Fame Club. Your invitation will be mailed.

Members Events

May 10th

8 AM - 4:30 PM

Duquesne University
SBDC

Presents

Entrepreneurs'

Growth Conference

Duquesne University
Union Building

Workshops include Starting a Business - Roadmap to Success & Big Money - Selling your business & Getting Top Dollar. Learn more @ www.sbdc.duq.edu

May 11th

5 PM - 11 PM

Carnegie

Science Center

Parents Night Out

You work hard & take care of your kids so let Carnegie Science Center keep them safe while you enjoy some adult time. Drop off the kids for an evening of

fun. They'll have dinner, a movie, laser show, science & more. Call 412-237-1637.

May 23rd
Author Chris McIntyre
Consol Energy Center
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Comcast presents
An Interactive Forum
with Chris McIntyre,
author of Roadmap to Freedom. Make a free reservation at 412-208-3817.

October 29th
PA Conference for Women

Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA

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

City of Pittsburgh
Citiparks

Community Tennis Associations are currently available for children & adults for Frick & Highland Parks. Register at 412-665-4017.

Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

The Landmarks Housing Resource Center offers workshops & seminars on home ownership, restoration, do-it-yourself work, & tips on green initiatives & discussions on neighborhood & community development. Call 412-471-5808.

The Latest Development

The Allegheny County Spring Newsletter is now online. Learn what is happening in with economic development @ econo-mic.alleghenycounty.us/about_aced/

[spring.](#)

WorkReady Pittsburgh

This 6 week internship connects qualified, deserving young people with the regions corporate partners. For more information or to request interns contact Jodi Mostel @ 412-552-7090.

20,000 Plus Jobs In the Pittsburgh Region

For more info, go to:

imaginepittsburgh.com.

Did You Know

Duquesne University School of Law has been awarded a \$500k grant from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program that will be used to develop the school's Clinical Legal Education Program to benefit underserved families. Learn more @

www.duq.edu/cle-uptown

Congratulations

Member Connie Parker on a successful Human Rights Dinner. **NEED** is celebrating 50 years; Lucille Dabney/PACE on a successful 'sold out' Inclusive Voices Luncheon; Dr. Alex Johnson/CCAC on the opening of the K. Leroy Irvis Science Center @ the North Side campus; Caster Binion/Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh & Keith Key/KBK Enterprises on the Addison Terrace Ground-breaking, Phase 1 of the housing redevelopment plan in the Hill District; Maurita Bryant/NOBLE & Evan Frazier/Highmark awarded the City of Pittsburgh Diversity 365 Living Award; Lawrence Swanson/ACTION-Housing, Inc. on the 56th

Annual Meeting; Member Robert Hill, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, will retire from the University, effective May 31st. Hill has headed Pitt's Office of Public Affairs since 1999. He has been a strong supporter of the Chamber and his participation will be missed. Member Aradhna Oliphant/Leadership Pittsburgh awarded the Women of Distinction Honoree in Regional Vitality award by the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Western Pennsylvania/ West Virginia Chapter.

The late Sylvester Pace/NEED was posthumously awarded his honorary Doctorate Degree from Duquesne University.

In the News
New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Esther Bush/Urban League & Evan Frazier/Highmark @ the NEED benefit dinner; Connie Parker/NAACP @ the National Council of Negro Women's Legacy Awards Luncheon "Women United: Activate the Legacy"; Esther Bush/Urban League awarded the Heinz History Center's History Makers Award; Valerie Waters/Allegheny Co. MWDBE @ the MWDBE Governmental Committee Conference; Presidential Roundtable Member Keith Key & Member Greg Spencer/Randall Industries featured in Business: African

American Chamber of Commerce welcomes Keith B. Key as Presidential Roundtable Member; County Executive Rich Fitzgerald speaking @ our Power-Breakfast Meeting.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Member Stephanie Schoenbert-Bechel/YouthWorks will merge with theGoodwill; Member Chaz Kellem/Pittsburgh Pirates @ the Pirate's Diversity Networking Reception.

Our condolences to the family & friends of Judge Gary Lancaster, our 1st African American Chief Justice of the U.S. Court for the Western District of PA.

New Members
Regular Members
Nicole Ballard

Criminal justice Education Services, Inc.

Sheilda Braddock
LaMarr Woodley Foundation

India Christian
Christian Home Healthcare

Philip Greene
Emprint, Inc.

Jacques Moye, Sr.
Thorpe Reed & Armstrong, LLP

Supporting Members
Arnold Zlotnik
PESTCO, Inc.

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

