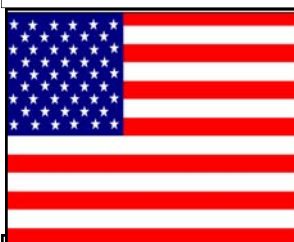


Dates for your Calendar

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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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August 2013

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

We welcomed
Presidential Roundtable
Member Daniel Fitzpatrick,
President-Citizens Bank
for an informative Special
Breakfast Meeting
presentation.

Affordable Care Act Workshop

**September 12th
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Koppers Building
436 - Seventh Avenue
9th Floor - Grant Room
Corporate Sponsor**
Darrell Smalley & Scott
Miller/Ernst & Young, &
Joseph Vater Esq./Meyer,
Unkovic & Scott will
present the financial &
legal issues with the
Affordable Care Act.
There are implications for
each & every business
owner. An invitation will be
sent.

PowerBreakfast Meeting September 27th - 7:30 AM Rivers Club Downtown

Join us as we welcome
Member Mike Schiller,
CEO, Green Building
Alliance, and learn more
about "going green".

Members Mixer September 24th Consol Energy Center

We will be hosted in
their luxury suite by our
Corporate Sponsor, the
Pittsburgh Penguins.
Wear your logo pin &
bring business cards.

Members Events

August 20th Legendary Icon Diana Ross Heinz Hall 8 PM

A night with Diana Ross
in concert. For tickets
call 1-800-949-1866.

***August 3rd - 7th* N.O.B.L.E. National Training Conference & Exhibition**

**David L. Lawrence
Convention Center**
Join Member Maurita
Bryant/National Organi-
zation of Black Law
Enforcement Executives
as they host this annual
event. For info, or to
volunteer, go to:
noblepittsburgh.org

August 20th Vibrant Pittsburgh Presents Anthony Carter Chief Diversity Officer Johnson & Johnson August Wilson Center 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join member Melanie
Harrington for this part
of the *Inclusion Best
Practices Series*. For
more information call
412-281-8600.

August 22nd The Landmarks Preservation Resource Center Presents "Incredible Penn Avenue"

**744 Rebecca Ave.
Wilkinsburg**

Come & enjoy this fast
paced presentation
including more than 300
photos of Pittsburgh's
historic Penn Avenue
travelling from Wilkins-
burg to the point. This is
free & open to the
public. RSVP please @
412-471-5808.

August 24th The Josh Gibson Foundation Negro League G.I.B.S.O.N. Awards Gala 6 PM Reception 7 PM Program Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh

For tickets & more info,
call 412-771-6949.

August 24th Save The Date Manchester Academic Charter School 15 Year Anniversary Celebration

**Manchester
Craftsmen's Guild**
Stay tuned for details.

**August 28th - 31st
The Bev Smith Show
Presents
A Challenge to African
American Women
Wyndham Grand
Pittsburgh - Downtown**
Join Members

Charlene McAbee/River Industries & Cheryl McAbee/River Chemical & Industry for the international conference to unite & empower the black family & our communities, featurer convener, radio host Bev Smith; speakers include motivational speaker Iyanla Vanzant, & activist Dick Gregory. For information call 855-835-5238 or visit: bevsmithconference.org

**September 25th
Pittsburgh Community
Services, Inc.
30th Anniversary &
Awards Celebration
5 PM - 8 PM
Wyndham Hotel
Oakland
100 Lytton Avenue**
For more info, call
Member Cecelia Jenkins
@ call 412-904-4700.

**September 27th
"The Rubber Duck"
is coming!**
Fresh off the road from Hong Kong, Florentijn Hofman's Rubber Duck" will make it's U.S. debut on Pittsburgh's 3 Rivers. The launch on the Allegheny kicks off our Member Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's International Festival of Firsts.

**October 16th -18th
Remaking Cities
Congress**

This conference is returning to Pittsburgh. The focus will be to share best practices worldwide & craft a new agenda for urban revitalization. Prince Charles, Honorary Chairman, will deliver the keynote address. Volunteer facilitators with experience in urban planning are needed. For details email: ocwells@andrew.cmu.edu

**October 19th
NEED
50th Anniversary Gala
50 Years of Unlocking
the Power of Education
August Wilson Center**
For time & more information call 412-566-2760.

**October 29th
PA Conference for
Women
Pennsylvania
Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA**
Featuring Keynote Speakers Madeleine Albright & Judge Glenda Hatchett. See all of the conference events at: info@paconference_forwomen.org

**Help Our Pittsburgh
Public Schools**
Pittsburgh Public Schools wants to know what you think the District should do to ensure students develop all the skills they need to succeed. Share your ideas at VIVA Pittsburgh Idea Exchange. Go to: vivapittsburgh.mysocialsp.com

The Vibrant Pittsburgh Welcome Center provides a range of free referral services to newcomers, immigrants and internationals in the Pittsburgh Region. Whether you are a newcomer, an accompanying partner or someone considering moving here, please contact us at: 412-295-9500.

Did You Know
PA legislature failed to adopt any legislation on transportation and infrastructure; Barbara McNees will retire this month as President/ Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. Dewitt Peart/PRA will assume the role.

**Corporate Equity &
Inclusion Roundtable**
CEIR is group of business executives & public officials, including your Chamber President, working to boost the metro region's standing near the bottom of rankings that gauge minority employment & demographic representation. A 2011 National Association for Legal Career Professionals report said 1.69 % of partners at Pittsburgh law firms were minorities; last among 44 metro areas surveyed.

Congratulations
Members Corporate Sponsor Oxford Development has provided services to 10 of the regions top 25 LEED projects on the

Pittsburgh Business Times list including #1 David L. Lawrence Convention Center; & your Chamber President is now a Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

**In the News
Pittsburgh
Business Times**
Largest Pittsburgh-area minority-owned firms include members Michele Rice/Rice Enterprises, Arlinda Moriarty/Moriarty Consultants, Charles Sanders/Urban Lending, Mary Coffey/All Purpose Cleaning, Milton Washington/AHRCO, John Bettis/Savoy Restaurant, & Louis Waller, Waller Corp.

Whirl Magazine
Members Sheila Braddock/LaMarr Woodley Foundation @ your Chamber's Annual Meeting & Luncheon; & Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier @ the Courier's Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon.

**New Members
Supporting Members**
Ann Davis
Typhoon Lighting

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Trip Oliver
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**A schedule of all
programs & events is
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