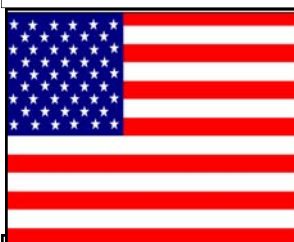


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ October 8th HTDB with Highmark
- ◆ October 18th PowerBreakfast
- ◆ October 22nd Members Mixer
- ◆ October 30th Social Media Workshop
- ◆ December 4th Annual Business Luncheon
- ◆ 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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October 2013

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

It's Indian Summer!

Corporate Sponsor Ernst & Young (Darrell Smalley & Scott Miller) & Meyer Unkovic & Scott's Joseph Vater did an outstanding job simplifying the complex issues surrounding the Affordable Care Act. This workshop received almost consistent "10s" on the evaluations.

Corporate Sponsor Kimberly Slater-Wood/ Pittsburgh Penguins was the perfect host for our Members Mixer in Consol Energy Center's Jim Beam Suites. We met with the General Manager & members of Consol's procurement team while enjoying the delicious refreshments. What fun!

Thanks to Supporting Member Mike Schiller/ Green Building Alliance for an informative "green" presentation, & why Pittsburgh can do more, at our PowerBreakfast Meeting.

How To Do Business With Highmark

**October 8th 8:30 - 11:30AM
Highmark
Fifth Avenue Place**

This is for **Chamber Members Only**. You will meet the senior management team & Strategic Category Relationship Managers along with their head of development for their medical malls. RSVP by October 4th @ 412-392-0610.

PowerBreakfast Meeting October 18th - 7:30 AM Rivers Club

Join us as we welcome Mekael Teshome from PNC's Financial Services Group for our annual Economic Forecast.

Members Mixer October 22nd 5 PM - 7 PM Huntington Bank 310 Grant St. Downtown

We will be hosted by our Corporate Sponsor, weather permitting, on their patio. Wear your logo pin & bring your business cards.

Social Media Workshop for Small Business Owners

**October 30th
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Riverside Center for
Innovation**

700 River Avenue North Side

Robert Stein-Director of Information Technology/ Consulting Services
Katz School at Pitt will lead this interactive workshop on how to best establish your business' footprint in Social Media via Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest & how to reinforce your professional reputation on LinkedIn.

Members Events

October 7th The 2013 Pennsylvania Energy & Manufacturing Summit 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM IBEW Circuit Center 5 Hot Metal St. Southside

Join lawmakers, labor & business leaders, & energy producers. Your Chamber is one of the sponsors. For more info, call 412-448-6851.

October 18th Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Heritage Month Gala 6:30 PM

**Westin
Convention Center
Downtown Pittsburgh**
For more information
call 412-784-1355.

October 8th BNY Mellon Diversity

Career & Recruitment

Expo 2013

5 PM - 7 PM

**BNY Mellon Center
500 Grant St.
Downtown**

Explore career opportunities & meet with the business managers at BNY Mellon. Register at: jobs.bnymellon.com/go/welcome-to-the-diversity-career.

October 19th

NEED

50th Anniversary Gala

**August Wilson Center
for African American
Culture 980 Liberty
Ave.**

The reception begins at 6:00 PM, followed by a dinner and Awards Ceremony. For details, visit: www.NEEDId.org

October 19th

Soul Food Dinner &

Jazz Night

6 PM - 10 PM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

Member Rob Jones/Ingood Company looks forward to you joining him for their annual night of soul food, dancing & Jazz.

Advance reservations are required. Call 412-860-8500 6-11:00pm or go to TICKETS ONLINE

<http://www.SFDJN.com>.

November 1st

**PA Conference for
WomenPennsylvania
Convention**

CenterPhiladelphia, PA
Guest speakers include Hillary Rodham Clinton & Madeleine Albright. Register at: paconferenceforwomen.org.

November 9th

The Pittsburgh

Cultural Trust Presents

Sweet Honey In The Rock

8:00 PM

**Byham Theater
101 Sixth Street**

For ticket information, call 412-456-6666.

**African American
Achievement Trust
Collective Focus
Initiative**

Join the effort to respond to the needs of low performing students in Pittsburgh Public Schools. To help, call 412-498-6449.

**African-American
Heritage Day Parade**

October 5th

**Downtown Pittsburgh
Rain or Shine**

Bring the family & join us for this annual event. This year's Grand Marshal is Thaddeus G. Mosley, nationally acclaimed sculptor. Join us for free events at the August Wilson Center immediately after the parade.

**You Must Go See The
Duck, located next to
the fountain at Point
State Park.**

Employment

**Job Openings
At The URA**

Communications & Marketing Specialist, Entrepreneurship Investment Specialist, & Senior Real Estate Acquisitions Specialist. For more information go to: www.ura.org/news/announcements.php#job-postings

FYI

**Allegheny County
Economic Development
Allegheny Recoverable
Grant**

This program provides low interest financing to businesses who were

unable at the time of application to acquire financing or service significant debt, but that demonstrate future ability to repay. Go to: www.alleghenycounty.us

**Click on Business
Financing Incentives.**

Did You Know

Associate Member
After serving for 14 years as Chancellor-Penn State University Greater Allegheny, Associate Member Dr. Curtiss Porter will retire in December.

Your Chamber now has more than 250 Friends on Facebook &

Congratulations

Corporate Sponsor
Strickland/Manchester Bidwell the special evening celebrating the anniversary of MCG Jazz. The guest performer was Pittsburgh Native Ahmad Jamal; Member Louis Waller/Waller Corp. on acquiring a contract for the restoration of the Thompson Building in downtown; Member Marisa Bartley/Citizens Bank as a Young Professional Finalist for the Athena Award. Connie Parker/NAACP nominated to PAT's Board; Cheryl Hall-Russell on the Hill House Breathe Project Awards; Supporting Member Jeffrey Letwin/Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis selected as a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Banking & Finance Law by American Lawyer Media & Martingdale-Hubbell; Supporting Member Lisa Schroeder on the

fabulous Party on the Pier Celebration!

In the News

New

Pittsburgh Courier

Member Connie Parker/
NAACP & Pittsburghers attending the March on Washington; **Member Frank Torbert/FLT** Trading, Toni Silva/UPMC & Chauncey Smith & Sean Gibson attending the Gibson Foundation Awards Gala; **Members Cheryl McAbee/River** Development Corporation & Curtiss Porter/Penn State University Greater Allegheny @ the Challenge to African American Women Conference; **Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell** Corporation & Associate Member Bill Generett/Urban Innovation21 at Urban Innovation's internship program; **Charlene McAbee/Rivers** Development & Elise Yanders @ Bev Smith Challenge event.

New Members

Regular Members

Rory & Lori Graham
OROR-G Enterprises

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programs & events is
emailed to members
each Monday &
Thursday. Check your
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