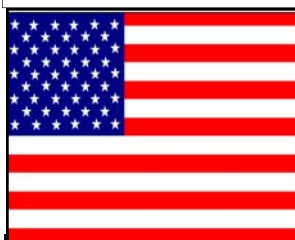


**Dates for your Calendar**

- ♦ November 20th  
State Farm  
Women's Event
- ♦ December 2nd  
Seasonal  
Celebration
- ♦ 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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**November 2013**

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

Thank you John Surma-US Steel, for turning the fountain pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! .

The procurement team from Highmark did a great job of explaining their new procedures on procurement. Each department presented & explained the referral process.

Thank you to Mekael Teshome/PNC Financial Services Group for an interesting and thorough economic forecast for our region during our October PowerBreakfast Meeting.

What a great turnout for the Members Networking Mixer at Huntington Bank. President Susie Shipley & Kim Ravenda were great hosts & with such outstanding refreshments!

**The** Social Media Workshop held everyone's attention & provided new ideas for business access. Robert Stein & Rhonda Carson Leach/ University of Pittsburgh's Katz School's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence are already planning the follow-up session where

you bring your laptop for a hands-on session.

**November 20th  
Speed Networking:  
Connecting  
Remarkable Women**

**Sponsored by:**  
**State Farm Insurance**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Omni William Penn Hotel - 17th Floor**  
Ladies, join us for this Special Luncheon & learn about opportunities for women. . **RSVP is required** by November 15 @ 412-392-0610.

**Annual  
Business Luncheon**  
**December 4th**  
**12:00 Noon**  
**Omni William Penn**  
**530 William Penn Place**  
**17th Floor - Downtown**

Join us as we welcome Charles E. Bunch, Chairman and CEO, PPG Industries, Inc. as our guest speaker. We will also salute outgoing Presidential Roundtable Member USS Executive Chairman John Surma.  
**Sponsored by:**  
Point Park University & Omni William Penn Hotel. Your invitation will be mailed next week.

**Members Events**

**November 6th  
The Thornburgh  
Family Lecture Series  
Disability Law & Policy**

**Presents**  
**Competitive  
Employment**  
**The Last Frontier "Our Journey of Removing Barriers & Overcoming Stigma" Lecture by:**  
**Corporate Supporter**  
**Joyce Bender/Bender Consulting Services**  
**1 PM - 2:15 PM**  
**University Club - B**  
**123 University Place**  
**Oakland**  
For more information call 412-648-1418.

**November 9th  
American Diabetes  
Association Expo**  
**9 AM - 4 PM**  
**David L. Lawrence**  
**Convention Center**  
**Downtown**

This annual event teaches you how to be healthy, active & live well with diabetes. For more information call 412-824-1181 X4608.

**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.

**November 9th**  
**YWCA Racial Justice**  
**Awards Dinner**

**Westin Hotel**  
**Downtown**

Join Associate  
Member Magdeline  
Jensen for the 22nd  
annual event. For more  
information call 412-255  
-1466.

**November 13th**  
**Vibrant Pittsburgh**  
**Inclusion, Best**  
**Practices Series**  
**Inclusion, Innovation**  
**and the Bottom Line**  
**7:30 AM - 9:30 AM**

**August Wilson Center**  
Join Member Melanie  
Harrington to welcome  
guest speaker Shari  
Slate, Chief Inclusion &  
Collaboration Strategist,  
Cisco Systems, Inc. Call  
412-281-8600 for details.

**November 13th**  
**Sustainable Pittsburgh**  
**presents**

**New Tools in the**  
**Blight Fight: "Reliable**  
**and Fair:**  
**Relationships Between**  
**Rental Property**  
**Owners and**  
**Municipalities"**

9:00 AM - Noon  
Millvale  
Community Center  
416 Lincoln Avenue  
Millvale

**November 21st**  
**Highmark's**  
**Veteran's Education &**  
**Employment Symposium**  
**8 AM - 3 PM**

**Highmark**  
**PAP Auditorium**  
**501 Penn Ave. Place**  
**Downtown**

For more information  
call 412-544-7000.

**December 18th**

**Pittsburgh Symphony**  
**Orchestra Presents**  
**Michael Bolton: Holiday**  
**Hits with the Pittsburgh**  
**Symphony Orchestra**

For times & ticket  
information call 412-392-  
4900.

**Employment**

PPG has Information  
Technology jobs in  
Pittsburgh. Go to:  
[www.jobs.ppg.com/  
pittsburgh/information-  
technology-jobs](http://www.jobs.ppg.com/pittsburgh/information-technology-jobs)

**Attention Members**

Your Members' Profile  
Forms are being emailed,  
& will be due by  
November 15th. Thank  
you for taking time to  
complete the form.

**FYI**

**Allegheny County**  
**Working Capital Loan**  
**Program**

Learn how you may be  
eligible to access up to  
80% of your small  
business invoices. Call  
412-261-3073.

**Did You Know**

Supporting Member  
Comcast's Broadband  
Adoption Program has  
connected more than 1  
million low-income  
Americans to broadband  
Internet in their homes.

**Congratulations**

Associate Member Esther  
Bush on celebrating the  
Greater Urban League's  
95th Anniversary with the  
State of Black Pittsburgh;  
Members Connie Parker  
on NAACP Sunday;  
Cecelia Jenkins/  
Pittsburgh Community  
Services 30th Anniversary  
& the EECO Center  
opening; Rod Doss/New  
Pittsburgh Courier on 5  
first place awards from

the Pennsylvania  
NewsMedia Association  
Foundation; Cheryl Hall-  
Russell/Hill House on  
the opening of Shop 'n  
Save; Eustace Uku/  
Exico selected as the  
consultant to the  
county's M/W/DBE  
Working Capital Loan  
Program (WCLP); Chaz  
Kellem/Pittsburgh  
Pirates & Shannon  
Austin/Office of  
Vocational Rehabilitation,  
program participants at  
the National Disability  
Employment Awareness  
Breakfast; Alberto  
Benzaquen/Pittsburgh  
Hispanic Development  
Corporation received  
Mayor Ravenstahl's  
Citizen Service Award; &  
B.J. Griffith/State Farm  
Insurance on earning  
her Certified Social  
Sourcing Recruiter  
designation.

The African American  
Heritage Day Parade  
was a great! Thanks for  
supporting this yearly  
event!

**In the News**

**New**

**Pittsburgh Courier**

The African American  
Heritage Day Parade;  
Rev. Steven Jackson @  
Bethel AME Church;  
Kim Slater-Wood/Pen-  
guins @ the Hill of Hope  
Gala; Jesse McLean/  
Every Child, Inc. holds  
"Challenge The Cham-  
pions 2013"; Chuck  
Sanders/Savoy in Out &  
About; Esther Bush on  
Health Literacy; & your  
Chamber's PowerBreak-  
fast Meeting featuring  
Guest Speaker Mekael  
Teshome/PNC Financial  
Services Group.

**Pittsburgh**  
**Business Times**

Members Lanee Benton/  
Highmark, Rod Doss/New  
Pittsburgh Courier, Keith  
Key/KBK Enterprises &  
Lance Hyde/EQT in After  
Hours.

**Soul Pitt Quarterly**

Get Ready For Health  
Care Reform by Chamber  
Board Member Dr.  
Rhonda Johnson/  
Highmark; Rufus Idris/  
Christian Evangelistic  
Economic Development,  
Inc. attending the Trade,  
Investment & Culture  
Conference in Nigeria;  
Connie Parker/NAACP on  
Community Update; &  
your Chamber's Shawn  
Hicks & his new bride  
Nicole.

*We are deeply saddened  
by the passing of our  
Member and friend  
Phillipe R. Petite/Equal  
Opportunity Review  
Commission, City of  
Pittsburgh.*

**New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Maurice Fisher**  
Web.com

**Supporting Members**

**Stacy Calabrese**  
Dubin and Company

**Corporate Sponsor**

**Stacy McMahon**  
Mine Safety Appliances  
Company

***A schedule of all pro-  
grams & events are  
emailed each Monday &  
Thursday. Check your  
emails & follow your  
Chamber on Facebook &  
Twitter @ aaccwp.com.***

