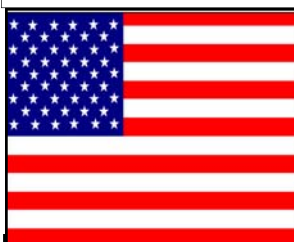


#### Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ December 2nd  
Seasonal  
Celebration
- ◆ December 4th  
Annual Business  
Luncheon
- ◆ January 9th  
Members Mixer
- ◆ January 17th  
PowerBreakfast
- ◆ 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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#### **December 2013**

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

#### **Seasons Greetings!**

Corporate Sponsor State Farm (B.J. Griffith & Tanya Harris) recently held a wonderful session - Speed Networking: Connecting Remarkable Women, hosted by your Chamber.

#### **Seasonal Celebration**

**December 2nd  
5 PM - 7 PM**

**Savoy Restaurant  
2623 Penn Ave.  
Strip District**

#### **MEMBERS ONLY**

Join us as we celebrate the season. RSVP @ 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.

#### **Members Mixer**

**January 9th  
5 PM - 7:PM**

**Frick Art & Historical  
Center  
7227 Reynolds St.  
Point Breeze - East  
End**

We will be hosted by Associate Member William Bodine. Join us as we view the fascinating exhibition of more than 100 Civil War era drawings from the Becker collection. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

#### **PowerBreakfast Meeting**

**January 17th  
7:30 AM**

**Rivers Club  
Oxford Center**

Join us as we welcome Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

#### **Members Events**

**Now thru  
December 22nd  
Kennywood Is Open  
Again**

Enjoy seasonal light shows, rides & more. Go to: [www.kennywood.com](http://www.kennywood.com)

**December 4th  
Pittsburgh Public  
Schools  
"State of the District"**

**8:30 AM - 10 AM  
Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12  
111 9th St. - Downtown**

This session will address plans for improving student outcomes.

**December 5th  
Allegheny County  
Economic  
Development  
Do's & Don'ts  
Government Contract  
Forms & Paper**

**Completion  
Instructional  
Workshop  
1:30 PM**

**Riverside Center for  
Innovation  
700 River Ave.  
North Side**

No charge - register @ 412-322-3272.

**December 6th  
Urban League of  
Greater Pittsburgh  
Ronald H. Brown  
Leadership Awards  
Gala**

**Reception - 5:30 PM  
Program 7 PM  
West Club Lounge  
Heinz Field**

For more information call 412-227-4802

**December 6th  
Carnegie Science  
Center Presents  
21+ Holiday Party  
6 PM - 10 PM  
Carnegie Science  
Center**

Wrap yourself in a hideous holiday sweater and get ready to make merry without the kids. For more information call 412-237-3400.

**December 10th  
Sustainable Pittsburgh**

**Presents  
Sustainability  
EXPOsed  
8:30 AM - 4 PM  
David L. Lawrence  
Convention Center  
Rediscovering  
sustainability - ideas &  
innovations that are  
making business,  
governance &  
community better for our  
region. Register @:  
[sustainablepittsburgh.org/exposed](http://sustainablepittsburgh.org/exposed).**

**December 12th  
Robert Morris  
University Bayer  
Center for Nonprofit  
Management  
Presents  
BoardsWork!  
Training Cohort for  
Business  
Professionals  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Heinz 57 Center  
339 Sixth Ave.  
Downtown**

This board training program is designed to enhance your employees' governance skills for serving community organizations. For more information call 412-397-6012.

**December 12th  
Bridgeway Capital  
Presents  
Access to Capital &  
Lending Informational  
Workshop  
2 PM  
Riverside Center  
for Innovation  
700 River Ave.**

**North Side**  
No charge - register @  
412-322-3272.

**December 12th  
SMC Holiday Mixer  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Lexus Club - PNC Park  
115 Federal St.  
For more information  
call 412-371-1500.**

**January 15th through  
February 9, 2014  
'WICKED'  
Benedum Center  
Back by "Popular" de-  
mand, don't miss this ,  
billed as a "cultural pheno-  
menon." For ticket info,  
call 412-456-4800.**

**Employment  
Events Coordinator  
Heinz History Center is  
seeking an Events  
Coordinator to provide on-  
site management of  
events. Minorities are  
encouraged to apply. Go  
to: [heinzhistorycenter.org](http://heinzhistorycenter.org)**

**Attention Members  
Whether you are  
starting a business or  
expanding, contact a  
SCORE counselor for free  
mentoring at 412-395-  
6560**

Visit Pittsburgh invites  
you to visit Pittsburgh,  
online. Videos & photos  
of Pittsburgh at it's very  
best. Go to:  
[visitpittsburgh.com](http://visitpittsburgh.com)

**FY\$!  
Become a Registered  
Supplier**

If you would like your  
company to become a  
registered supplier with  
Allegheny County's  
Division of Purchasing  
and Supplies, visit:  
[www.alleghenycounty.us/purchasing/supplier.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/purchasing/supplier.aspx) or call toll free

1-800-835-4603.

**Did You Know**  
The 23 million small  
businesses in America  
account for 54% of  
all U.S. sales..and the  
rate for small business  
failures has declined.

**Congratulations**  
Member Greg Spencer/  
Randall Industries & the  
late Rex Crawley who  
were honored at Iota Phi  
Foundation's(Omega  
Psi Phi) Annual Achieve-  
ment Awards Formal;  
Supporting Member  
Dorothy Coll/Two Men &  
A Truck Pittsburgh,  
honored with the 2013  
Spirit of Amelia Earhart  
Award; & Corporate Spon-  
sor Oxford Development  
awarded the project to  
provide facility manage-  
ment services at the  
Allegheny County  
Medical Examiner's  
Office, County Morgue &  
Forensic Laboratory.

**In the News**  
**New**  
**Pittsburgh Courier**  
Associate Member  
Bob Agbede/Chester  
Engineers, initiates the  
African American  
Leadership Institute.

**Pittsburgh  
Post-Gazette**  
Member Donna  
Baxter/Soul Pitt Media  
featured in Business -  
Emcee to Entrepreneur.

**Pittsburgh  
Business Times**  
Member Floyd  
Cephas/North Side  
Christian Health Center  
@ the Health Care  
Heroes Awards; &  
Presidential Roundtable  
Member USS/Mario

Longhi on Project  
Carnegie.

**Whirl Magazine**  
Member Jesse McLean/  
Every Child @ the  
Challenge the Champions  
Gala; Members Rod  
Doss/New Pittsburgh  
Courier; LaNee Benton/  
Highmark; Lance Hyde/  
EQT; Jason Matthews/  
Blazer Holdings; &  
Presidential Roundtable  
Member Keith Key/KBK  
Enterprises @ the  
PMSDC Gala; Associate  
Member Dennis  
Yablonsky/Allegheny  
Conference on Commu-  
nity Development; &  
Corporate Sponsor Frank  
Coonelly/Pittsburgh  
Pirates attending an event  
to commemorate the  
Pirates' first winning  
season in 21 years.

**London Financial Times**  
Corporate Sponsor Bill  
Strickland/Manchester  
Bidwell Corp. about His  
Mission of Hope and  
Educational Methodology.

*We are deeply saddened  
by the passing of our  
Corporate Sponsor  
Member  
Dr. Rex Crawley  
Robert Morris University*

**New Members**  
**Regular Members**  
**Brooke Generett**  
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grams & events are  
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Thursday. Check your  
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