#### **Dates for your Calendar**

- June 5th Members Mixer
- June 20th **PowerBreakfast**
- June 30th Deadline for Spain deposits
- July 7th Meeting with Congressman Mike Doyle
- **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, selfsufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full

participation.



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#### June 2014

This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

Thank you to all who helped make our Annual Meeting & Luncheon a success. A special thanks to Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Drew Mathieson Horticultural Center for the beautiful orchids. Our quest speaker-William Demchak, PNC Financial Services Group enlightened us about PNC & his vision for the future as he spoke for twenty minutes without notes! It was great seeing everyone!

Member Darrell Smalley/Ernst & Young, & Joseph Vater/Meyer, Unkovic, Scott again exceeded expectations at the Update on the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act: some thought the workshop was too short!

Corporate Sponsor S&T Bank/Genevieve Oduor rolled out the red carpet for us at our Member's Mixer at Up Modern Kitchen in Shadyside. It was delightful!

PowerBreakfast Meeting June 20th 7:30 AM **Rivers Club Oxford Centre** 

Member Guhan Venkatu, recently named the Vice President & Senior Regional Officer for the Federal Reserve Bank/ Cleveland's Pittsburgh Branch, will be our guest speaker. RSVP by June 18th @ 412-392-0610.

#### Special Breakfast Meeting Monday, July 7th 8:00 AM **Rivers Club Oxford Centre**

The Honorable Mike Doyle, U.S. Congressman - 14th District of PA will give us an update on what is happening on Capitol Hill.

Still time to sign up for Spain & the Costa Del Sol November 10th - 18th



June 30th is the recommended deadline for accepting deposits for this exciting nine dayseven night trip. Price includes airfare, most meals, transfers & fees.

Relax along the Mediterranean Coastline. For details, call our Travel Line @ 412-392-0322. Space is limited so sign up this month.

#### **Members Events**

Now - October 27th Carnegie Museum of **Natural History** Presents Race: Are We So Different

This exhibit focuses on living with race in America. Learn more at www.carnegiemnh.org. Call your Chamber for discount coupons.

#### Lunch at Heinz Hall Garden Café

Our Member, the Common Plea will begin presenting lunch at Heinz Hall's Garden Café each Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. (weather permitting)

June 6th thru 15th **Dollar Bank Presents Three Rivers Arts Festival Point State Park** Downtown

June 12th Sustainable Pittsburgh **Presents Problem Properties:** 

Options in Dealing with Dilapidated or **Abandoned Properties** 

#### 9 AM - 3PM Millvale Community Center 416 Lincoln Ave. Millvale

For more info, call 412-258-6642. Sustainable Pittsburgh also has a new address:

Sustainable Pittsburgh
307 Fourth Avenue
Suite 1500
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
June 12th

## <u>XXX</u> <u>Commencement</u> 7 PM

The Regional Learning
Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods
Drive
Cranberry Township

**M**ember Aradhna Oliphant is extending the invitation to past graduates to join the current graduates for this special occasion. **F**or more information call 412-392-4505.

# June 23rd Get Your Business Rolling at Rivers Casino 8 AM - 2 PM Rivers Casino Ballroom 777 Casino Drive North Shore

Take advantage of this opportunity for MWDBE's to better position themselves to get their businesses rolling at Rivers Casino. Meet Rahmon Hart, the new Director of Community Relations during this free event. To register, go to: eventbrite.com/e/get-your-business-rolling-at-rivers-casino

July 11th

Pittsburgh
Cultural Trust
Presents
Cosmopolitan
Pittsburgh 2014
The Gallery Crawl
After Dark
7:00 PM - Midnight
August Wilson Center

980 Liberty Ave
Order tickets online for
this fun event by going to:
trustarts.org/cosmo.com,

August 22nd Bartko Foundation Golf Classic

or call 412-456-6666.

#### **Quick Silver Golf Club**

Join Associate Member Carl Perkins for this annual event that is a great networking opportunity as well. For more information call 412-371-1142.

#### **Training Opportunities**

If you are in the natural gas industry and interested in training opportunities at Marcellus Shale go to:

marcelluscoalition.org/ getinvolved/training-andevents

#### **Employment**

#### Video Journalist

UPMC Health Plan is seeking a Video Journalist to support the Marketing Communications department. For more information on this and other positions go to: upmcjobscp.upmc.com

#### Volunteer

Supporting Member Peoples Oakland is looking for dedicated, creative, people-oriented, volunteers to assist with daily programs, technology issues, fundraising events & serve on the Board of Directors. Learn more at: peoplesoakland.org

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#### **SBA On-line Training**

Finding & attracting investors, financing options, understanding HUBZone designations, preparing proposals and more. Go to: <a href="mailto:sba.gov/tools/sba-learning-center/training">sba.gov/tools/sba-learning-center/training</a>

#### Did You Know

The 28X Airport Flyer gets you to Greater Pittsburgh International Airport in less than 40 minutes from Downtown. For all PAT schedules go to: portauthority.org

#### Attention Associate Members

If you have upcoming events, email them to: information@aaccwp.com

Kudos to Member Wilkinsburg Community Development Corp. on awarding the Wilkinsburg Baseball Assn. a grant for bats, gloves & balls that will benefit 900 kids!

#### Congratulations

**B**oard Member Phyllis Comer/Comer Education al Consulting Services presented with the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Sojourner Truth Award; Members Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth on the "Taste of New Orleans" fundraiser: Al Merrit/ Hosanna House on the Sherwood House Open House; Marcia Sturdivant on the 51st

Annual NEED Dinner; EQT's Blue Jenkins has recently been promoted to Executive Vice President, Commercial;

Associate Member Petra Mitchell/Catalyst Connection designated as new Honorary Consul for Slovenia in PA.

#### In the News

#### New Pittsburgh Courier

Your Chamber Board Chair, and President at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Luncheon with William Demchak, the new member of the Presidential Roundtable.

#### Pittsburgh Business Times

Associate Member
Sister Candace Introcaso/
La Roche College at the
Celebrate La Roche
event.

#### New Members

#### **Regular Members**

Willie M. Hudson Universal Environmental Cleaning Services, Inc.

#### **Supporting Members**

**Dennis Henderson** Venture Outdoors

#### **Associate Members**

**Deb Sadowsky** Holy Family Institute

Summer arrives on June 21st - At Last!

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



