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### 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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### July 2014

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

Thanks to Dr. Quintin Bullock/Community College of Allegheny County for the Members Mixer in the President's Reception area. Everyone enjoyed themselves & liked networking with the Board of Directors.

Member Guhan Venkatu, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland/Pittsburgh Branch gave a detailed & economic forecast for our region @ last month's PowerBreakfast Meeting.

We appreciate our new & existing members who attended our Members Orientation. Our next session is scheduled for January 2015.

### Special Breakfast Meeting

**Monday, July 7th  
8:00 AM**

**Rivers Club  
Oxford Center**

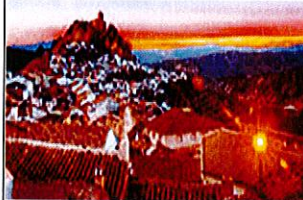
The Honorable Mike Doyle, U.S. Congressman - 14th District of PA will give us an update on what is happening on Capitol Hill & how it will impact small business

### Would Your Company Like To Host a Mixer?

If your company is interested in hosting a

Chamber Mixer for Members, call us @:  
412-392-0610.

### Spain & the Costa Del Sol November 10th - 18th



There is still time to register for this nine day-seven night trip that includes tours & relaxation along the Mediterranean Coast-line. For details, call our Travel Line @ 412-392-0322: *only a few seats remaining.*

### Members Events

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

This exhibit focuses on living with race in this country. Learn more at [www.carnegiemnh.org](http://www.carnegiemnh.org). (Call us for discount coupons on admission).

**July 11th  
Pittsburgh Cultural  
Trust Presents  
Cosmopolitan  
Pittsburgh 2014**

### The Gallery Crawl

#### After Dark

**7:00 PM - Midnight  
August Wilson Center  
980 Liberty Ave**

To order your tickets online, go to: [www.trustarts.org/cosmo](http://www.trustarts.org/cosmo), or call 412-456-6666.

### July 28th

#### SMC Business

#### Councils

#### Summer Golf Outing

**The Club at  
Nevillewood  
1000 Nevillewood Dr.  
Nevillewood, PA**

Relax & enjoy a round of golf on the magnificent golf course with your employees, friends, & customers. Register @: [smc.org/event/2014smcgolf](http://smc.org/event/2014smcgolf).

### July 31st

#### UPMC

#### Annual Partnership Appreciation Event

**6 PM - 8 PM**

**Herberman  
Conference Center  
5150 Centre Avenue  
UPMC Shadyside**

To indicate you are planning to attend this event, go to: [Engagement@UPMC.edu](mailto:Engagement@UPMC.edu).

### August 22nd

#### Bartko Foundation Golf Classic

**Quick Silver Golf Club  
Join Associate Member  
Carl Perkins for this  
annual event. For more**



info, call 412-371-1142.

**September 5th  
Save The Date  
Riverlife's Annual  
Party on the Pier**

Supporting Member Lisa Schroeder looks forward to you joining her team for an evening on the waterfront. Learn more at: [riverlifepgh.org](http://riverlifepgh.org).

**September 24th & 25th  
Shale Insight 2014**

Associate Member Joy Ruff & the Marcellus Shale Coalition are well into planning this event. For info to sponsor, register, or to exhibit, go to: [shaleinsight/registration](http://shaleinsight/registration).

**Attention  
Associate Members**

Have an upcoming event you would like the Chamber to place in the newsletter? email it: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)

**Outdoors Enthusiasts**

Learn about the best places to enjoy PA from the Poconos to picturesque upstate PA. Go to: [VisitPA.com](http://VisitPA.com).

**Mayor's Civic  
Leadership Academy**

The application period is now open for this 10 week course to give Pittsburgh residents & business owners the opportunity to interact with city government. For more information go to: [pittsburghpa.gov/cia](http://pittsburghpa.gov/cia)  
*Applications must be submitted by July 11th.*

**Training Opportunities  
For Natural Gas  
Entry Level Positions**

ShaleNET Certification courses are available for Completion Technician,

Roustabout, Floorhand, and Welder/Welder Helper. Some courses may be completed in as few as 3 weeks. For registration information go to: [shalenet.org/entryleveljobs](http://shalenet.org/entryleveljobs)

**Employment**

**Law Enforcement**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a City of Pittsburgh Police Officer & would like to be enrolled for the next recruitment period, submit an online Job Interest Card @: [pittsburghpa.gov/personnel/police](http://pittsburghpa.gov/personnel/police). The City of Pittsburgh is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Volunteer**

Three Rivers Youth needs volunteers to mentor, coach or to chaperone youth in the program. Call 412-441-5020 for details.

**FY\$**

**Loans, Loan  
Guarantees, Tax Credits  
& Grants**

The PA Department of Community & Economic Development offers an array of funding programs to help businesses & communities in PA. Learn more at: [newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding](http://newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding).

**Did You Know**

The average annual wages for lawyers in the Pittsburgh region increased by more than 7.5% from 2012-2013.

**Summer Food Program**

Allegheny County Department of Human Services offers free breakfast, lunch and recreation programs for kids through 18 & eligible adults with disabilities.

For locations & times call 800-251-3838.

**Congratulations**

**Member** Grace Robinson/State Farm on more than 32 years as a State Farm Agent; **Board Member** Phyllis Comer/Comer Educational Services & **Member** Thelma Spells/Spells International were honored at Grace's Tomorrow's Future Dinner. **Presidential Roundtable Member** Keith Key/KBK Enterprises & **Board Member** Phyllis Comer/were honored with the Pirates Community Champions Award; **Member** Chaz Kellem of the Pittsburgh Pirates received the Community Engagement Award at the Nellie Leadership Awards Gala; **Associate Member** Robert Agbede named Anthony Bridge the new COO for the Chester Group; **Associate Member** Bill Bodine retiring from the Frick Art & Historical Center - (Mr.) Robin Nicholson has been named new Director; **Supporting Member** Craig Davis/VisitPittsburgh on a successful "Tweet, Like & Be Social:#SoMePgh" event; & **Presidential Roundtable member** Mark Nordenberg, who will step down as University of Pittsburgh Chancellor, will join the Institute of Politics as Chairman effective January 1st.

**In the News**

**New**

**Pittsburgh Courier**

**Member** Marcia Sturdivant/NEED at the

Community Empowerment Association Gala; **Associate Member** Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth @ the Nellie Leadership Awards Gala **Member** Connie Parker/NAACP at the UPMC Health & Job Fair; & **Member** Toni Silva/UPMC at the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Hat Luncheon; & **Member** Guhan Venkatu/Federal Reserve Bank Pittsburgh Branch as the speaker at the Chamber's Power-Breakfast Meeting.

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Annual Business Report**

**Member** Cheryl Hall-Russell/Hill House Association; **Presidential Roundtable Member** William Demchak/PNC Financial Services Group featured in Profiles In Leadership.

**Pittsburgh  
Business Times  
Whirl Magazine**

**Corporate Sponsor** Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell Corporation at the Red Carpet Premier of "Roger Humphries: Pass It On"; & **Supporting Member** Mike Schiller/Green Building Alliance at the "Inspire the Speakers Series".

**New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Curtis Randle EI**

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

