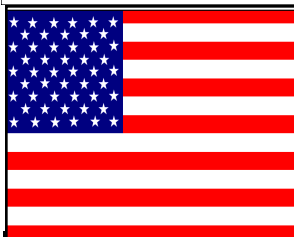


#### Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ 10th Business Institute Workshop
- ◆ September 19th PowerBreakfast Meeting
- ◆ October 16th Members Mixer
- ◆ October 17th PowerBreakfast Meeting
- ◆ Welcome New Members
- ◆ Members Events



#### 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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**DORIS CARSON WILLIAMS, CCE PRESIDENT AND CEO**

#### **August 2014**

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

Group. An announcement will be sent.

#### **Save the Date Seasonal Celebration**

**Sponsored by  
Peoples Natural Gas  
December 2nd  
Carnegie  
Science Center  
Omnimax Theater  
5 PM - 8 PM**

Bring a guest for a reception & view the production, 'Mysteries of the Unseen World'. Be there!

#### **Annual Business Luncheon December 11th Omni William Penn**

We are pleased to announce David Porges, Chairman, President & CEO of EQT will be our guest speaker.

#### **Members Events**

**August 22nd  
Bartko Foundation  
Golf Classic  
Quick Silver Golf Club**  
Join Associate Member Carl Perkins for this annual event. Call 412-371-1142.

**August 28th  
Macedonia FACE  
Friend of Children  
Benefit Banquet  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Pittsburgh University  
Place  
3454 Forbes Ave.  
Oakland**  
Join Member Trisha Galson for this 4th annual

Thanks to Frank Polito/Comcast for sponsoring our Special Breakfast Meeting with Congressman Mike Doyle, & a special thanks to the Congressman for his insight on what is happening on Capitol Hill.

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

If your company is interested in hosting a Members' Mixer for the Chamber, call 412-392-0610.

#### **PowerBreakfast Meeting September 19th 7:30 AM Rivers Club**

Join us as we welcome UPMC Executive Vice President & CFO Robert DeMichiei who will update us on UPMC's Supplier Diversity program.

#### **Member's Mixer September 30th 5 PM - 7 PM**

#### **Energy & Environmental Outreach Center EEOC**

**East Liberty Boulevard  
@ Larimer Avenue**  
Join Member Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh Community Services to see the changes in East Liberty & why the area is being called one of the

nation's premier green communities.

#### **Member's Mixer**

**October 16th  
5 PM - 7 PM**

**Carnegie Museum of  
Natural History  
4400 Forbes Avenue  
Race:**

#### **Are We So Different?**

Join us as we view the exhibit. You must RSVP. Call us for additional discount coupons.

#### **PowerBreakfast Meeting October 17th - 7:30 AM**

#### **Rivers Club Oxford Center**

Join us as we welcome CCAC's newly elected President, Dr. Quintin Bullock.

#### **Business Institute Certificate Program**

Beginning in September, your Chamber will offer a special quarterly certificate program to assist you in expanding opportunities for your firm. You must commit to the four workshops to receive a certificate, but can attend each individually. The workshops will focus on engagement, legal, communications, & marketing. This special program is being sponsored by The PNC Financial Services

event. For more info, call 412-281-2573.

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

Join Supporting Member Lisa Schroeder for an evening on the waterfront. For tickets, go to [riverlifepgh.org](http://riverlifepgh.org).

**September 16th  
SMC Business Councils  
Leveraging the Power  
of Effective Sales Mgmt**

**Peak Performance  
Management  
790 Holiday Drive  
Foster Plaza - Bldg. 11  
Greentree**

Discover strategies to increase revenue & drive significant increases in profitability- for Senior Managers & Presidents. Call 412-371-1500 for details. AND-

**September 18th  
SMC's Annual  
Legislative Reception**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

**The Rivers Club**

\$40 per person

Contact Associate Member Eileen Anderson @: 412-371-1500 x 1606, or [eileenanderson@smc.org](mailto:eileenanderson@smc.org).

**September 23rd  
Pittsburgh Community**

**Services  
Meeting & Awards  
Celebration**

**6 PM - 8 PM**

**Rivers Casino**

Join Associate Member Cecelia Jenkins for this special event. For more info, call 412-904-2575.

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

**Presented by  
Marcellus Shale  
Coalition**

Learn more at:  
[shaleinsight/registration](http://shaleinsight/registration)

**September 25th  
Green Building Alliance  
Emerald Evening  
Legacy & Luminary**

**Awards**

**Carnegie Music Hall**

**Supporting Member**  
Mike Schiller looks forward to having you *join* him. For more info, go to: [go-gba.org](http://go-gba.org).

**Dominion VITA Awards**

**Nominate** an outstanding volunteer for the 2014 Dominion Volunteer in the Arts. Go to: [wqed.org/vita](http://wqed.org/vita).

\* Thank you to all members who participated in the Corporate Equity & Inclusion Roundtable. Now on to meaningful results for you!\*

**Attention Members**

If you have upcoming events, email them to: [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).

**Employment**

Imagine.com is a comprehensive resource for job openings in Southwestern PA. Visit: [imaginepittsburgh.com](http://imaginepittsburgh.com).

**Volunteers Needed**

**Supporting Member**  
Jerry Cozewith of Entrepreneurship Youth needs volunteer business coaches for middle & high school students. For more info, call 412-325-0139.

**FY\$!**

**Pittsburgh Urban**  
Initiatives has a New Market Loan Fund to create a low cost debt program for small business. Learn more @: [ura.org/business\\_owners/pui.php](http://ura.org/business_owners/pui.php).

**Did You Know**

Since its first convention here in 2006, Anthrocon, the furry creatures seen around downtown in July, has contributed nearly \$40 million dollars to the

city & raised more than \$140K for local charities; Also, two movies are being made in the city with actors Will Smith & Vin Diesel.

**Congratulations**

**Members Caster**

Binion/Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh, Paul Harper/University of Pittsburgh, Lance Hyde/EQT, & Homer Walton/Tucker Arensberg were among the New Pittsburgh Courier's 50 Men of Excellence: congrats to **Member** Rod Doss on the Courier picking up 4 awards at the National Newspaper Publishers Association Merit Awards; **Chairman's** Circle Member Charles Sanders/Urban Lending Solutions, LLC moved up from #31 to #16 on the Black Enterprise Magazine's Top 100 Black Businesses; **Members** Chauncey Smith & Howard Russell @ the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund of Western PA Awards Luncheon; **Corporate** Sponsor Frank Coonelly & **Member** Chaz Kellem/Pittsburgh Pirates on a successful Pittsburgh Pirates' Heritage Weekend; **Presidential** Roundtable Member Allegheny Health Network celebrating their 1st anniversary; **Associate** Member Van Kaplan/Pittsburgh CLO at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards on Broadway; **Presidential** Roundtable Member Craig Clark/Rivers Casino on their fifth anniversary; & Mary Finger, Seton Hill University's new President; **Associate** Member Dennis

Yablonsky on the successful Leader to Leaders trip to Denver, CO. Over 90 leaders attended the sessions on transportation, workforce development & healthcare.

**In the News**

**The New**

**Pittsburgh Courier**

**Member** Phyllis Comer/Comer Educational Consulting & **Presidential** Roundtable Member Keith Key/KBK Enterprises honored with Community Champions Awards; **Member** Cheryl Hall-Russell/Hill House on the new Hill House Passport Academy Charter School;

**Pittsburgh**

**Post-Gazette**

**Corporate** Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell Corporation @ Rodef Shalom's Pursuer of Peace Awards; **Corporate** Supporter Joyce Bender/Bender Consulting Services @ Project Serve Private Donors Reception; & **Associate** Member Bill Bodine @ the opening of Degas at Frick;

**New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Melinda Emerson**

Quintessence Group

**John Small**

Andes Capital

**Supporting Member**

**Michael Worgul**

Worgul Law Firm

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

