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Happy Holidays! The Atlanta Chapter celebrated the holidays with a luncheon mixer and awards ceremony on December 11th at Georgia Power's Arkwright Auditorium.

The meeting began with a motivational speech by AABE Board of Directors 1st Vice Chairman, Robert Holmes (pictured - Birmingham Chapter), SVP of Alabama Power. Mr. Holmes spoke about leadership and urged all members to help grow the organization across the country. He thanked those in attendance for leading the way in developing ourselves as the top outstanding Chapter for the past few years.

Atlanta Chapter President Cordell Carter (AGL) provided a presentation on the Chapter accomplishments of 2008. These highlights included having the largest membership in the organization; awarding over \$32K in scholarships; establishing two student chapters at FVSU and Georgia Tech; forming partnerships with the AMBCC & ABEST; and performing outreach activities at the Auburn Festival & Concerned Black Clergy. Cordell is seeking industry mentors for all student chapter members. To volunteer, please contact him at ccarter@aglresources.com.

The Program Committee Co-Chairs Fanchester Henry (GPC-CCC) and Lillie Battle (GPC) presented special awards to members Jo Holliman (GPC-CCC) and Garry Harris (HTS) for their exemplary community

service activities throughout the year. Jenelsia Belt (GPC) also won an award for the member who attended the most Chapter programs in 2008. Chapter VP Eric Arnold (GPC) solicited for volunteers for the AABE National Conference. Treasurer Cherryl Harris (GPC) provided fun networking activities and raffled off prizes. Toys received at the event were delivered to the Families First and Child Spring International charities.

The Black History Maker presentation was conducted by Wayne Young (Honeywell). He profiled the late James Paschal. Paschal's Restaurant was the site of the Atlanta Chapter's first inaugural meeting in 1982. We would like to thank Program Chair Feyi Adeniran (GPC) for organizing this fantastic event. ☀

A Celebration of Service in December

Upcoming Event - MLK Day of Service

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr at our annual MLK Day of Service Program. We will again partner with Southern Company's Energy Exchange organization on Wednesday, January 21 at the GPC Arkwright Auditorium,

241 Ralph McGill Blvd in downtown Atlanta from 11AM to 2PM.

Please RSVP the Chapter Secretary, Valerie Harris (GPC) at vdharris@southernco.com to attend. This meeting will be videotaped and heavily at-

tended by members of both organizations. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Overflow seating will be in the GPC Banquet Room. Please plan to arrive early to enjoy the program. ☀



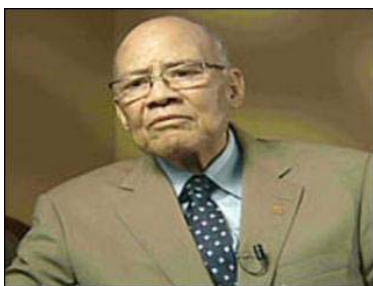
Valerie Harris (right) graduates from Shorter College



Paula Jackson
AABE Communications Director



James & Robert Paschal
at Paschal's Diner circa 1958



Black History Maker
James V. Paschal
The AABE Atlanta Chapter held its first meeting at Paschal's Restaurant in 1982.

All About the AABE Atlanta Chapter



The Atlanta Chapter welcomes its newest member, Delitha Morrow-Coles, to the organization. Delitha works in the Sales & Customer Communications Department for GE Energy and has volunteered to serve as the AABE National Communications External Subcommittee Chair. ☼

Atlanta Chapter Secretary Valerie Harris received her Associates Degree from Shorter College on December 13th. She has been accepted at Mercer University in their combined BBA/MBA

program. ☼

On December 23rd, Shelby Hall, CCC Chapter Coordinator delivered 2 containers of coats from the GPC-CCC winter coat drive to the Hosea Williams Care Center. ☼

Mary Cantrell (GE Energy) has volunteered to serve as the new Membership Committee Chairperson. She is seeking committee members to help grow the Chapter. To serve on this committee, please email her at mary.cantrell@ge.com. ☼

It's that time again to renew your membership for 2009. Dues are \$150. Contact the

Secretary for an application or apply online at www.aabe.org in the "Membership" section. ☼

The Chapter is offering scholarships for high school seniors pursuing degrees in energy related fields. Continuing education scholarships are also available. The deadline to apply for the AABE Atlanta Chapter James K. Davis Scholarship is **February 6, 2009**. Applications can be found online or by contacting our Scholarship Chair, Valerie D. Searcy at vdsearcy@southernco.com. The scholarship is named after our late Founder, Jim Davis, SVP of Georgia Power. ☼

AABE National Office Hires New Director

The Atlanta Chapter is proud to announce that one of its' newest members, Paula Jackson, has been hired as AABE National Communications Director in December 2008.

Paula will be responsible for developing communications material for the organization such as brochures, videos and

career fairs. Paula is also chair of the AABE National Communications Public Relations Subcommittee.

Paula is a former executive from United Illuminating Company in Connecticut and past regional director at the YMCA. She was an AABE Connecticut Chapter President

and member of the AABE National Board of Directors.

Paula commutes regularly between here and DC. She recently moved her family to Atlanta in 2008 and joined our Chapter in December. Please congratulate Paula in her new position and wish her success with these initiatives. ☼

Paschal's Founder Passes Away in December

James Vaughn Paschal, Co-Founder of Paschal's Restaurant, where Black leaders of the Civil Rights Movement met to discuss strategy, died at the age of 88 on December 2nd, 2008.

James and his brother Robert, who died in 1997, opened a diner in the 50s on Hunter Street (now MLK Jr. Drive) in

the west side of Atlanta. In 1959, the diner moved across the street and became the first of four Paschal's Restaurants.

The restaurant became the hub of the movement. Rev. King organized the March on Selma to Montgomery and the Poor People's Campaign at Paschal's. In 1972, Andrew Young

announced his decision to run for Congress at Paschal's and subsequently became Georgia's first Black congressman.

The late Coretta Scott King said, "Paschal's is as important a historical site for the American Civil Rights Movement as Boston's Faneuil Hall is to the American Revolution." ☼

Ralph Cleveland Promoted to EVP at AGL



On December 10th, AGL Resources Board of Directors elected Ralph Cleveland, Executive

Vice President of Engineering and Operations for the company. Ralph previously served as Chief Engineer & Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations. This promotion reflects his new responsibility for Pivotal Energy Development as well as his valuable leadership and contributions to

the business.

Ralph brings more than 20 years of technical, managerial and executive experience in energy and the natural gas industry to his new position. At AGL Resources, he serves on several corporate and investment oversight committees including the Policy Committee. In the community, he serves on numerous boards such as Vice-Chair of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), board member of the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE),

board member of the American Institute for Managing Diversity, local board member of Teach for America (Atlanta), local board member for the American Red Cross (Atlanta) and President/Founder of the Capital Formation and Enterprise Development Foundation.

Please join us in congratulating one of our own in his new leadership role with AGL. ☼

Pictures on page from AABE Holiday celebration event. ☼



In the Pipeline: Georgia Energy News

Clark Atlanta University, Spelman and Morris Brown Colleges are teaming up with Al Gore's Alliance for Climate Protection, the Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative to "go green." ☼

Clayton County Public School District is seeking judges for its Regional Science and Engineering Fair to be held on Saturday, February 21 at Jackson Elementary School in

Jonesboro. To apply, please contact Katrina Miller at (678) 817-3107. ☼

On December 7th, former Georgia PSC Commissioner J. Mac Barber passed away in Commerce, GA. Mac served as Commissioner from 1973 to 1985 and 1991 to 1998. He was a member of the GA House of Representatives from 1949 to 1970. He was also the Mayor of Commerce

in Jackson County from 1988 to 1989. ☼

Run-off election results from December 2nd included the selection of Republican Bubba McDonald as Georgia PSC Commissioner - District 4. Bubba defeated Democrat Jim Powell 56.5% to 43.5%. The seat was vacated by Commissioner Angela Spier, who chose not to seek re-election. ☼

2009 EIA Short Term Energy Outlook

The U.S. Energy Information Association (EIA) released its short term energy outlook in December. The current global economic crisis is projected to last longer than predicted resulting in reduced global energy demand and lower prices for crude oil and other energy resources.

Annual U.S. retail gasoline and

diesel fuel prices for 2009 are projected to be \$2.03 and \$2.47 per gallon, respectively.

U.S. residential heating oil prices this winter (October through March) are expected to average \$2.53/gallon. Home propane gas prices will average \$2.10/Therm. Residential natural gas prices are projected to average \$12.56/MMBTU.

Residential electricity prices in the U.S. are expected to rise by 5% in 2009.

A decline in electricity consumption in 2009, combined with increases from other generation sources (nuclear, natural gas, petroleum and wind), will contribute to a 0.2% decline in coal electric power production. ☼

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Please follow AABE Trademark and Grammar Guidelines.

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Paula Jackson (AABE)

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“The American Association of Blacks in Energy™ is dedicated to ensuring the input of minorities into the developments of energy policy, R&D technologies, and environmental issues.”

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The AABE Atlanta Chapter is comprised of an average 200 members from 33 local companies and institutions. General membership meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. For more information, please email the AABE Atlanta Chapter Secretary, Valerie Harris (GPC) at vdharris@southernco.com.

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TOUCH Philanthropic/Charitable Giving - Pauline Harriott (SCS) & Capucine Pansy (AGL Resources)

AABE Atlanta Chapter Calendar of Events for 2009

January 21 - MLK Day of Service Program (GPC)	April 9 -Meeting (GPC)	June - Board Meeting (TBD)	October - Town Hall (TBD)
January - Membership Drives (GPC, CCC, GT & FVSU)	April -Meeting (GPC-CCC)	June 11 - Meeting (GPC)	October - BEAM (TBD)
February 12 - Black History Month Program (AGL)	April 14-17 - AABE National Conference (Orlando, FL)	July 9 - Meeting (GPC)	November 12 - TOUCH Meeting (GPC)
February 21 - Science Fair (Jackson Elementary School)	May - Public Events (TBD)	July - Meeting (GPC-CCC)	November - Meeting (GPC-CCC, GT & FVSU)
March - Town Hall (TBD)	May - Student Chapter Meetings (GT & FVSU)	August 13 - Meeting (GE)	December - Board Meeting (Seattle, WA)
March 12 - Meeting (AGL)	May 14 - Scholarship Program (GPC)	August - Auburn Festival	December 10 - Meeting (GPC)
	May - Golf Outing (TBD)	Sept 10 - Meeting (AGL)	
		September - Board Meeting (DC)	<i>All dates subject to change.</i>
		October 8 - Meeting (GPC)	