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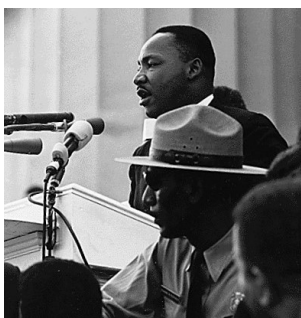


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## Special points of interest:

- AABE Scholarships deadline extended
- Register for the AABE National Conference
- Eric Greenwood elected to DeKalb Chamber of Commerce
- Volunteer for Atlanta Chapter Committees
- Mentors needed for FVSU and Georgia Tech Student Chapters
- Atlanta Chapter 27th Anniversary



The AABE Atlanta Chapter and Georgia Power Company's (GPC) Energy Exchange organization celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on January 21st in GPC's Arkwright Auditorium. The program featured opening remarks by Energy Exchange President Timothy Bolden and AABE Atlanta VP Eric Arnold. Sonya Lewis sang the National Anthem to the captive audience.

AABE Board member Richard

Holmes, SVP of GPC, was the lead speaker. Richard talked about what the MLK Day of Service meant to him. He mentioned that President Ronald Reagan made the 3rd Monday of January a national holiday. He also talked about how Senators Harry Crawford of Pennsylvania and John Lewis of Georgia crafted legislation to make the holiday a national day of service. Richard also discussed how the GPC motto "A Citizen Wherever We Serve" parallels Dr. King's philosophy about being a leader means that you have to be able to serve others first.

AABE member Lamont Houston, GPC's SVP of Customer Service & Sales, discussed how the inauguration of the US 44th President Barack Obama is the fulfillment of Dr. King's dream

and if race still matters in this day and age. Lamont mentioned the principles of how this country was founded based on equality, prosperity and the pursuit of happiness. He also mentioned how segregation based on race is an economic construct that can be undone.

Mike Garrett, President and CEO of GPC thanked the 800 GPC employees that were involved in the Day of Service programs across the state. He stated that "freedom rang yesterday" as Obama became President and that he is a man "we can all rally around."

At the end of the program, Mr. Garrett awarded the Southern Style Excellence Award to Bill Maddox of GPC's Metro TMC-Oakley. ☀

## Upcoming Event - AABE/GE AAF Joint Meeting

Happy Black History Month! The AABE Atlanta Chapter and the GE Energy African-American Forum (AAF) invite you to our 4th annual joint body meeting on Thursday, February 12th.

Two special presentations will be given at this event. Dan Heitzelman, SVP of GE Energy's Energy Services, will

discuss "Leading a Successful Energy Business During Tough Times." AABE National Secretary Dot Harris, Synergy Leader at GE Energy, will give an overview on "Challenges and Opportunities for AABE with the New Administration."

The meeting will be held from 11:30AM to 1:30PM at GE Energy's auditorium, 4200

Wildwood Parkway in Atlanta. Live videoconferencing is available at <http://emeetings.webex.com>, meeting # **822 212 002**, password: **energy**. The call-in number is 1-800-501-0843, passcode: **5011847**. To RSVP, please email Mary Cantrell at [mary.cantrell@ge.com](mailto:mary.cantrell@ge.com) or call her at (678) 844-6724. ☀



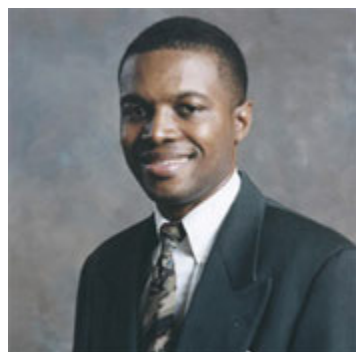
Antonio Terry  
AABE Gulf Coast  
Chapter President

### HAPPY 27th ANNIVERSARY!

The Atlanta Chapter was founded on February 19, 1982.



AABE Fort Valley State  
University Student Chapter  
FVSU is a Historic Black College and  
University (HBCU)  
Anthony Gardner is FVSU Chapter  
President and Dr. Isaac Crumbly is  
the Student Chapter Advisor



Dr. Comas Haynes Ph.D  
AABE Georgia Tech  
Student Chapter Advisor

## All About the AABE Atlanta Chapter

Atlanta Chapter Customer Care Center (CCC) member Janet Davis received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology and Human Services from Clayton State University on December 11th. Congratulations Janet! ☀

On February 1st, Antonio M. Terry, former Atlanta Chapter member and BEAM Chair, was elected President of the AABE Gulf Coast Chapter. Antonio is a Senior Engineer at Gulf Power Company. He will lead the Chapter for the 2009-2010 term of office. Congratulations Terry in your new leadership position. ☀

It's that time again to renew

your membership for 2009. Dues are **\$150**. AABE membership is for **12** months effective from the date of the application. So far, **56** local members have renewed their memberships for 2009. Contact the Atlanta Chapter Membership Chair Mary Cantrell at [mary.cantrell@ge.com](mailto:mary.cantrell@ge.com) for an application or apply online at [www.aabe.org](http://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

has been extended to **February 13, 2009**. Applications can be found online or by contacting our Scholarship Chair, Valerie D. Searcy at [vdsearcy@southernco.com](mailto:vdsearcy@southernco.com). The scholarship is named after our late Founder, Jim Davis, SVP of Georgia Power. ☀

Volunteers are still needed for our mentoring programs at Washington High School and other schools. Please contact the Membership Committee Co-Chairs Nevada Weatherspoon at [nkweathe@southernco.com](mailto:nkweathe@southernco.com) and John Moore III at [jrmoore@southernco.com](mailto:jrmoore@southernco.com) for more information. ☀

## FVSU Student Chapter Meeting Highlights

The AABE Fort Valley State University (FVSU) Student Chapter held its first meeting of the new year on January 28th on the HBCU's campus in Ft. Valley, GA. The guest speaker was Wayne Young, Atlanta Chapter Communications Chair.

His presentation included the video *"This is AABE, Now is*

*the Time.*" He also discussed the AABE overall mission and how it relates to the students in attendance. He urged the chapter to get involved in energy issues facing the nation and to pursue opportunities in the energy industry. He answered questions pertaining to education, job interview techniques and internships. Wayne asked the Chapter

to send him copies of their resumes for review and distributed information on Co-Op & internship opportunities across the nation.

The FVSU Chapter has **25** undergrad members. Mentors are needed. Please contact President Cordell Carter at [ccarter@aglresources.com](mailto:ccarter@aglresources.com) for more information. ☀

## GA Tech Student Chapter Meeting Highlights

The AABE Georgia Institute of Technology (GA Tech) Student Chapter held an interest meeting at the campus on February 2nd. Approximately **15** potential members attended the event. The GA Tech Chapter is comprised of graduate students studying various fields of energy such as renewables

and advanced engineering. Grad student Dimitri Hughes is Chapter President. Dr. Comas Haynes is their Advisor.

Atlanta Chapter President Cordell Carter and Communications Chair Wayne Young gave presentations on the history of AABE and how the organization is supporting the Obama

Administration. The program featured a call to action for the students to become entrepreneurs in the energy industry. The focus was on developing alternatives to meet the future demands of the nation. As with FVSU, the GA Tech Chapter is also seeking mentors to assist them in career development. ☀

## *Eric Greenwood Elected to DeKalb Chamber*

AABE Atlanta Chapter member Eric Greenwood was one of eight business leaders elected to the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in January. Eric is Atlanta Region Manager for Atlanta Gas Light Company, the largest gas wholesaler in the US and subsidiary of AGL Resources.

The new Directors started their three-year term on January 2nd. The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce Board provides strategic direction and sets policy for the nearly 70 year-old business organization. The Chamber will

formally introduce its new board members at their annual meeting on March 23rd at the Crowne Plaza Ravina Hotel. ☼

The DeKalb Chamber of Commerce held a panel discussion on "Energy Alternatives, Conservation and Sustainability" at the Holiday Inn Select - Decatur Conference Center on February 2nd. The luncheon featured an enlightening and informative program featuring perspectives on future Georgia energy needs, the Obama Economic Stimulus Package and job growth in our state.

The panel included AABE Atlanta Chapter member Garry Harris, President & CEO of HTS Enterprise LLC; John Somerhalder II, Chairman, President & CEO of AGL Resources; Mike Garrett, President & CEO of Georgia Power Company; Gregory Mason, Assistant Executive Director, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA); and Eliza Jane Whitman, Sustainability Director, Parsons Engineering. Bonita Dodd, VP of the GA Public Policy Foundation, moderated the program. ☼



Eric Greenwood

Atlanta Gas Light Company

## *In the Pipeline: Georgia Energy News*

Senator Don Balfour (R-Snellville) introduced a bill to the GA Legislature in January that would let Georgia Power (GPC) charge customers early for the interest costs of building two nuclear reactors near Augusta. GPC and other power companies expect to begin construction in 2011. The GPC share of costs is \$6.4B. The total cost of the project is \$14B. The GA PSC is scheduled to decide on this

decision in March. ☼

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. ☼

The Atlanta Business League (ABL) installed its new 2009 Board of Directors, Officers

and General Counsel on January 22nd at the GPC auditorium. The new ABL Chair is C. David Moody, President & CEO of Moody Construction; General Counsel is Kenneth Thompson of Carlton Fields; Secretary is Daryll Griffin, President of Accolades, Inc.; and Treasurer is AABE Atlanta Chapter member John Kelley, Manager of External Affairs for Georgia Power. ☼

## *Biofuel Pipeline to Serve Southeast US*

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners successfully tested a project to transport 20,000 barrels of biodiesel through the Plantation Pipeline system according to a January 21st report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Previously, biofuels shipments could only be transported by truck or train because of con-

tamination and corrosion issues associated with ethanol and biodiesel through pipelines. The pipeline runs through northern Georgia from Louisiana to Virginia. Kinder Morgan plans to use a segment of the pipeline from Collins, MS to Spartanburg, SC for transporting a blend of biodiesel fuel. The fuel will

then be delivered by truck to Charlotte & Greensboro, NC and finally Roanoke, VA.

Kinder Morgan identified a proprietary additive that prevents ethanol from damaging steel used as pipe. Commercial operation begins within 30 to 60 days on a limited basis. Full operation will be available in the 4th quarter of 2009. ☼

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**AABE**  
**32nd Annual Conference**  
April 14-17, 2009  
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1-866-996-9939 ask for the AABE block  
"Sustainable Energy For a New Economy"

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**Register Now for the AABE 32nd Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida from April 14 to 17 at the Rosen Single Creek Resort online at [www.aabe.org](http://www.aabe.org).**

**Registration fee is \$700 per person (Hotel not included)**





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**Deadline for articles:** Friday, February 27th

We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

Please follow AABE Trademark and Grammar Guidelines.

### **AABE Atlanta Chapter Communications, Public Relations and Technology Committee members:**

Wayne Young (Honeywell) - Chair & Webmaster  
Charlotte King (Snowden & King Communications)  
Delitha Morrow-Coles (GE Energy)  
Paula Jackson (AABE)

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### **AABE ® Mission Statement**

***“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](mailto:vdharris@southernco.com).

### **AABE ® Atlanta Chapter Executive Committee (2009 - 2010)**

President - Cordell O. Carter (AGL Resources)

Vice President - Eric L. Arnold (GPC)

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Assistant Secretary - Jennifer J. Henson (GPC-CCC)

Treasurer - Cheryl M. Harris (GPC)

Assistant Treasurer - Olivia Parks-Woods (SCS)

Parliamentarian - Tiffany Callaway-Ferrell (AGL Resources)

Satellite Chapter Coordinator - Shelby J. Hall (GPC-CCC)

Chapter 501©(3) Agent - Deborah Range, Esq.

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AABE Board of Directors National Secretary - Dot Harris (GE Energy)

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Scholarship - Valerie Searcy (GPC) & Earnestine Young (GPC-CCC)

TOUCH Energy Education - Eric Arnold (GPC) & Cordell Carter (AGL Resources)

TOUCH Mentoring - Nevada Weatherspoon (GPC) & John Moore (GPC)

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

## ***AABE Atlanta Chapter Calendar of Events for 2009 (Updated)***

January 21 - MLK Day of Service Program (GPC)

January 28 - FVSU Meeting

February 2 - GA Tech Meeting

February 12 - AABE/GE AAF Joint Body Meeting (GE)

February 21 - Science Fair (Jackson Elementary School)

March 12 - Women in the Energy Industry Program (AGL)

April 9 - Meeting (GPC)

April - Meeting (GPC-CCC)

April 14-17 - AABE National Conference (Orlando, FL)

May - Public Events (TBD)

May - Student Chapter Meetings (GT & FVSU)

May 14 - Scholarship Program (GPC)

May - Golf Outing (TBD)

June - AABE National Board Meeting (Denver, CO)

June 11 - Meeting (GPC)

July 9 - Meeting (GPC)

July - Meeting (GPC-CCC)

August 13 - Meeting (GE)

August - Auburn Festival

Sept 10 - Meeting (AGL)

September - Board Meeting (DC)

October - Town Hall (TBD)

October - BEAM (TBD)

November 12 - TOUCH Meeting (GPC)

November - Meeting (GPC-CCC, GT & FVSU)

December - AABE National Board Meeting (Seattle, WA)

December 10 - Meeting (GPC)

*All dates subject to change.*