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AABE ATLANTA CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS:

A Letter from the President



“Reducing the Cost of Gasoline Begins With You and Me”

You’ve no doubt heard the recent cries from local and national politicians, and even our presidential candidates, which we need to do “something” about the rising cost of gasoline. You’ve also no doubt felt the effects of rising gas costs in your wallet. While it is convenient to blame Big Oil and demand concessions on the supply end, the economics of energy require that we also examine our own behavior on the demand-side if we hope to have any lasting relief.

The price of gas is driven by many factors, but the most important is the cost of oil. NYMEX Crude Oil Futures closed at a record \$119.97 on May 5. If the market sustains this price for any length of time, we’re looking at \$4.20/gallon gas, of which oil is approximately 68% (\$2.86). Even if we could somehow magically eliminate the cost of refining, distribution, marketing and taxes at the pump, we’d still be far from the fantasy of cheap gas politicians are

selling us. Moreover, the long-term ramifications of any artificial controls like price caps or windfall taxes on oil companies are potentially decreased supplies and even higher prices in the future.

Now, I’m not letting Big Oil off the hook, because there’s some wiggle room on their end to push prices downward. However, the biggest savings to your wallet are changes that you yourself can make. All the old axioms apply: carpooling, using transit, reducing trips, eliminating aggressive driving, and not carrying those golf clubs around with you everywhere can significantly impact your bottom line. If all of us would just drive the speed limit (I know, a foreign concept), we could save up to \$0.20 per gallon.

As AABE continues to engage national legislators, perhaps long-term, sustainable dollars-and-cents reductions in gas prices can be achieved. In the meantime, reduced consumption and reliance on fuel reduces your cost of gas per gallon. For savings, just look in the mirror.

For great tips on saving gas, please visit the website:
www.fueleconomy.gov.

Sincerely,

Cordell Carter
AABE Atlanta Chapter
President

AABE Monthly Program



The monthly chapter general meeting was held on April 2nd at AGL Resources headquarters and featured “AABE’s Public Policy Principles.” The meeting discussed AABE’s official recommendations on energy efficiency, climate change, renewable energy and technology.

The program included guest speakers such as **David Owens** (Edison Electric Institute-DC Chapter), AABE National Legislative Issues and Public Policy (LIPP) Chairperson; **Carolyn Green** (Sunoco-Philadelphia Chapter), AABE National Chair; **Frank Stewart**, AABE National President and Chief Operating Officer; and **Morry Davis** (Peabody Energy-South Eastern Missouri/Southern Illinois Chapter), AABE LIPP Committee Leader for Energy Efficiency (pictured above left to right).

David provided AABE members with great insight as to how the principles were formulated to drive the need for African Americans to have a seat at the public policy table. President

Stewart spoke on not only how renewables will play a significant role within the energy industry but also the amazing opportunities that are emerging for entrepreneurs in the renewables market space. Morry discussed the growing demand for energy and the impact that this growing demand and price has on fix and low income homes. Carolyn rounded out the discussion with a discussion on climate change, and how carbon capture & storage must play a part in the future of energy. Each presenter made clear that public policy must make quantum leaps to match with the leaps in technology and the changes within the energy industry. The Atlanta chapter is truly grateful to David, Frank, Morry, and Carolyn for taking time out of their busy schedules.

The meeting was coordinated by **Mickey Wade** (AGL) and **LaTunya Goodwin** (GPC), AABE Atlanta Chapter Legislative & Regulatory Affairs (L&RA) Committee Co-Chairs who are also members of the AABE National LIPP Committee.

Thanks go out to Mickey, LaTunya, **Wayne Jacas** (AGL), **Cavelle Benjamin** (GE Energy) and **Chapter President Cordell Carter** (AGL) for their participation during the meeting.

The monthly *Black History Maker* presentation was conducted by **Wayne Jacas** (AGL) and featured **Anthony James**, recently retired EVP of Southern Company, Shared Services and Founder of the AABE Savannah Chapter. Anthony's biography is provided at the end of this newsletter.

Join the AABE Atlanta Chapter Message Board

Please follow the steps below to access the AABE Atlanta Message Board to discuss issues about the *AABE Public Policy Principles*.

1. Go to the website:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABEATL>
2. Click on the "Join this Group!" button
3. Login with your yahoo user ID and follow the directions. If you do not have a yahoo user ID please create one and follow the directions.
4. Once signed in select the "Individual Email Option" under Message Delivery.
5. After successfully submitting your request to join, you will receive an email approving that request within 48 hours.
6. You may then login and post your questions and/or comments at anytime.

The message board is strictly used to post comments about the *AABE Public Policy Principles* and other Atlanta Chapter items of interest. The message board is maintained by the L&RA and Communications/PR/Technology Committees. The Chapter reserves the right to delete any SPAM or inappropriate remarks and remove access privileges to whoever posts these types of negative material online.

AABE CCC Quarterly Meeting

Our Satellite Chapter in Henry County's Georgia Power Company McDonough Customer Care Center (GPC-CCC) held their quarterly membership meeting on April 24th. We saw a video about AABE (created & presented at the 30th Conference in DC) that was navigated by Chapter Secretary **Valerie Harris** (GPC-CCC). Atlanta Chapter Past President (2002-2003) and current Scholarship Chair **Valerie Searcy** (GPC) gave a powerful overview of AABE that highlighted how the founders got together to form this chapter.

Ms. Searcy also continued with a profile of **James K. Davis**, the founder of the Atlanta Chapter, how many years she had been a member and how we just continue to grow. She further mentioned her presidency and the networking that goes on at the annual meeting. Valerie also passed out a detailed paper about AABE to each member in attendance.

Jo Holliman (GPC-CCC) spoke about "*What AABE Means to Me.*" Jo highlighted her experience as VP of the AABE Savannah Chapter during its formative years and also volunteering for the AABE National Conference Planning Committee this year. Jo expressed how AABE goes beyond just participating in chapter events and expands to serving the community, state, region, nation and the world.

Mickey Wade (AGL) spoke about the *Public Policy Principles* of AABE. She mentioned National President Stewart and Chairperson Green's presentations at the April 2nd meeting. The Principles are available for viewing at the [AABE Legislative Issues and Public Policy Committee \(LIPP\) webpage](#). She had a few booklets available for satellite members.

Atlanta Chapter President Cordell Carter gave the welcome address and applauded AABE Atlanta as being the largest chapter and displayed the AABE Chapter banner recognizing Atlanta as an outstanding chapter for 2008. He also spoke about the executives from Southern Company and AGL that served as speakers & panelists and the others that volunteered at the conference.

Presenters Needed

Each month the Chapter conducts a *Black History Maker* 5-minute presentation during our general meetings. We are seeking

individuals that will help present pioneers in the energy industry. To volunteer, please contact the Atlanta Chapter Assistant Treasurer, [Olivia Parks-Woods](#) (SCS).

GNG Wins BBB Torch Award



Georgia Natural Gas (GNG), the state's leading natural gas provider, was the recipient of the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Torch Award for Community Service on April 17th.

AABE member **Maurice Baker**, Manager of Community Relations, accepted the award on behalf of the company and its "TrueBlue Crew Employee Volunteers" at a luncheon held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza in downtown Atlanta.

Former Atlanta Mayor and Past US Ambassador to the United Nations **Andrew Young** gave the keynote address to the audience of business owners and leaders. GNG was awarded this honor in the community service category and employs fewer than 99 people. Young was the keynote speaker during the JES Gala at the AABE National Conference in Atlanta in the year 2000. In 2007, GNG volunteered over 1,000 hours at various nonprofit organizations in Georgia.

More than 60 companies were nominated for awards earlier in the year. Several hundred people were in attendance. (Pictured left to right): **Maurice Baker** (GNG), **Gwendolyn Robinson** (BBB) and **Andrew Young**.

AABE Atlanta Chapter 14th Annual James K. Davis Scholarship Banquet



Please join us on a special date and time, Thursday May 15th from 4pm to 6pm, to award

Metro-Atlanta minority high school seniors pursuing careers in the energy industry. The AABE Atlanta Chapter **James K. Davis** Scholarship Banquet will be held in the Arkwright Auditorium at Georgia Power Company's corporate headquarters, 241 Ralph McGill Blvd in downtown Atlanta. The guest speaker will be AABE Board member **Ralph Cleveland**, Chief Engineer and Vice President of Engineering & Construction for AGL Resources.

Since 1994, the Atlanta Chapter has awarded in total over **\$260,000** to approximately **150 students**. Funds for the annual scholarship awards were raised by corporate donations and participation in our annual scholarship golf tournament. The annual scholarships are named after the AABE Atlanta Chapter Founder, the late [James K. "Jim" Davis](#) (pictured), Senior Vice President of Employee & Corporate Relations for Georgia Power Company.

Sweet Auburn SpringFest 2008



The Atlanta Chapter's Energy Education Committee will participate in the [Sweet Auburn Springfest 2008](#) taking place from May 9-11 on Auburn Avenue in downtown Atlanta. The theme of the 3-day festival is "*Live Green, Save the Planet*" and is expected to have 350,000 to 500,000 attendees. The Sweet Auburn Springfest is one of the largest

and most anticipated annual outdoor events in the city. The event is free and open to the public which includes entertainment, street vendors and fun for the kids. A complete agenda of the event can be found on their [website](#).

Atlanta's Auburn Avenue is a National Black History landmark in which Ebenezer Baptist Church, The King Center, the Civil Rights Walk of Fame, the King Family Tomb and the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American Culture & History all reside.

The Chapter's Energy Education Committee is a sub-committee of our *Taking Our Unbroken Commitment Home (TOUCH)* initiative. The committee recently hosted events such as LightSwap 2008 and town hall meetings with the [Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta](#).

The committee will sponsor a booth to distribute LIHEAP applications, AABE brochures and energy conservation information. Students from Banneker High School are expected to support this event with AABE. Volunteers are needed to participate in teams of two for the following 2-5 hour shifts during the 3-day event:

- Friday May 9: 5 PM – 10 PM;
- Saturday May 10: 11 AM - 9 PM; and
- Sunday May 11: 2 PM - 8 PM.
- Set-up Times are Friday 9 AM - 3 PM, Saturday 8 AM - 10 AM, and Sunday 11 AM - 1 PM.

For more information, please contact [Valerie Harris](#) (GPC-CCC).

Free Minority Scholarships

Click BlackExcel.org to view over two hundred links for scholarships that are available to qualifying students.

Additional fellowships and scholarships can be found on the AfricanAmericans.com website.

Support UNCF

AABE Board member **Ralph Cleveland** (AGL Resources) is leading the charge to support the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) within AABE. The UNCF wishes to select qualified minority college graduates for recruitment in the ranks of AABE member companies. For more information about the partnership, please contact [Maurice E. Jenkins](mailto:Maurice.E.Jenkins@uncf.org), SVP for UNCF. Donations to UNCF can be made to their website, www.uncf.org.

AABE Atlanta 6th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing



The Atlanta Chapter is proud to host the 6th Annual **James K. Davis Scholarship Golf Outing** on Friday, May 16th at the Summer Grove Golf Club. This event welcomes all AABE and non-AABE members to a four-person team, best ball (scramble) a round of golf sponsoring our student scholarships. Volunteers are needed to help support this event. Executive sponsorships and raffle tickets are also available. All donations are tax deductible. The entry fee is now \$160/person (\$640/team of four). The club is located at 353 Summer Grove Parkway in Newnan, GA 30265.

This event is named after the late **Jim Davis** (GPC), Founder of the AABE Atlanta Chapter. For an application, please visit the [Golf Outing](http://GolfOuting.org) webpage or contact the Fundraising Committee Chairpersons, **Charmaine Caruth** (GPC) and **Jerrold Hill** (AGL). Pictured above – AABE Atlanta Chapter Past President (2006-2007) **Eric Duncan** (GPC).

Retirements

Former AABE Atlanta Chapter Officer **Linda Scales** (GPC) and former AABE Southeast Region Coordinator **Dorothy Herring** (GPC) have announced their retirements at Georgia Power Company. Dorothy plans to retire in May and Linda will retire in November. AABE Savannah Chapter Founder **Anthony James** (SoCo) retired from Southern Company this past April. Congratulations go out to all for their years of dedication and hard work with AABE.

AABE ATL Membership Drive

Please join us in welcoming **Charlotte King** into our Chapter and the AABE organization. Charlotte is Co-Founder of [Snowden & King Marketing Communications](http://Snowden&KingMarketing.com) and sits on the Board of Trustees at the [Georgia Conservancy](http://GeorgiaConservancy.org), our State's premier environmental advocacy organization. **Ralph Cleveland** (AGL) is also a Trustee on this Board.

The Atlanta Chapter also welcomes its two new satellite Student Chapters: [Georgia Institute of Technology](http://GeorgiaInstituteofTechnology.edu) (GA Tech) and [Fort Valley State University](http://FortValleyStateUniversity.edu) (FSVU). **Dimitri Hughes**, graduate student at GA Tech is the Chapter President. **Dr. Comas Haynes** is the GA Tech Chapter Coordinator. **Dr. Isaac Crumbly**, Chair of the FSVU Corporate Development

Engineering Program, is the Chapter Coordinator at the FSVU Student Chapter. These chapters were officially recognized during the AABE National Conference Board of Directors' Meeting on Wednesday, April 16th. Membership is also welcome at these chapters for students at the Atlanta University Center (AUC – Morehouse, Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University) and other local colleges. Board member **Ralph Cleveland** (AGL) was instrumental in forming these two satellite chapters.

Our chapter currently has 157 members from 30 different energy-related companies, organizations and institutions. The Atlanta Chapter of AABE has one general chapter and three satellite chapters (CCC, GA Tech and FSVU) in the region. Professionals in the energy industry that are located in the Northern Georgia areas of Atlanta, Macon, Augusta, Henry County and surrounding regions who wish to participate in AABE related events can apply new or renew their membership for 2008. Recruitment efforts are now underway for college students studying energy-related degrees at our new local student chapters. General membership dues are \$150. Student Chapter dues are \$25. All membership dues are tax-deductible and normally paid for by energy-related businesses.

To download membership applications please click the [website](http://www.aabeatlanta.org) or contact AABE Atlanta Chapter Membership Committee Chairperson, **Tarece Johnson-Hassell** (AGL) at thassell@agresources.com.

MS Walk Update

“On behalf of [Georgians with Multiple Sclerosis](http://GeorgianswithMultipleSclerosis.org) (MS), please accept my heartfelt thanks for your continued contributions to this very worthy cause.

This year donations were a little harder to come by, so your support was even more appreciated, and helped me reach my goal of \$3,500 during the MS Walk on April 12th.”

Sincerely,

Cherryl M. Harris (GPC)

ACS Relay For Life Update

Atlanta Chapter member **Fanchester Henry** (GPC-CCC) and completed the [American Cancer Society](#) (ACS) Relay for Life tournament in April. Donations exceeded \$180 for the relay event on April 2nd to the 3rd to combat breast cancer. Member **Linda Scales** (GPC) will participate in a breast cancer walk on July 19th. Congratulations go out to all who participates in this noble cause.

SEM Link Career Fair

AABE was excited about the opportunity to expose Metro Atlanta K-12 students to science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers. AABE sponsored a booth to inform students about the energy industry and careers in energy. The event took place on Saturday, May 3rd at Georgia State University.

GE/AAF Anniversary

The GE Energy African-American Forum will hold their 10 year anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 17th. The event will begin at 7PM at the Loudermilk Center, 40 Courtland Street in Atlanta. Reservations are \$20/person or \$35/pair. Please RSVP [Mary Cantrell](#) to attend.

Support AID Atlanta



Did you know that 69% of all Georgia AIDS cases are in the Atlanta

region? Atlanta has the 5th highest AIDS rate among all US cities and is more than double the national average. AIDS impacts not only individuals; it harms families and disproportionately affects African-Americans more than all other races.

Help us to end the threat of AIDS. Get yourself tested for HIV and AIDS. Donate time and money towards education and prevention. Through your support of AID Atlanta, they are able to support 7,000 clients each year, provide 100,000 educational contacts to local schools, women, gay and ethnic programs, and offer HIV testing to 4,000 individuals each year.

Your financial support makes a tremendous difference. You may contribute to AID Atlanta in a variety of ways; by cash or check, by credit card, online giving, or even appreciated stock or other real property. For more information on how to donate, please visit the [AID Atlanta](#) website.

GEORGIA NEWS:

The Concerned Black Clergy Urges Us to Use Less Gasoline

Reverend Richard Cobble, VP of Missions for the [Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta](#) (CBCMA) appeared on [WSB-TV Channel 2 News](#) on April 28th urging folks to use less gasoline. At his congregation, Omega Holiness Church located at 621 Memorial Drive in East Atlanta, he put this banner in front:

“The Church Must Fight Greed! Please Cut Back on Buying Gasoline. We the People Have the Power to Fight”

Reverend Cobble is a liaison for the CBCMA with the AABE Atlanta Chapter Energy

Education Committee. Gas stations in the area near the church are \$3.79 to \$3.95/gallon for unleaded regular and premium gasoline. Rev. Cobble urged folks to carpool, stop using gas-guzzling vehicles and use mass transportation. For more tips on how to reduce gasoline consumption, please visit the [AABE Atlanta Chapter Energy Education Committee website](#).

Two More Nuclear Reactors in the Works

By **Kristi Swartz**, *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* – April 9, 2008

Georgia Power Company (GPC) announced that it has reached an engineering and construction deal with Westinghouse Electric Company to build 2-1,100 MW nuclear reactors at the utility’s Vogtle Plant south of Augusta. The deal marks the first agreement between a power company and a nuclear reactor vendor since the 1970s.

Westinghouse’s reactor, the AP1000 design, is new and has not been used before. Utility officials tout its simpler design and enhanced safety features. The reactor will have 3 ways, instead of the normal 2, to pump water into the reactor to shut it down if a malfunction should occur. The model is much simpler than previous ones because it has fewer moving parts, making it safer, more efficient and easier to maintain.

With the deal, GPC plans to meet two deadlines to receive federal production tax credits from the government to spur nuclear-powered production. The next steps involve the Georgia PSC’s evaluation of the project and to obtain approval for construction. The PSC will hold public hearings through March 2008 before final approval.

EARTH HOUR Results

PRNewswire – 3/31/08

Georgia Power customers in Atlanta reduced electricity usage by 4% on Saturday, March 29th. From 8pm-9pm, the average reduction was 7.05 megawatt-hours which was an equivalent amount of electricity to serve 1,750 homes.

Utilimetrics International Symposium in Atlanta

The *Autovation 2008* conference will be held from September 7-10 at the Georgia World Congress Center. The keynote speaker will be **David Ratcliffe** CEO of Southern Company. For more information, please visit www.utilimetrics.org.

Federal and State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency

DSIRE is a database of state incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. State, local, utility and Federal tax credits & rebates are provided. Please click the [DSIRE website](http://www.dsire.org) and select Georgia for detailed information on residential, commercial and industrial programs for home owners and businesses in 2008.

AABE NATIONAL NEWS:

AABE 31st National Conference



The AABE 31st annual AABE National Conference was held at the Houston Americas Hotel, 1600 Lamar Street in downtown Houston, Texas from Tuesday, April 15th to Friday, April 18th. Over 525 members were in attendance for this event.

The theme of the conference was “*Advancing the Understanding of Energy ... from local to global*” and hosted by the AABE Southwest (SW) Region Chapters of Houston, Arkansas, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Oklahoma, University of Tulsa, Mississippi, Louisiana and Central SW Louisiana. The keynote speakers were **Peter Robertson**, Vice-Chairman of Chevron’s Board of Directors and **Dr. Randal Pinkett** (pictured above with **Wayne Young** (Honeywell)), winner of NBC’s *The Apprentice – Season 4*. 2008 Conference Committee Chairs were AABE SW Region Coordinator **Gilda Joseph** (Chevron-Houston), National Conference Planning Committee Chair & Board Member **Polly Rosemond** (Entergy-LA) and the AABE Arkansas Chapter Officer **Sheila Wright** (Entergy-AR).

The conference focused on energy technology, strategy and policy. Various members from our chapter participated at this event. Speakers from our Chapter included **Chris Womack** (GPC) in the Utilities Session, **Wayne Young** (Honeywell) at the **James E. Stewart** Gala and Board Member **Ralph Cleveland** (AGL) in the Natural Gas Session. Atlanta Chapter Officer **Tiffany Callaway-Ferrell** (AGL) was the Session Coordinator for the Economics of Energy Session. **Jo Holliman** (GPC-CCC) was the Session Coordinator of the College Symposium. Wayne was the Session Coordinator for the Nanotechnology Session. Board Officer **Dot Harris** (GE Energy) was the Session Co-Coordinator for the Entrepreneur’s Forum. **Heidi Boykin** (GPC) was Co-Chair of the Silent Auction sub-committee.

Volunteers at the Career Fair included members from AGL Resources and Southern

Company who manned booths at their respective companies. GE Energy also sponsored a “*GE Wellness Challenge*” health fair during the conference. Volunteers included **Michelle Huey**, **Mike Shepperd**, **Jhareka Nelson**, **Randy Cobb**, **Tarece Johnson-Hassell**, **Tiffany Callaway-Ferrell**, **Jennifer Henson**, **Clyde Newton**, **Jo Holliman**, **Eric Duncan** and **Shelby Hall**.

AABE elected new Officers for the National Board of Directors (2008-2009). **Carolyn Green** (Sunoco-Philadelphia) is the National Chairperson. **Robert Holmes** (APC-Birmingham) is the 1st Vice-Chair. **Warner Williams** (Chevron-California Central Valley) is the 2nd Vice-Chair. **Sabrina Campbell** (AEP-DC) is the Treasurer. **Dot Harris** (GE Energy-Atlanta) is the Secretary. **Gilda Joseph** (Chevron-Houston) is the Assistant Secretary. **Rufus Gladney** (CMS-Michigan) is the Assistant Treasurer.

Derrick Freeman (NEI-DC), **David Owens** (EEI-DC), **Calvin Talley** (CMS-Midwest Regional Coordinator-MI), **Polly Rosemond** (Entergy NO-LA), **Stephanie Hickman** (Trice Construction-Chicago), and **Joyce Hayes-Giles** (DTE-MI) were elected or re-elected to the Board for two years.

Atlanta Chapter members **Wayne Young** (Honeywell), **Henri Ward** (GE Energy), Board Officer **Dot Harris** (GE Energy) and Board member **Richard Holmes** (GPC) received special awards and/or acknowledgements for their work in the community and for AABE during the conference. The Atlanta Chapter also won its 7th consecutive *Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award*.

Indiana Chapter Co-Founder and past AABE Board member

Barrett Hatches (Swopes-IN) received the late **James E. Stewart** (NAACP-DC) National Award during the gala that was named after him. **David Owens** (EEI-DC) was awarded the late **Clarke A. Watson** (Watson Associates - Denver Area Chapter and AABE National Founder Emeritus) Chairman's Cup.

The Board officially recognized the new Chapters of Georgia Institute of Technology (GA Tech), Fort Valley State University (FVSU), California Central Valley, Baton Rouge-Louisiana and North Carolina Agriculture & Technology University (NC A&T) into the organization.

The AABE Houston Chapter also hosted its 1st annual scholarship golf tournament at Gleannloch Pines Golf Club in Spring, Texas on Saturday, April 19th.

For more details about the conference, please read the 2nd quarterly issue of the *AABE Energy News*.

Volunteer in Orlando for 2009

During AABE General Meeting on Friday April 18th, the AABE Southeast (SE) Region performed a skit to announce next year's conference. The 32nd Annual AABE National Conference will be located at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida from April 16-19, 2009. The theme is "*Clean Energy...A New Economy*." The conference is hosted by the AABE SE Region Chapters of Florida (FL/AABE), Atlanta, Birmingham, Gulf Coast, North Carolina, Savannah, South Carolina (SCCAABE), Tennessee and the three new student chapters (GA Tech, FVSU and NC A&T). The Co-Chairs of the 2009 Conference Committee are AABE SE Region Coordinator **Corlene Williams** (ElPaso/SNG-BHM), National Conference

Planning Committee Chair **Polly Rosemond** (Entergy-LA) and **Gregory Owens** (JEA), FL/AABE Chapter President.

Planning for the conference is scheduled for July 28th at the resort. Volunteers are needed to help create the conference in sub-committees such as agenda planning, promotions, logistics and fundraising. To volunteer for a sub-committee, please contact [Corlene](#).

State of Energy in Black America Report 2008



Board member **Richard Holmes** (GPC), committed \$25K in funds to the development of the new *State of Energy in Black America Report* for the AABE National Legislative Issues and Public Policy (LIPP) Committee. The last report was issued in 2004 and chronicled the effects of energy, economics & the environment on African-Americans from 1990 to 2003. The new report will include guidelines recommended in the LIPP's [AABE Energy Principles](#) that were presented during our April Atlanta Chapter meeting. The vendor who will prepare the report is [Redefining Progress](#), a minority-owned firm from Oakland, California who created the first report in 2004. We expect the new report to be released in the 1st Quarter 2009.

New Issue of AABE Energy News is Released

Check out the latest issue of the *AABE Energy News*, our national quarterly newsletter. The issue covers the AABE Conference, various chapters' highlights and national committees' updates. The newsletter is edited by Atlanta Chapter member **Wayne Young** (Honeywell). To

download the 2nd Quarter issue, please visit the [AABE National Communications Committee website](#).

New AABE Webhost Announced

AABE successfully entered into an agreement with [Filnet](#), a minority-owned web solutions company, in April. The Virginia-based company will redesign, host and maintain the AABE National and Chapters' websites. The project will be managed by the AABE National Technology Development Committee ([TDC](#)) and is expected to be complete in July 2008.

June Board Meeting

AABE Chapter Presidents and National Board of Directors will meet from June 20-21 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center hotel on 1 Pershing Road in Kansas City, Missouri. Hotel rates are \$179/night. The [AABE Kansas-Missouri Chapter](#) will host the quarterly meeting. The AABE room block closes on May 19th. To make a reservation, please call 1-888-627-8538 and mention AABE's rate.

U.S. ENERGY NEWS:

US Presidential Candidates' Energy Positions

For a description of each Democratic and Republican candidate's policy on energy and environmental issues, please click on the [Grist.org website link](#).



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GE Wins Energy Star Award

For the third year in a row, GE Consumer & Industrial, a Louisville, KY-based unit of General Electric Co. (GE), has received the Energy Star Partner of the Year "Sustained

Excellence" award from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

[Energy Star](#) is a joint program of the EPA and the DOE that encourages the use of energy-efficient products and practices to save money and protect the environment. GE Consumer & Industrial manufactures home appliances, residential and commercial lighting, and electrical equipment.

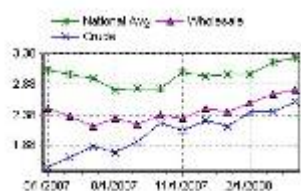
Last year, GE invested \$47 million to create 215 Energy Star-certified appliance models and introduced the [Ecomagination Homebuilder Program](#).

General Electric, parent company of GE Energy, has announced openings for 3,078 skilled workers in the US. For a complete description of open positions, visit [GE's career web site](#).

Gas Likely to Hit \$4, Could Curb Demand

By John Wilen, Associated Press – April 9, 2008

Retail gasoline prices could climb as high as \$4 /gallon this summer, but prices at such levels will make many Americans think twice about traveling this summer, the [DOE Energy Information Association](#) (EIA) announced on April 8th. High prices and a weak economy are expected to cut demand for gasoline by 0.4% during the peak summer driving season. Overall consumption of petroleum supplies will drop by 90,000 barrels a day this year. Previously, the EIA had projected consumption would rise by 40,000 barrels a day.



Average monthly gas prices will peak around \$3.60/gallon in June. However, it is possible that prices at some point will cross the \$4 threshold. In Metro-Atlanta, the [Automobile Association of America](#) (AAA) reported the average price was a record \$3.29/gallon in April. Prices are \$0.55 higher than a year ago. Diesel prices averaged \$3.62/gallon, up \$0.74 from 2007. Crude oil prices are now expected to average \$101/barrel this year, up \$7 from the EIA's previous projection.

"The combination of rising world oil consumption and low surplus production capacity is putting upward pressure on oil prices," the EIA said. "The flow of investment money into commodities has contributed to crude oil price volatility." The EIA acknowledges "significant uncertainty" in its oil price projections, noting that unexpected supply distributions due to conflict in oil-producing nations, unusual weather, weakened US and world economic growth, or refinery outages could send prices spiraling higher.

Gas, Grass and UMass - Green Gasoline from Plant Matter

CNet News.com – April 10, 2008

University of Massachusetts (UMass) Professor **George Huber** and grad students **Torren Carlson** and **Tushar Vispute** have come up with a way to cook plant matter in the presence of a solid, reusable catalyst to produce a liquid that contains compounds like naphthalene and toluene that are found in gasoline. The liquid can be further processed to produce gas or burned as is.

It might be 10 years before gas made from the process appears at the pump, but conceivably it could be used more widely than ethanol. The vast majority of cars can't run on fuels with high ethanol content. Ethanol also only has about two-thirds the energy content of gas. Thus, you'd get more mileage out of the UMass gas.

"In theory it requires much less energy to make than ethanol, giving it a smaller carbon footprint and making it cheaper to produce," said **John Regalbuto** at the National Science Foundation, which supported the research with grants. John stated, "Making it from cellulose sources such as switch-grass or poplar trees grown as energy crops, or forest or agricultural residues such as wood chips or corn stoker, solves the lifecycle greenhouse gas problem that has recently surfaced with corn ethanol and soy biodiesel."

More Articles on Gasoline

The cost of gasoline is a hot topic across the US. Please click the links below for more information on the subject.

[BMW's Hydrogen Car](#)

[ExxonMobil's Record Profits](#)

[Natural Gas Vehicles Hot in Utah](#)

[SUV Trade-In Glut](#)

[US Gas Cheaper than rest of the World](#)

AABE ATL INFORMATION:

What is AABE®?

"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."

Visit AABE's National website at <http://www.aabe.org> for more information.

Atlanta Chapter 2008-2009

Officers

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Southeast Region Coordinator

L. Corlene Williams, Birmingham Chapter (ElPaso/SNG)

AABE Atlanta Chapter 2008 Program Schedule (Tentative)

1/16 – MLK Jr. Program (GPC)
1/26 – AABE 31st Conference Planning Meeting (Houston, TX)
1/31 – Career Day Expo (Clarkston HS)
2/14 – Black History Month Program (AGL)
2/21 – AABE NC Chapter Energy & Environment Conference (Greensboro, NC)
3/13 – General Meeting (GPC)
3/15 – AABE 31st Conference Planning Meeting (Houston, TX)
3/22 – Light Swap 2008 Event
3/24 – AABE Scholarship Applications Due
4/2 – AABE Energy Principles Meeting (AGL)

4/12 – MS Walk
4/15 to 4/18 – AABE 31st Annual Conference (Houston, TX)
4/24 – AABE General Meeting (CCC)
4/25 – Career Day Program (Redan HS)
5/2 – ACS Relay for Life
5/3 – SEM Link Career Fair (Georgia State University)
5/9 to 5/11 – Sweet Auburn SpringFest 2008
5/15 – Scholarship Banquet (GPC)
5/16 – Golf Tournament (Summer Grove Golf Club)
6/12 – AABE/AAF Meeting (GE)
6/20 to 6/21 – AABE Board of Directors Meeting (Kansas City, MO)
7/10 – General Meeting (TBD)
7/28 – AABE 32nd National Conference Planning Meeting (Orlando)
8/1 – Town Hall Meetings (various)
8/14 – General Meeting (GPC)
9/11 – State of Energy in Georgia Meeting (AGL)
9/25 to 9/27 – Board of Directors Meeting/Congressional Black Caucus (Washington, DC)
10/9 – BEAM Program (various)
10/12 – AABE 32nd National Conference Planning Meeting (Orlando)
11/1 – CCC TOUCH Program
11/13 – AABE/AAF Mtg (GE)
11/29 – Town Hall Meetings (various)
12/1 – CCC TOUCH Program
12/5 to 12/6 – AABE Board of Directors Meeting (Orlando, FL)
12/11 – End of Year Program (GPC)

AABE Atlanta Chapter General Membership meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Atlanta Chapter Executive Committee Meetings are held during the 1st Monday of the month. Dates may change when necessary.

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<http://aabe.org/atlanta>

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Atlanta Chapter Committees and Chairpersons:

BEAM (Black Energy Awareness Month)

Kimberly Bryant (GPC) and **Blake O'Farrow** (AGL Resources)

Communications/ Public Relations & Technology
Wayne Young (Honeywell) and **Valerie Harris** (GPC-CCC)

Fundraising
Charmaine Caruth (GPC) and **Jerrold Hill** (Atlanta Gas Light)

Membership
Tarece Johnson-Hassell (AGL Resources)

Programs
Fanchester Henry (GPC-CCC) and **Faye Adeniran** (GPC)

Scholarship
Valerie Searcy (GPC) and **Earnestine Young** (GPC-CCC)

2009 Conference Planning
L. Corlene Williams (ElPaso Corp. / Southern Natural Gas - Birmingham Chapter) and **Gregory Owens** (Jacksonville Electric Authority - Florida Chapter)

Taking Our Unbroken Commitment Home (TOUCH)
Mentoring
Nevada Weatherspoon (GPC)

TOUCH
Philanthropic/Charitable
Pauline Harriott (SCS) and **Capucine Pansy** (AGL Resources)

TOUCH Energy Education
Cordell Carter (AGL) and **Eric Arnold** (GPC)

**Legislative & Regulatory
Affairs**

Mickey Wade (AGL Resources)
and **LaTunya Goodwin** (GPC)

Georgia Tech Student Chapter

Dr. Comas Haynes (GA Tech)
and **Dimitri Hughes** (GA Tech)

**Fort Valley State University
Student Chapter**

Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly (FVSU)

**Atlanta Chapter Goals (2008-
2009):**

- Raise Community Profile;
- Increase Membership Recruitment and Retention by 5%;
- Financial Governance;
- Increase Scholarships by 5%;
- Establish Student Chapters;
- Create a Membership Directory;
- Establish a Foundation to Fund Scholarships;
- Update the Chapter By-Laws.

Member Company Websites:

www.aabe.org
www.atlantagaslight.com
www.aglresources.com
www.aucenter.edu
www.blackenergy.com
www.ch2m.com
www.fvsu.edu
www.gas-south.com
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www.snowden-king.com
www.snpo.org

www.thinkenergygroup.com
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GOT NEWS?

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all comments,
suggestions,
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information, energy-related news
and announcements to AABE
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The committee reserves the right
to edit any documents provided to
the newsletter for submission.
The deadline for the next monthly
newsletter is **Monday, May 26th**.

Black History Energy Moments

May 10, 1968 – A public school
in Brooklyn, NY is named for
inventor, **Lewis H. Latimer**.

May 16, 1929 – **John Conyers,
Jr.**, founder of the Congressional
Black Caucus, is born.

May 17, 1954 – The US Supreme
Court declares school segregation
unconstitutional in *Brown vs. The
Board of Education*.

May 31, 1955 – The US Supreme
Court orders school integration
nationwide.

HISTORY MAKER BIOGRAPHY –

ANTHONY R. JAMES



Before his retirement on April 1,
2008, **Anthony R. James** was the
Executive Vice President of
Southern Company and President
of its Shared Services Group,

overseeing centralized corporate
functions.

He grew up in Lake Alfred,
Florida, and graduated from the
University of South
Florida with a Degree in
Electrical Engineering. James
began his professional career as
an electrical and instrumentation
manager, a production
department manager, and a
resident engineer for Procter and
Gamble. In 1978 he joined the
Southern Company as a safety
and health supervisor for Georgia
Power.

Anthony R. James held several
progressive positions in the areas
of power generation, employee
benefits and wholesale power
marketing. He joined Savannah
Electric in 2000 as Vice President
of Power Generation and Senior
Production Officer, while
concurrently holding a dual
appointment with Georgia Power.
In this capacity, he managed eight
power generation facilities,
ranging from one of America's
largest coal-fired plants to a
combustion turbine peaking plant
located inside a major U.S.
defense facility. One year later,
James was named President and
CEO of Savannah Electric and
served in that capacity until 2005.

Mr. James founded the Savannah
Chapter of AABE in April 2002.
In 2004, he was selected as
"Black Engineer of the Year" by
U.S. Black Engineer Magazine
and *Career Communications*. He
was recognized by the same
organization as one of the "100
Most Important Blacks in
Technology" in both 2005 and
2006. He is co-author of the 2005
book, *The Shoulders of Giants*,
with **Ken Chapman**.

Anthony is a board member of
the Professional Association of
Georgia Educators (PAGE) and is
a member of the American
Association of Blacks in Energy
(AABE), Founder of the [AABE
Savannah Chapter](#), member of the

Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program Advisory Board, along with the Savannah State Presidential Advisory Board, and 100 Black Men of Savannah. Congratulations to Anthony on his retirement, future endeavors, AABE contributions and years of service within the community.

FAMOUS QUOTES:

*"Do not call for black power or green power. Call for brain power."
~Barbara Jordan*

PHOTO GALLERY:



New AABE Officers (2008-2010)



Atlanta's Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award (2007-2008)



(Left to Right): **Olivia Parks-Woods** (SCS), **Wayne Bolden** (GE Energy) and Connecticut Chapter President **Lorenzo Marshall** (NU) at the AABE Conference General Meeting in Houston.



(Left to Right): **Morry Davis** (Peabody-SMSI), **Richard Holmes** (GPC), **AABE National Chair Carolyn Green** (Sunoco-Philadelphia), **David Owens** (EEI-DC), **LaDoris "Dot" Harris** (GE Energy) and **AABE National President Frank Stewart** during the *AABE Public Policy Principles* meeting.



(Left to Right): Morry, Atlanta Chapter President **Cordell Carter** (AGL), Carolyn, David, L&RA Committee Chair **Mickey Wade** (AGL), **Wayne Jacas** (AGL), former GA PSC Commissioner **David Burgess** and **Frank Stewart** at the April general meeting.



Rijanah Steward (Schlumberger-Houston) and **Wayne Young** (Honeywell) at the JES Gala.



The CEO Roundtable panel at the Houston Conference (L to R): **Rod West**, **Bill Easter**, **Carl Brooks**, **Susan Story** and **Bryan Neskora**.



AABE members at the Southern Company Career Fair booth in Texas.



Mike Shepperd (GPC) and potential recruits.



More Career Fair exhibits



Olivia Parks-Woods (SCS) and **David Belt** at SoCo reception.



Atlanta Chapter VP **Eric Arnold** (GPC) at the SoCo Reception.



Valicia Harris, Shareka Nelson, and President Cordell Carter at student luncheon.



Ralph Cleveland, Valicia Harris, Mickey Wade of AGL and Melvin Williams of Florida City Gas.



Cherryl Harris, Evelyn Bailey, Charles Matthews, Dorothy Herring, Richard Holmes and Olivia Woods at SoCo reception.



Eric Duncan, Cherryl Harris, Mickey Wade, Eric Arnold, Cordell Carter, Michelle Dean, Michael Shepherd and Terez Harris at welcome reception



Career Fair & Expo



AABE Southeast Region Skit



Georgia Power/SoCo execs... **Chris Womack, Bentina Terry, Richard Holmes, Lamont Houston, Myrna Pittman and Robert Holmes** at SoCo reception.



The Wiz – Orlando 2009 Skit

