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The American Association of Blacks in Energy® – Atlanta Chapter  
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### AABE ATLANTA CHAPTER MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

#### **AABE Atlanta August Meeting**



The Chapter held its monthly meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> at GPC on the topic of “*Future Career Demands in the Energy Sector.*” Guest speakers for the event are pictured above from left to right: **Jerome Richard**, Sourcing Strategist for SCS and **Ira Pearl**, VP of Engineering & Construction for AGL.

The panelists provided a “macroscopic” and “microscopic” view of the changing job environment and what skills that professionals need to have and cultivate in the current job market.

AABE Member **Jerome Richard**, an HR professional at Georgia Power/SCS, provided the “bird’s eye” view. AABE member **Ira Pearl**, VP at AGL, offered his insights on what hiring managers are looking for more specifically.

The panelists stressed that diversity is increasingly important in recruiting. An employer has to have an

environment that supports diversity and makes people feel welcome, and likewise it is important for employees to continue to sharpen their skills so that they bring a diverse set of talents to the workplace.

Ira stated that his organization is looking not only for smart people, but people who have soft skills such as leadership and also professional maturity. He stated that approximately 40% of his hires over the last two years have been women, in part because women often are more mature earlier in their careers.

Both agreed it was important for a professional to match his skills to the employer rather than taking a position for money or prestige. The type of organization, whether it is a smaller company or large corporation, is another consideration.

The monthly Black History Maker presentation was conducted by **Shelby Hall** (GPC-CCC), CCC Satellite Chapter Coordinator. She spoke about **Otis Boykin**, the inventor of circuit boards for the heart pacemaker. A highlight of his achievements is provided at the end of this newsletter.

#### **Black History Maker 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 AABE Atlanta Chapter Assistant Treasurer, **Olivia Parks-Woods** (SCS).

#### **Atlanta Chapter September Meeting Announcement**



AABE is proud to present its September monthly meeting entitled “*Natural Gas: The bridge to the energy future.*” Our guest speaker will be **Bryan Batson** SVP of External Affairs for AGL Resources (pictured). Please join us in the discussion on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at AGL Resources’ conference room at 10 Peachtree Place in midtown Atlanta from 11:30AM to 1PM. To RSVP, please contact the Chapter Secretary, **Valerie Harris** (GPC-CCC).

#### **Minority Businesses Get Enterprising – (AGL Daily News 8/19/08)**



Minority business owners can develop their companies by focusing on building coalitions, **Ralph Cleveland**, (pictured) SVP of Engineering & Operations, AGL Resources, told attendees at a recent networking reception sponsored by AGL Resources for the Georgia Minority Business Enterprise Center. The center is a division of Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute.

In what he called "*social entrepreneurship*," Ralph reminded the participants of the importance of making new contacts and following up on those meetings to build relationships.

The highlight of the evening was a "*guided networking*" session: The 86 participants were divided into groups according to their color-coded badges and then encouraged to introduce themselves to people they did not know by exchanging business cards and giving short descriptions of their companies. Each participant then had to answer four questions designed to build relationships quickly:

- How did you start your business?
- Where is your hometown?
- What is your favorite TV program?
- What is the best book you have read in the past year and why?

The session also gave people the opportunity to discover five things they had in common and answer creative questions about motivation and expertise.

"This was a little different from the center's usual financial roundtable," says **Tarece Hassell**, Manager, AGL's Supplier Diversity Department. "This was a powerful evening of relationship building with the ultimate goal of helping minority

business owners do business with each other."

### **Help Our Children Make the Right CHOICES**



AABE and GPC will begin its annual *CHOICES* mentoring program throughout two metropolitan area high schools. Volunteers are needed to participate in educating 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders about life skills, career choices and leadership during the school calendar from September 2008 to May 2009. Mentors will be required to participate in one class period per month. **Booker T. Washington** High School (pictured above) and a Henry/Clayton County school (CCC) are part of the program.

Mentoring is a sub-committee of the Chapter's Taking Our Unbroken Commitment Home (TOUCH) initiative. Help prepare our youth for the future. For more information, please contact AABE Mentoring Committee Co-Chairs **Nevada Weatherspoon** (GPC) and **John Moore** (GPC).

### **BEAM Me Up, AABE!**

In October, the Chapter will host its annual Black Energy Awareness Month (BEAM) program. Members are needed now to partner with local high schools, recruit students to participate, and provide energy-related professional guidance in our Career Day events.

Last year, we held two BEAM events at Redan and South Atlanta High Schools. To volunteer, please contact the BEAM Committee Co-Chairs

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

### **AABE ATL Membership Drive**

Atlanta is one of the largest and most diverse chapters within the organization. We currently have **165** paid members from **32** environmental & energy-related companies, subsidiaries, organizations and educational institutions. We have consistently been one of the top 3 chapters of AABE receiving *Outstanding Chapter of the Year* banners at every national conference since 2000.

The Atlanta Chapter of AABE has one general chapter and three satellite chapters (CCC, GA Tech and FSVU) in the Southeast (SE) region of the organization. Professionals in the energy industry that are located in the northern Georgia cities of Atlanta, Columbus, Macon, Augusta, Jonesboro, McDonough and surrounding counties who wish to participate in AABE related events can apply new or renew their membership for 2008.

Recruitment efforts are now underway for local energy professionals and college students studying energy-related degrees at our new local student chapters. General membership dues are \$150. Board of Directors dues are \$250. Sustaining membership dues are an additional \$100. Student Chapter dues are \$25. All membership dues are tax-deductible and normally paid for by energy-related businesses.

Bring your associates to our events and help AABE grow! To download membership applications please visit the [website](#) or contact AABE Atlanta Chapter Membership Committee Chairperson, **Tarece Johnson-Hassell** (AGL). Our mailing address is provided in the

Chapter Information section of this newsletter.

### Special Deliveries!



AABE welcomes one more man in the world: **Coleman Andrew Bierria** was born June 25, 2008 at 9:24 a.m., weighing 7 lbs 10 oz and 19.5 in. Mother **Myra Coleman Bierria** is Vice President and Corporate Secretary for AGL Resources and an AABE member.

But the ladies run this: **Jayden Reese Hill** was born on August 12, 2008 at 10:46pm at Northside Hospital. Her birth weight was 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and she was 18 ¾ inches long. Jayden's dad, AABE member **Jerrold Hill**, is Operations Manager at AGL's Atlanta Service Center and co-chair of this year's **James K. Davis** Golf Tournament. Here's Jayden:



### Promotions

**Mitchell King**, formerly Senior Regulatory Affairs Representative at Georgia Power, has moved to the position of Area Manager in Austell, in GPC's Metro West Region.

Congratulations Mitchell!

### Retirements

Please join us in congratulating **Nettie Felder** on her decision to retire from Georgia Power effective September 1, 2008. Nettie joined the External Affairs organization in 1982, with stints in Economic Development, Governmental Affairs, Environmental Affairs, and Area Development in addition to her current role that she has held since 2002.

Nettie has exemplified the Southern Company motto of being "A Citizen Wherever We Serve." She has been involved in 4-H Leadership in four Atlanta inner-city schools. Nettie has also served as a member of Georgia Power's EZ 1000 Team, charged with enhancing job opportunities for residents of the City of Atlanta Empowerment Zone. Nettie has served in various leadership roles with the American Association of Blacks in Energy, including planning the 2000 AABE National Conference. She has served as a board member of the Association of Utility Professionals and chaired the Community Services team. The list goes on, as does Nettie.

We wish all the best to Nettie in her future endeavors.

### Our Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Lamont Houston's** (GPC) father, **Mr. William Houston** on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions made to: The **Michael J. Fox** Foundation  
Church Street Station  
P. O. Box 780  
New York, NY 10008-0780

Phone # 1-800-708-7644

100% of the donations will go to research to find a cure for Parkinson's Disease.

### GEORGIA NEWS:

#### The Green Workplace: Vehicle Promotes Environmental Benefits of Natural Gas – (AGL Daily News 8/21/08)



When guests arrived this week for a reception of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce at Ten Peachtree Place, a sporty Honda Civic dressed in AGL Resources' colors was parked in front of the building -- the latest tool in AGL Resources' campaign to promote the environmental benefits of natural gas.

The vehicle is fueled by compressed natural gas (CNG), and employees will drive the eye-catching car when they attend highly visible business functions in metro Atlanta. **Nichole Miles**, Manager, Fleet Services, conducted several training sessions on operating and refueling procedures for employees.

"We believe that the timing is right to aggressively pursue a compressed natural gas vehicle strategy," says **John Somerhalder**, Chairman, President and CEO. "Gasoline and diesel prices are at unprecedented levels, and consumers are increasingly committed to the environment. We want to continue to be seen as a leader in innovative energy policy, and the car will help draw attention to the important role of natural gas."

Natural gas vehicles emit fewer greenhouse gases than gasoline-



fueled vehicles, and they are less expensive to operate:

**Greenhouse gases reductions of a natural gas vehicle over a gasoline vehicle:**

Pollutant	Reduction Compared to Gasoline	Reduction Compared to Petroleum Diesel
Carbon Monoxide	70%	
Nitrogen Oxides	35-60%	87%
Carbon Dioxide	20%	10%
Non-Methane Hydrocarbons	87%	
Lead and Sulfur	100%	100%
Benzene	99%	97%

Sources: Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition and EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality

**Effective cost savings per gallon of a natural gas vehicle over a gasoline vehicle:**

Cost savings range from 18% to more than 50% per gallon. (Calculations used AAA gasoline price on 8/18/08 and GNG variable per therm rate as of 8/18/08).

Here's a link to Honda's website on the vehicle:

<http://automobiles.honda.com/civ ic-gx/>.

**GPC Files for Biomass Plant**

Georgia Power Company (GPC) has asked the Georgia Public Service Commission (GPSC) for approval to convert coal-fueled Plant Mitchell to renewable wood biomass. Upon conversion, GPC Plant Mitchell would be capable of producing 96 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. The plant would have lower emissions, and would be one of the largest wood biomass plants in the United States. It would also have lower fuel and operating costs when compared to continued operation using coal, thereby making the plant more cost-effective for customers. If the conversion is approved by the GPSC, wood fuel for Plant Mitchell would come from suppliers operating within an approximately 100-mile radius of the plant.

**First GA Corn-Based Ethanol Plant near Opening – (Atlanta Business Chronicle 8/22/08)**

First United Ethanol LLC, Georgia's 1<sup>st</sup> corn-based ethanol plant will open for business on October 9<sup>th</sup>. First United will operate on a 268-acre site in Mitchell County near Albany, GA. Annual production capacity is 100 million gallons.

**Appeals Court to hear Power Plant Case – (Atlanta Business Chronicle 8/22/08)**

The Georgia Court of Appeals agreed on August 20<sup>th</sup> to review a lower court ruling that has halted plans for the state's first coal-fired power plant in more than 20 years. At issue is whether the GA Environmental Protection Division should place legal limits on emissions of carbon dioxide by the planned \$2 billion Longleaf Energy Station in SW Georgia. The plant is a project of Houston-based Dynegy Inc.

In June, **Fulton County Superior Court Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore** ruled in favor of the Sierra Club that the permits are invalid because they don't regulate CO<sub>2</sub> which has been linked to global warming. "This ruling is a threat to affordable energy and economic development throughout Georgia," said Georgia Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, **George Israel**. The Chamber has submitted a brief in support of Dynegy to appeal the decision.

**AABE NATIONAL NEWS:**



**AABE Energy News Seeks Articles for 4Q Issue**

The fourth issue of the *AABE Energy News*, the organization's national quarterly newsletter, will

be released in October. This issue will cover events from the entire organization that occurred from July to September. Editorials, highlights and announcements about Chapter events, energy and environmental issues are needed by **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit all information to the Editor, **Wayne Young** (Honeywell – Atlanta) at [wayne.young2@honeywell.com](mailto:wayne.young2@honeywell.com).

**Volunteer in Orlando for 2009**



Planning is now underway for the 2009 conference. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual AABE National Conference will be located at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida from April 14-17, 2009. The theme is "Sustainable Energy for 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** (EIPaso/SNG-BHM Chapter) and **Gregory Owens** (JEA), FL/AABE Chapter President.

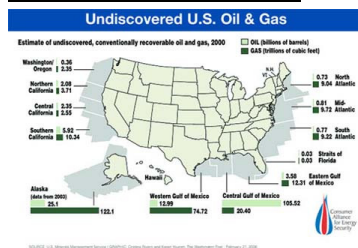
Our Chapter is responsible for the creation of the conference agenda and publishing the anniversary booklet. **Jo Holliman** (GPC-CCC) will once again lead in developing the Young Adult Forum. **Carlton Blue** (GPC) and **Malcolm Barnes** (Progress Energy-FL/AABE) are co-chairs of the Agenda/Programs Committee. 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.Williams@elpaso.com](mailto:Corlene.Williams@elpaso.com).

### **September Board Meeting**

The AABE Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents quarterly meeting will be held from September 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC. The host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton, located at 1201 K. Street NW. This meeting will coincide with the Congressional Black Caucus' Energy Braintrust at the DC Convention Center on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **U.S. ENERGY NEWS:**

#### **Federal Government Seeks Comments on Outer Continental Shelf Gas Exploration by Sept. 15th**



Every five years, the U.S. Minerals Management Service (MMS), the government agency responsible for oil and gas leasing in U.S. offshore waters, develops a Five Year Plan. That plan determines where and how often oil and gas lease sales will occur over the five year period.

As part of the regulatory process, the MMS has issued a call for information and will accept comments regarding the public's interests and concerns over offshore oil and gas development through September 15, 2008. Jumpstarting a new Five Year Program that could potentially accelerate the development of offshore oil and gas wells in areas that were labeled off-limits by the President and Congress. Currently, more than 80 percent of our nation's offshore resources are labeled off-limits for exploration.

Starting the process now could give the next administration a two-year advance in developing and expanding offshore energy production in federal waters. If Congress agrees to lift restrictions on offshore development, a new Five Year Plan could play a critical role in increasing the nation's supply of oil and natural gas and making energy more affordable. As part of our General Energy Principles, AABE recognizes that access to reliable and affordable energy is essential to low- and fixed income households, is an important element for sustaining business development and economic growth, and thus supports efforts to enhance U.S. energy development.

Those wishing to comment on the five year plan can go to the comments page on MMS's website at:

<http://www.mms.gov/5-year/5-YearProgramComments.htm>.

You may provide comments directly to MMS via the web, by e-mail or by letter.

### **Is Gustav the Brother of Katrina? – (zFacts.com 8/28/08)**



August 29<sup>th</sup> marked the 3-year anniversary when Hurricane Katrina breached the levees in New Orleans, flooded the city and leveled the surrounding areas in several states along the Gulf of Mexico. We are now facing the wrath of Hurricane Gustav, in which the National Ocean and Atmosphere Association (NOAA) recorded as a category 3 storm that hit Louisiana. Subsequently, Hurricane Hanna also formed over Puerto Rico on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and is approaching South Carolina, Florida and Georgia. NOAA is also watching Tropical Storm Ike form over the mid-Atlantic and three other potential weather depressions (names: Josephine, Karina and unknown at this time).

Emergency preparations are underway in NO, LA and Biloxi, MS, who are still rebuilding from Katrina. "We don't need anything of this magnitude over here," said **Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway**, "Katrina just devastated us."

The oil market also reacted to the threat. Oil prices jumped above \$119 a barrel as workers began to evacuate from the offshore rigs responsible for a quarter of U.S. crude production. Any damage to the oil infrastructure or Gulf Coast refineries could send U.S. pump prices spiking, possibly during the busy Labor Day weekend.

"A bad storm churning in the Gulf could be a nightmare scenario," said **Phil Flynn**, an analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "We might see oil

prices spike \$5 to \$8 if it really rips into platforms."

Is America ready for round 2?  
Are we anticipating the worst?  
We can only wait and see.

**The Engine Behind the America I Am Tour – (RollingOut 8/14/08)**

ExxonMobil volunteered to subsidize the fueling fees for the "America I Am: The African-American Imprint" mobile museum tour. This traveling exhibit will visit 100 cities in four years. "Replete with 1,500 artifacts, pictures and rare documents, it's the most ambitious exhibit of its kind in history," explains **Leonard James**, ExxonMobil's US Business Development Manager. "This is to make sure Americans understand and appreciate the contributions that our wonderful culture has made to this great nation we live in," exclaimed James. Sponsored by Wal-Mart, the tour is the brainchild of **Tavis Smiley** and includes appearances by **Dr. Cornell West**. The tour will stop in Atlanta from July 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. For more information, log onto [www.americaiam.org](http://www.americaiam.org).

**Make Your Vote Count**

Have you been watching the National Conventions? Do you know all the facts? Are you registered to vote? For a description of each Democratic, Independent and Republican candidates' ideologies on energy and environmental issues, please click on the [Grist.org website link](http://Grist.org). The US general election for President will be held on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**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**

**Cordell Carter**, President (AGL)  
**Eric Arnold**, Vice President (GPC)  
**Cherryl Harris**, Treasurer (GPC)  
**Olivia Parks-Woods**, Assistant Treasurer (SCS)  
**Valerie Harris**, Secretary (GPC – CCC)  
**Jennifer Henson**, Assistant Secretary (GPC – CCC)  
**Tiffany Callaway-Ferrell**, Parliamentarian (AGL)  
**Shelby Hall**, CCC Satellite Chapter Coordinator (GPC – CCC)  
**Dimitri Hughes**, GA Tech Student Chapter President  
**Dr. Comas Haynes**, GA Tech Student Chapter Coordinator  
**Dr. Isaac Crumbly**, FVSU Student Chapter Coordinator

**Board of Directors**

**Ralph Cleveland**, AGL Resources  
**Dot Harris**, AABE National Secretary, GE Energy  
**Richard Holmes**, GPC

**Southeast Region Coordinator**

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

**AABE Atlanta Chapter 2008 Program Schedule (Tentative)**

1/16 – **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** "Day of Service" Program (GPC)  
1/26 – AABE 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Banquet (GPC)  
5/16 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament (Summer Grove Golf Club)  
5/20 – AMBCC Meeting (Auburn Avenue Research Library)  
6/5 – South DeKalb Rotary Club (Fairfield Inn)  
6/7 – ABEST BizTech Summit (Hyatt)  
6/16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AABE/AAF Meeting (GE)  
6/19 to 6/21 – AABE Board of Directors Meeting (Kansas City, MO)  
6/28 – AHA Utility Forum (Georgia World Congress Center)  
7/10 – Networking Event (GPC)  
7/19 – Sisters by Choice Relay  
7/21 – ABEST Meeting (GPC)  
7/23 to 7/27 – NBC-LEO Conference (Atlanta)  
7/24 – AABE Visioneering Board Session  
7/28 to 8/4 – Annual School Drive (CCC)  
8/14 – Career Focus Meeting (GPC)  
8/15 to 8/16 – AABE 32<sup>nd</sup> National Conference Planning Meeting (Orlando, FL)  
8/20 – General Meeting (CCC)

9/1 – **CHOICES** Mentoring Program Begins (BTW & HCHS)

9/11 – Zero Energy Homes Presentation (AGL)

9/25 to 9/27 – AABE Board of Directors Meeting/Congressional Black Caucus (Sheraton-DC)

10/9 – AABE Legislative Meeting (Mary Mac's Tea Room)

10/12 – AABE 32<sup>nd</sup> National Conference Planning Meeting (Orlando, FL)

11/1 – CCC TOUCH Program

11/4 – US General Election

11/13 – AABE Program with ExxonMobil Speaker (GPC)

12/1 – CCC TOUCH Program

12/5 to 12/6 – AABE Board of Directors Meeting (Orlando, FL)

12/11 – End of Year Celebration (GPC)

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

**Atlanta Chapter Address:**

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P.O. Box 55216  
Atlanta, GA 30308-5216

**Atlanta Chapter Websites:**

<http://aabe.org/atlanta>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABEATL> (Message Board)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OEBBkJ9\\_8o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OEBBkJ9_8o) (AABE Atlanta Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video)

**Atlanta Chapter Committees and Chairpersons:**

**Black Energy Awareness Month (BEAM)**

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

**Communications/ Public Relations & Technology**

Wayne Young (Honeywell),  
Charlotte King (Snowden & King), Jennifer Henson (GPC-

CCC) and Valerie Harris (GPC-CCC)

**Fundraising**

Charmaine Caruth (GPC) and  
Jerrold Hill (AGLC)

**Membership**

Tarece Johnson-Hassell (AGL)

**Programs**

Fanchester Henry (GPC-CCC),  
Lillie Battle (GPC) and Faye  
Adeniran (GPC)

**Scholarship**

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

**2009 Conference Planning**

L. Corlene Williams (El Paso Corp. / Southern Natural Gas - Birmingham Chapter) and  
Gregory Owens (Jacksonville Electric Authority - Florida Chapter)

**Taking Our Unbroken Commitment Home (TOUCH)**

**Mentoring**

Nevada Weatherspoon (GPC) and  
John Moore, III (GPC)

**TOUCH**

**Philanthropic/Charitable**

Pauline Harriott (SCS) and  
Capucine Pansy (AGL)

**TOUCH Energy Education**

Cordell Carter (AGL),  
Dr. Sonja Ebron (blackEnergy) and  
Eric Arnold (GPC)

**Legislative & Regulatory**

**Affairs (L&RA)**

Mickey Wade (AGL) and  
LaTunya Goodwin (GPC)

**Georgia Institute of Technology Student Chapter**

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

**Fort Valley State University**

**Student Chapter**

Dr. Isaac J. Crumbly (FVSU) and  
Ralph Cleveland (AGL)

**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.

Check marks indicate where we met or exceeded these goals so far in 2008.

**Member Company Websites:**

[www.aabe.org](http://www.aabe.org)  
[www.aaf.gecompany.com](http://www.aaf.gecompany.com)  
[www.atlantablackchamber.org](http://www.atlantablackchamber.org)  
[www.atlantagaslight.com](http://www.atlantagaslight.com)  
[www.aglnetworks.com](http://www.aglnetworks.com)  
[www.aglresources.com](http://www.aglresources.com)  
[www.aucenter.edu](http://www.aucenter.edu)  
[www.blackenergy.com](http://www.blackenergy.com)  
[www.burnsmcd.com](http://www.burnsmcd.com)  
[www.ch2m.com](http://www.ch2m.com)  
[www.fvsu.edu](http://www.fvsu.edu)  
[www.gas-south.com](http://www.gas-south.com)  
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[www.snowden-king.com](http://www.snowden-king.com)  
[www.snpo.org](http://www.snpo.org)  
[www.synergeticdesign.com](http://www.synergeticdesign.com)  
[www.thinkenergygroup.com](http://www.thinkenergygroup.com)  
[www.willyoujoinus.com](http://www.willyoujoinus.com)

**GOT NEWS?**

Please send  
all comments,  
suggestions,





AABE information, energy-related news and announcements to AABE Atlanta Chapter Communications, Public Relations and Technology Committee Chair **Wayne X. Young** (Honeywell) at

[wayne.young2@honeywell.com](mailto:wayne.young2@honeywell.com).

The committee reserves the right to edit any documents provided to the newsletter for submission.

The deadline for the next monthly *All About Energy* newsletter is **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Black History Energy Moments**

September 2, 1833 – Ohio's Oberlin College, the 1<sup>st</sup> US college to routinely enroll Black students, is founded.

September 4, 1848 – Inventor **Lewis H. Latimer** was born.

September 4, 1957 – **Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus** calls out the National Guard to bar Black students from entering a Little Rock high school.

September 7, 1954 – Integration of public schools begins in Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD.

September 9, 1915 – **Carter G. Woodson** founds the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

September 10, 1929 – **Elbert Stallworth** patents the electrically heated chamber pot.

September 15-20, 1830 – The 1<sup>st</sup> National Negro Convention convenes in Philadelphia at Bethel Church with the purpose of abolishing slavery.

September 18, 1980 – Cosmonaut **Arnoldo Tamayo**, a Cuban, becomes the first Black to travel in space.

September 21, 1972 – **William L. Muckelroy** patents the leadless micro miniature inductance

element with closed magnetic circuit.

September 22, 1915 – HBCU Xavier University opens in New Orleans, LA.

September 28, 1965 – **Shannon L. Madison** patents a refrigeration apparatus device.

September 29, 1980 – The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture opens in New York City.

*All Black history facts and dates listed in our newsletters over the past few years were provided by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.*

### **Energy Quote of the Month:**

*"People are more impressed by the **POWER** of our example than the example of our **POWER**."*  
– 42<sup>nd</sup> US President  
**William Jefferson Clinton**  
(DNC Convention,  
Denver, CO - 8/27/08)

### **BLACK HISTORY MAKER:**

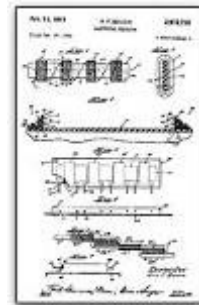


**OTIS BOYKIN**  
**(1920 – 1982)**

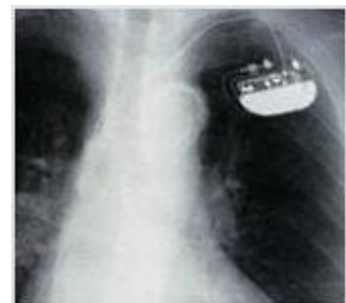
**Otis Frank Boykin** was born August 1920 in Nashville, TN. He graduated from Fisk University with a degree in Engineering. Otis worked at a radio station in Chicago, Illinois for many years. Later, he formed a company called Boykin-Furth, where he studied and tested

electrical resistors. He also entered graduate school in Chicago and was soon forced to drop out because he lacked the funds to continue.

Despite having to leave school, Otis would not stop his competent inventiveness. He received his first patent of an electrical resistor in 1959 (pictured below). This invention allowed him to travel overseas, gain more customers in Paris and subsequently, the US. He returned to the United States in 1981 where he received another patent for the electrical capacitor. This invention helped commercial customers as well as military installations.



He was the first also to invent the circuit box for what we call the pacemaker (pictured below). Tragically he died in 1982 of heart failure. Though he received little attention for his invention of the circuit box, his invention made a lasting contribution to the world. He will always be remembered as an inventor and pioneer in electrical engineering.





## PHOTO GALLERY:



Atlanta Chapter President **Cordell Carter** (AGL), Programs Chair **Faye Adeniran** (GPC), and guest speaker **Jerome Richard** (SCS) during the August Chapter meeting at GPC.



Chapter VP **Eric Arnold** (GPC), President **Cordell Carter** (AGL), **Tosha Morel** (GPC), guest speakers **Ira Pearl** (AGL) and **Jerome Richard** (SCS).



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AGL's Supplier Diversity Manager, **Tarece Johnson-Hassell** (on right) at the Georgia Minority Business Enterprise Center networking reception hosted by AGL.