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AABE ATLANTA CHAPTER MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

AABE Atlanta Chapter September Meeting



The Chapter hosted its monthly meeting at AGL Resources on September 11th with a discussion on “Natural Gas – The Bridge to the Energy Future.” **Bryan Batson** (pictured), Senior VP of External Affairs for AGL Resources gave a presentation on how natural gas is the bridge between energy resources. He started off by showing a video recording by industrialist **T. Boone Pickens**. Pickens is the CEO of BP Capital LLC, a hedge fund that invests in wind and natural gas.

Pickens’ video identified how demand for energy increased over the years. Natural gas can reduce US dependency on foreign oil. In 1970, the US imported 20% of its oil. In 1990, it rose to 42%. Currently, the US imports 70% of its oil at a cost of \$700 billion. At the current rate of consumption, we expect in another 10 years it will cost us \$70 trillion.

Natural gas accounts for 22% of the energy production mix in the

US. By increasing domestic gas production to 38%, we can save \$300 billion by shifting usage to transportation and increasing wind energy production by 22%. Natural gas is good for vehicles. In Utah, natural gas powered vehicles are paying 80¢/gallon.

Natural gas is 90% efficient. Bryan wants us to use energy wisely. Natural gas is best used for heating homes, hot water, cooking, clothes drying and transportation. He recommends electricity to be used for other necessities like lighting, HVAC and small electronics in the home. The country needs to find the right mix of energy resources in order to remain independent and profitable.

The meeting also included a moment of silence for victims of the September 11th attacks in our country. Approximately 40 members were in attendance.

AABE Atlanta Chapter October Meeting



The Chapter’s Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee (L&RA) prepared a dynamic meeting for the membership on October 9th at Mary Mac’s Tea

Room in downtown Atlanta. The “AABE Energy Scorecard: Candidates Speak, YOU Decide” program featured representatives from both Republican and Democratic parties running for elected positions this November.

The meeting began with the “Vote First” campaign sponsored by **Helen Butler** (pictured), Executive Director for the Georgia Coalition for the People’s Agenda. She shared voter registration information and encouraged us to vote early. For more election information, please call 1-888-265-1115 and visit these websites:

www.gcpagenda.org or
www.sos.state.ga.us.



Republican State Senator Ross Tolleson (District 20 – pictured in center) gave a detailed description of his record on energy issues for the state. He serves as the Chairman of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee. He helped write the 2006 Georgia Energy Strategy. He plans to update the program to include increases in nuclear, solar and biodiesel production. Senator Tolleson is also developing a

state water plan and urges all of us to educate residents on conservation.



Dr. Deborah Honeycutt (pictured above) is a candidate on the ballot for Congress District 13. Her platform supports the “Drill Here, Drill Now” policy to expand US production offshore and in Alaska. She wants the US to diversify in terms of energy to include more renewables such as wind, hydro and solar power. She too wants us to educate our children now on conservation so that they will be a positive force for clean energy in the future.

Other speakers in attendance included **Mrs. Joan Martin** (wife of candidate **Jim Martin**), **Eric Hubbard** (on behalf of **Congressman Hank Johnson, Jr.**), **Representative Billy Horne** of District 71, **Representative Tony Collins** of Forsyth County and **Representative Randal Mangham** of District 9C.

The meeting drew a crowd of 60 members and guests to the restaurant. We would like to thank L&RA Chair **Mickey Wade** (AGL) and the Committee volunteers for creating an outstanding event.

AABE CCC Chapter Quarterly Meeting

The Satellite Chapter was treated to an introduction of AABE on October 13th at the Georgia Power Customer Care Center (CCC) in Henry County. Fifteen members were in attendance at the meeting and were treated to view the organization’s new promotional video “*This is AABE, Now Is the Time.*”



Southeast Regional Coordinator Corlene Williams

(pictured above - El Paso/Southern Natural Gas) spoke about what AABE means to her. She discussed how she was introduced to AABE and how it helped her become a better professional in the energy industry. She concluded that “You won’t find another organization like this. AABE is a voice, a connection, a liaison between our companies, government, communities and can empower our youth.”

Josephine Holliman (GPC-CCC) gave a highlight of the 2009 AABE National Conference. This event entitled, “Sustainable Energy for a New Economy,” will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida during the month of April. Josephine is part of the planning committee for the conference. The 2009 Conference is being developed by the Southeast Region Chapters and national leadership. She is seeking volunteers to help support our goals to make this a successful event.

Past President and Communications Chair **Wayne Young** (Honeywell) gave a preview of the new AABE website. He showcased the new functions of the national and chapter web pages. He is urging all paid members sign in and use

the site to promote our organization. The website address remains the same: www.aabe.org.

We thank Chapter VP **Eric Arnold** (GPC) and **Shelby Hall** (GPC-CCC) Satellite Chapter Coordinator for developing another great meeting.

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](mailto:Olivia.Parks-Woods@scs.com) (SCS).

Atlanta Chapter November Meeting Announcement

Interested in learning more about the US energy outlook for the future? Please join us for a presentation on “Energy in the 21st Century” on Thursday, November 13th at Georgia Power. Our guest speaker will be **Kenny Warren**, Global Logistics Optimization Manager at ExxonMobil Refining & Supply Company.

NAESB Promotes Ralph Cleveland to Vice Chair



Ralph Cleveland, AABE Director and AGL Resources SVP of Engineering & Operations was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) in October. Ralph is a member of the Retail Gas Quadrant’s Distributors Segment of NAESB’s board. The North American Energy Standards Board serves as an industry forum for the development and promotion of standards which

will lead to a seamless marketplace for wholesale and retail natural gas and electricity, as recognized by its customers, business community, participants, and regulatory entities.

Valerie Harris Moves to GPC Headquarters



Please join us in congratulating **Valerie Harris**, Atlanta Chapter Secretary, on her selection as Administrative Assistant in the Environmental Affairs department for Georgia Power Company. Valerie will transfer from the Customer Care Center to the GPC corporate headquarters in downtown Atlanta on October 20th.

Help Our Children Make the Right CHOICES



AABE and GPC began its annual **CHOICES** mentoring program throughout two metropolitan area high schools. Volunteers are needed to participate in educating 9th and 10th 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!

On October 28th, the Chapter will host its annual Black Energy Awareness Month (BEAM) program at South Atlanta High School. The school is located at 800 Hutchens Road SE in Atlanta. 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.

The BEAM Committee is also planning to conduct similar programs at Banneker, Forest Park and Washington High Schools in November. To volunteer, please contact the BEAM Committee Co-Chairs [Kimberly Bryant](#) (GPC) and [Blake O' Farrow](#) (AGL).

AABE ATL Membership Drive

Atlanta was recognized as the largest chapter within the organization during the September board meeting in DC. We currently have **167** 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 2009.

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 2,000 members! 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.

GEORGIA NEWS:

Georgia Sales Tax Holiday

From October 3rd to 5th, Georgia provided a sales tax weekend on purchases of [ENERGY STAR®](#) rated energy efficient products for the home or business. Anyone could purchase energy efficient compact fluorescent lamps, air conditioners and other household appliances that met federal high efficiency criteria without paying Georgia sales tax. Lowes and Home Depot helped promote the sales tax weekend.

Gasoline is in High Demand but in Short Supply



Plastic bags continue to cover many gas pumps around the southeast, and some other stations are rationing their supplies after a "rush" on the pumps by panicked citizens emptied many local tanks in September.

Lines began forming at gas stations last month as rumors circulated of possible price increases forthcoming as a result of Hurricane Ike approaching the Texas coast. The hurricane damaged 15 refineries and offshore oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico.

Colonial and Plantation Pipeline companies both feed gasoline stations in the Southeast states along the Gulf. They announced a decrease in production and delay in shipping of gasoline as a result of rebuilding efforts. Delays in shipping unleaded regular, mid-grade and premium gasoline sent local drivers into panic mode to fill their tanks. Many stations shut down for a period of a week or more.

Other stations such as QuickTrip offered unleaded regular only with some operators rationing drivers to 10 gallons or less. Automobiles that required premium grade gasoline were left driving for miles to find gas. Abandoned cars that ran out of gas increased along local highways. Cases of price gouging were recorded in Atlanta. The average cost of unleaded regular was \$4 in late September. Gas prices rose to \$6 during the drought.

TABLE 1: Average Unleaded Regular Gas Prices

Average \$	GA	USA
Today 10/13	3.222	3.140
Yesterday	3.315	3.177
One Wk Ago	3.818	3.445
One Mo. Ago	4.160	3.810
One Year Ago	2.755	2.761

As of October 13th, most stations in Georgia are pumping all grades and prices have fallen to between \$3 to \$4/gallon for unleaded regular. We urge all citizens to limit their gasoline consumption by keeping their automobile well maintained and tires fully inflated. More facts on conservation tips can be found on our website.

Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Symposium 2008

Attendees at Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Symposium 2008 will have the opportunity to network with key leaders including: sustainability managers and developers, operators of renewable and alternative energy systems and programs, managers of energy efficiency and green programs, energy managers, facility managers, manufacturing managers and industrial operations managers who work with integrating energy efficiency, sustainability and clean technology in their commercial facilities.

The event will be held from November 5-6 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, in Atlanta. For questions regarding the program, please contact **Joanna Larez** at joannal@infowebcom.com. Register now at http://www.greentechnewsmag.com/energy08_hotel.php.

AABE NATIONAL NEWS:



September Board Meeting

The AABE Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents quarterly meeting was held from September 24th to 27th in Washington, DC. This meeting coincided with the Congressional

Black Caucus' Energy Braintrust at the DC Convention Center on Friday, September 26th, 2008.

Several board members spoke to the CBC about energy supply, environmental justice and public policy issues as it relates to minorities. The organization also held a roundtable discussion with the Dept. of Energy and the Constituency for Africa addressing Africa's energy challenges. A detailed description of all programs and events will be provided in the national newsletter.

AABE Energy News Released in October



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, including the quarterly board meeting, committee highlights and chapter events during the past three months. To view past and present copies of the newsletter, please visit www.aabe.org.

Volunteer in Orlando for 2009

**American Association
of Blacks in Energy**

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32nd Annual Conference
April 14 - 17, 2009
Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel • Orlando, FL
1-866-996-9939 ask for the AABE block

"Sustainable Energy For a New Economy"

SAVE THE DATE

Brought to you by the Southeast Regional Chapters:
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Planning is now underway for the 2009 conference. The 32nd

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." Register now for the hotel and conference at www.aabe.org.

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 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 Volunteer Committee. **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.

Welcome to the New AABE Website

The new and improved AABE website is now online and open to the public. The organization activated the website on September 10th. All members and guests are encouraged to sign onto www.aabe.org to view all the new features and forums.

U.S. ENERGY NEWS:

US Financial Bailout Plan

HR 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 was passed by the US House of Representatives & Congress and signed into law by **President George Bush** on October 3rd. The rescue package lets the government spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets held by troubled financial institutions. If successful, advocates say, that would allow frozen credit to begin flowing again and prevent a deep recession.

Congress gave a huge boost to solar, wind and clean-energy projects in tax legislation, but an unlikely industry is also quietly cashing in on the tax breaks: coal.

The bill makes alternative jet fuel made from liquefied coal eligible for the first time for a 50-cents-a-gallon tax credit. It creates a new tax credit for waste coal that is recovered and reused in the manufacture of coke, a key ingredient in steel.

For more details on the plan, please visit the House Financial Services Committee website: <http://www.financialservices.house.gov>.

Make Your Vote Count

Have you been watching the National Debates? 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](#). The US general election for President will be held on Tuesday, November 4th, 2008.

AABE ATLANTA CHAPTER 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**

1/16 – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Day of Service” 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 – 14th Annual Scholarship Banquet (GPC)
5/16 – 6th 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 – 3rd 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 32nd National Conference Planning Meeting (Orlando, FL)
8/20 – General Meeting (CCC)
9/1 – CHOICES Mentoring Program Begins (BTW & HCHS)
9/11 – Natural Gas Presentation (AGL)
9/25 to 9/27 – AABE Board of Directors Meeting/Congressional Black Caucus (Sheraton-DC)
10/3 to 10/5 – ENERGY STAR sales tax holiday weekend
10/4 – Science Camp Café (GA TECH)
10/9 – AABE Legislative Meeting (Mary Mac’s Tea Room)
10/13 – AABE CCC Meeting
10/28 – BEAM (S. Atlanta HS)
11/1 – BEAM (Banneker HS, Washington HS & Forest Park HS – dates to be determined)
11/4 – US General Election
11/5 to 11/6 – Energy Efficiency & Sustainability Symposium (Marriott Marquis)
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 2nd Thursday of the month. Atlanta Chapter Officers & Executive Committee Meetings are held during the 1st Monday of the month. Dates may change when necessary.

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Atlanta Chapter Websites:

<http://aabe.org>

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

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30EBBkJ9_8o (AABE Atlanta Chapter 25th 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
www.aaf.gecompany.com
www.atlantablackchamber.org
www.atlantagaslight.com
www.aglnetworks.com
www.aglresources.com
www.aucenter.edu
www.blackenergy.com
www.burnsmed.com
www.ch2m.com
www.fvsu.edu
www.gas-south.com
www.gasoc.com
www.gatech.edu
www.georgianaturalgas.com
www.georgiapower.com
www.greystonepower.com
www.heatga.org
www.honeywell.com
www.htsenterprise.com

www.millennium-energy.net
www.mirant.com
www.opc.com
www.psc.state.ga.us
www.scanaenergy.com
www.slking.com
www.southerncompany.com
www.southstarenergy.com
www.snowden-king.com
www.snpo.org
www.synergeticdesign.com
www.thinkenergygroup.com
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. 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 **Friday, October 31st**.



Black History Energy Moments

October 1, 1996 – **Lt. General Joe Ballard** becomes the first African American to head the Army Corps of Engineers.

October 8, 1941 – **Rev. Jesse L. Jackson** is born in Greenville, SC.

October 9, 1806 – Mathematician and astronomer **Benjamin Banneker** dies in Ellicott City, MD.

October 10, 1901 – **Frederick Douglass Patterson**, founder of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is born.

October 11, 1887 – **Alexander Miles** patents an improved method of opening and closing elevator doors.

October 14, 1834 – **Henry Blair** becomes the second Black inventor to receive a patent (for the seed planter).

October 14, 1964 – **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

October 16, 1928 – **Elbert Stallworth** patents the electric heater.

October 16, 1995 – The Million Man March takes place in DC.

October 19, 1936 – **Dr. Johnnetta Cole**, the first Black female President of Spelman College is born.

October 23, 1886 – **Wiley Jones** opens the first streetcar line in Pine Bluff, AR.

October 27, 1891 – Inventor **D. B. Downing** is awarded a patent for the street letter box.

October 28, 1798 – **Levi Coffin**, the founder of the “Underground Railroad” is born.

October 28, 1981 – **Edward M. McIntyre** is elected the first African American Mayor of Augusta, GA.

October 19, 1889 – **John Standard** patents the oil stove.

October 31, 1893 – **Charles Brooks** receives a patent for the paper punch.

November 2, 1983 – **President Ronald Reagan** signs a law designating the third Monday in January as **Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**.

November 2, 1886 – **Henry Brown** patents the storage receptacle that preserves papers from fire and accidents.

November 9, 1731 – Scientist and inventor **Benjamin Banneker** is born in Ellicott City, MD.

November 21, 1893 – Inventor **Granville T. Woods** patents the electric railway conduit.

November 23, 1897 – **John Lee Love** patents the pencil sharpener.

November 30, 1924 – **Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm**, the first black female Presidential Candidate is born.

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.

PHOTO GALLERY:



(Left to right) President **Cordell Carter**, **Bryan Batson** and VP **Eric Arnold** at AGL meeting in September



Taking notes at Natural Gas meeting in September



President Carter at AGL meeting



Tiffany Callaway-Ferrell hands out Natural Gas literature at AGL meeting



AABE members at Mary Mac



AABE members at Mary Mac



Mary Mac Tea Room serves us lunch at L&RA meeting



Mrs. Joan Martin and **Mickey Wade** during the L&RA meeting



Rep. Randal Mangham



(Left to right) AABE member **Charlotte King** of Snowden & King, and **Patricia Harris** of the Edge Connection at the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta 2008 campaign kickoff in September



T. Boone Pickens invites you to view his energy plan at www.pickensplan.com.

BLACK ENERGY QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“AABE is a voice, a connection, a liaison between our companies, government, communities and can empower our youth.”

*- L. Corlene Williams
AABE Southeast
Regional Coordinator*