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**SPECIAL BEAMS OF LIGHT:**

- Happy 31st Anniversary AABE!
- AABE Board Meeting in Kansas City
- Largest 100 US Cities with the smallest carbon foot-prints
- Oil predicted to reach \$200 per barrel
- AABE's "Building the Pipeline Initiative"

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## AABE National Chair Green Sets Goals for 2008-2009



Greetings!

This is my first message to you as the Chair of this remarkable organization. I'm truly honored and

humbled by your confidence in me and the rest of the National Board. We have some extraordinarily talent people within the AABE membership, all of whom we need to engage if we're to realize the dream of our Founders – ensuring that energy policy in this country reflects the needs and aspirations of African Americans and other minorities.

We had a lively and productive Board meeting in Kansas City two weeks ago, during which I out-

**Carolyn L. Green is the Vice President of Health, Environment and Safety Regulatory Affairs for Sunoco, Inc. in Philadelphia, PA.**

lined my style and my priorities. I'd like to share both with you.

First my style. I've spent over 25 years in various sectors of the energy industry, from a local natural gas distribution company, to environmental regulator (twice!), to chairing a local municipal utility board, to being on the board of a water agency, to working for two oil refining companies. I love every aspect of this industry. I'm a big picture thinker who is data-driven. I learn and lead by asking questions – what if, why not, have you thought about – that encour-

age people to think outside the box. I'm not very emotional, but I am passionate about this organization and about ensuring that African Americans can succeed in the energy industry.

As I told the Board, this is a time of increasingly rapid change, and the AABE has to be prepared to influence the direction of those changes. AABE has an exciting but small window of opportunity to help shape this nation's energy future, but to do so, we will need from our organization the same kind of intellectual discipline and strategic focus that we expect in our jobs. We have to question everything we're doing and the way we're doing it to make sure that we're ready to assume that leadership role.

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## Kansas-Missouri Chapter hosts MW Energy Forum & the AABE National Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting

The Kansas-Missouri Chapter of AABE along with Kansas City Power & Light, Aquila, Inc. The City of Kansas City, Missouri, GE Energy, Missouri Gas Energy and Encompass + Hawthor co-sponsored the Midwest Energy Policy Forum on Thursday, June 19 at the Gem Theatre in the Historic 18th & Vine Heritage

Jazz District. The two-hour event attracted representatives from regional utilities, city governments, social service agencies, private citizens and members of AABE's in town for the June Board of Directors Meeting.

**Mike Chesser**, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Great Plains Energy kicked off the forum with

opening remarks. **Frank Stewart**, President & Chief Operating Officer introduced the audience to AABE's intent for creating the principles on renewables, energy efficiency & climate change. Afterwards, participants engaged in lively discussion with panelists: **Morry C. Davis**, Director, Governmental Relations, Peabody Energy,

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## Chair Green Sets New Goals Continued.



(left to right)  
AABE Chair  
Carolyn Green,  
Marvin Rollison of  
KCP&L  
Mike Chesser, CEO of  
Great Plains Energy at  
MW Energy Forum

### Volunteer now for AABE National Committees:

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Clarke A.  
Watson  
(1943 - 2003)  
Founder of  
AABE



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And we have to be prepared for disagreement. There always will be more than one way to achieve our goals. The Board's task is to debate the options and then decide on the path that best suits who are as an organization. But once we reach an agreement, there can be no naysayers. To borrow the aphorism: we must hang together or most assuredly we'll hang separately. Throughout our internal and external discussions we must keep in mind one central ques-

tion: what is in the best interests of the communities the AABE represents?

And what are my priorities? Clearly, our greatest priority must be influencing the ongoing discussions over energy policy, including how we should address climate change, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Energy security is a central issue both in this year's Presidential election and for the next Administration, and AABE can play a pivotal role in bringing underserved communities to the table. If we lose this opportunity, shame on us!

My second priority is making certain we have the internal processes and structure to sustain this organization for another 30 years. As members, you need to know what this association is doing on your behalf, how it is adding career and personal value and how you can get involved. We need to build the AABE brand, as it were, so that there will be no question of why we belong to this organization.

Finally, we have to build a pipeline for tomorrow's energy professional, policy makers and entrepreneurs. The energy challenges we face as a nation are also opportunities for growth and wealth creation if we are prepared to seize them. To address all of these priorities, we're putting the final touches on a strategic plan that I hope to share with you over the several issues and next year at our 2009 National Conference.

We have lots of work ahead of us. I invite you to join the Chapters and the National Board in making sure AABE realizes its promise.

Sincerely,

**Carolyn L. Green**

National Chair

Board of Directors

The American Association of  
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## Happy 31st Anniversary AABE!

Thirty-one years ago, a young visionary looked around him and saw a need. He saw a need for change in U.S. national energy policy. He saw a need for Blacks and other minorities to have a voice in energy policymaking in this country and an or-

ganization to become that voice. The result of this vision is the American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE).

The idea of AABE was conceived in the mind of **Clarke Watson** of Denver, Colorado sometime in the spring of 1977. Mr. Watson owned an energy-consulting firm in Den-

ver, Watson Associates, a division of Westland Company.

Watson called for a meeting of a core group of Blacks concerned about energy matters on July 25 and 26, 1977, at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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# AABE June Board Meeting in Kansas City Continued.



**Jackie Hutchinson**, St. Louis Human Development Corporation and **Robert (Bob) Jackson**, Manager, Property Preservation Division, City of Kansas City, Missouri. Each brought their knowledge and expertise on the affects of Energy

**AABE  
Midwest  
Energy  
Policy  
Forum**

Policy within the Midwest region. They discussed the concerns of current energy policy on the low-income and the minority community and stressed the importance for AABE to take a stand on this very timely issue. **Barrett Hatches**, President, Swope Enterprises facilitated the interactive discussion and encouraged audience participation in a question and answer session. “The

energy industry is facing some critical issues and the release of AABE’s position on these issues is not only timely but relevant” stated **Rita Boyd**, KS-MO Chapter President. National Chairperson **Carolyn Green**, Vice President, Health, Environment and Safety (HES) Regulatory Affairs, Sunoco gave closing remarks.

The forum concluded with a reception at the American Jazz Museum where guests continued to dialogue with panelists and AABE Board members. ☀

**Energy Forum  
Panelists Pictured  
(Left to Right):  
Barrett Hatches,  
Frank Stewart,  
Morry Davis,  
Jackie Hutchinson  
and Bob Jackson.**

## Happy 31st Anniversary AABE! Continued.

The 14 founding members of AABE included Watson, **Rufus McKinney** (Southern California Gas), **Robert Bates** (Mobil Oil), **J.J. Simmons** (Amerada Hess), **Thomas Hart** (Westinghouse), **Larry Young** (Maryland Legislature), **Linda Taliaferro** (Westinghouse), **Mark Hyman** (PR Consultant), **Lenneal Henderson** (Howard University), **Will Carter** (Chevron), **T.J. White** (Phillips

Petroleum), **Wayne Smith** (Colorado Public Service Commission), **John Tucker** (American Gas Association) and **John Lewis** (Editor of DC’s *Black Affairs* Newsletter). **Clarke Watson** was chosen as AABE’s 1st Chairman of the Board of Directors. AABE was incorporated as a non-profit organization in Denver, Colorado on December 1, 1977.

Since that time, AABE has grown from 14 to 1,600 members with 47 local Chapters across the country. Membership includes energy professionals of all races & disciplines; college faculty & students; government liaisons and other non-profit organizations. We celebrate our rich & vast history this month and look forward to promoting AABE’s mission for many years to come. ☀



**The late John Tucker was AABE’s first African American member**

## New Guidelines for AABE National Scholarships in 2009

The National Scholarship Committee is constantly looking to enhance the management of the National Scholarship award process, and based on feedback from various AABE members from around the country, the Committee developed a list of enhancements that will be implemented for the 2009 Scholarship Program process.

The following improvements were announced at the AABE June Board Meeting in Kansas City:

- Update the “Application & Guidelines” package to include: Official proof of ACT or SAT scores, GPAs converted to a 4.0 scale, a completed & signed checklist, valid email addresses of students or par-

ents and removal of Social Security identification numbers.

- Require that all Chapters submit the checklist as part of the scholarship package to the Committee and post a blank checklist on their individual websites.



**AABE 2008 Atlanta Chapter Scholarship Recipients**

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# AABE 2nd Qtr. National Office Report



**Frank Stewart, AABE National President and Chief Operating Officer in Kansas City**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The AABE Training Institute was created in 2004 to address and develop African, South American, and Caribbean energy needs.

**Rev. Leon H. Sullivan (1922 - 2001)**



The following report was presented at the June Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City.

Membership has reached 1,000 for the second quarter of 2008.

At the invitation of Operation Rainbow PUSH, the National Office was invited to Houston, Texas to offer a workshop on current issues in the liquid fuels industry. The office moderated a panel that included the President of Sasol Synthetic Fuels, and highlighted the AABE Training Institute. **Mr. Luddy Hayden** and **Dr. Robert Powell** spoke about the opportunities that African Americans have to support the development of the energy industries in the Caribbean and African nations.

The National Office had the opportunity to meet with **Mr. William Lucy**, President of the National Association of Black Trade Unionists to present the AABE Principles and to discuss with the NABTU leadership the advantage that the development of green jobs could have for the minority communities.

On two separate occasions, the National Office has met with President **Marcia Kong** and Executive Director **Renee Wilson** of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers. The NAREB is an organization of African American professionals in real estate. They are very concerned about the cost of energy for low-income home owners and the need for minor-

ity real estate brokers to work with minority families in counseling regarding the impact of energy costs and best means to manage those costs. AABE has been invited to participate in a panel at the NAREB's 61st Annual Conference in Memphis. AABE has also been asked to address their students program regarding professional opportunities in the energy industry.

The National Office was invited to participate in the events to inaugurate **Mr. Richard Parsons** as the first holder of the King Chair of Public Policy at Howard University. Mr. Parsons is the recently retired Chairman and CEO of AOL Time Warner. Mr. Parsons will lecture at the school of business and develop internships in some of the leading corporations, including energy corporations.

On May 27th, the National Office had the opportunity to support the Legislative Issues and Public Policy committee in briefing the staff of the Congressional Black Caucus members regarding the AABE Principles. The briefing was held in the Rayburn House Office Building in DC and was very well attended.

In keeping with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between AABE and the **Leon H. Sullivan** Foundation, the National Office served as the convener and moderator of the program session on alternative energy for African development. Participants in the session were the Ambassador from Rwanda

to the United States, the Minister of Energy for Tanzania, The Director of the Solar Electric Light Fund, and the Associate Director of OPIC. The interest in alternative energy abroad is very, very high. The interest in power generation and power distribution is also very high. It was forcefully stated by the Vice President of the World Bank in her presentation, and it is broadly understood that the availability of reliable power is critical to significant economic development on the continent.

The National Office sat in on a discussion with **Ed Badolato**, Principal of Integrated Infrastructure Analytics (IIA) regarding the impact of energy security in developing countries. IIA is primarily interested in distributed power production from renewable (biodiesel) sources. ☀

Pictured below: **Ludwig "Luddy" Hayden**, President & CEO of Luddy Hayden & Associates, LLC



# AABE National Scholarship Winners and Committee Updates

The last issue of AABE Energy News incorrectly listed the winners of the AABE National



Scholarships for 2008. The awards were presented during the 31st National Conference in Houston in April. The seven scholarships were presented by AABE Scholarship Committee Chair **Gerald Dawes** (AGA/Con Ed-NYMAC) and Co-Chair **Sheila Patterson** (Consumers Energy-Michigan).

- National Premier Winner - **La-Krystal Williams** (Houston Chapter sponsor-accepted to Univ. of Houston-Chemistry Major)
- Northeast Region Winner - **Earl Roach** (NJ Chapter sponsor-accepted to NYU-Engineering Major)
- Mid-Atlantic Region Winner - **Saliou N'Dao** (DC Chapter sponsor-accepted to MIT-Electrical Engineering/

**Gerald W. Dawes is Con Edison's Executive On-Loan to the American Gas Association and was elected to AABE's Board of Directors in 2006.**

- Computer Science Major)
- Mid-West Region Winner - **Makenzie Moss** (Michigan Chapter sponsor-accepted to NC A&T-Bioengineering Major)
- Southeast Region Winner - **Reuben Johnson** (Tennessee Chapter sponsor-accepted to Christian Brothers Univ.-Computer Engineering Major)
- Western Region Winner - **Luis Ochoa** (Southern California Chapter sponsor-acceptance letter pending-Civil Engineering Major)

AABE scholarship candidates were selected by local Chapters and the National Scholarship Committee. AABE congratulates all its awardees and looks forward to the next generation of energy professionals.

The 2008 AABE National Scholarship Committee leadership includes: Chair - **Gerald Dawes**

(AGA/ConEd - NYMAC)

1st Vice Chair & MW Region Coordinator - **Sheila Patterson** (CMS Energy - Michigan)

2nd Vice Chair & NE Region Coordinator - **John Skipper** (ConEd - NYMAC)

Mid-Atlantic Region Coordinator - **Dianne Oliver** (PEPCO Holdings - DC)

SE Region Coordinator - **Jennefer Whisenhunt** (ElPaso/SNG - Birmingham)

SW Region Coordinator - **Terrence Griffin** (Entergy - Houston)

Western Region Coordinator - **Sonya Baskerville** (BPA - WA/OR)

The Committee also consists of all local Chapter scholarship committee representatives. ☼

**DID YOU KNOW? AABE first awarded National Scholarships in 1980 at the 3rd Annual Conference in Houston, TX. Thomas Hart of Westinghouse was the 1st Scholarship Chairperson.**

# New AABE National Scholarship Guidelines Continued.

- Require that all Chapters and the National Office reflect the same application deadline on their scholarship packages and websites. For 2009, the AABE National Scholarship Committee has established **Friday, February 6, 2009** as the deadline date. Local Chapters will submit their top 3 candidates to the Committee by **Friday,**

*March 13, 2009.* This date will not be publicly posted. Candidates in areas or states where a Chapter is inactive or does not exist should submit their applications to the Chapter in the next adjoining state.

- Update the current application to include 3 lines for SAT score categories (Critical

Reading, Math and Writing).

- Request that all Chapters modify their applications each year to specify the exact year of the tax returns or W-2 forms required.

For more information, please contact the Scholarship Chair **Gerald Dawes** (AGA/ConEd - NYMAC) at [gdawes@aga.org](mailto:gdawes@aga.org). ☼

**AABE Scholarship Applications, Guidelines and Checklists can be found online at <http://aabe.org> under the Career Aide section.**



David Owens asks the tough questions about the energy crisis

**AABE's National Energy Policy Principles include strategies on Climate Change, Renewables Technology, and Energy Efficiency.**

Hilda Pinnix-Ragland is VP of the Northern Region for Progress Energy in NC



## AABE Briefs Congress on Energy Principles

On Tuesday, May 27, 2008, the AABE National Legislative Issues & Public Policy (LIPP) Committee convened in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in an effort to enlighten representatives of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and others of AABE's *Energy Policy Principles* related to Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology.

LIPP leaders delineated the potential immense financial burdens that proposed energy legislation could place upon those consumers who are at a significant economic disadvantage: specifically minorities, the elderly and single-parent households. These households typically earn less than \$10,000 annually, spending nearly half of after-tax income on energy expenditures alone. AABE insisted that African-Americans participate in the discussion and development of energy policy and energy-related business opportunities to ensure economic equity.

Presenting on behalf of AABE and the LIPP Committee were:

**Carolyn Green** (Sunoco - Philadelphia), AABE National Chair;

**Frank Stewart**, AABE National President & Chief Operating Officer;

**Sabrina Campbell** (AEP - DC), AABE-LIPP Committee Co-Chair and National Treasurer;

**Berdell Knowles** (JEA - FL/AABE), AABE-LIPP Committee National Climate Change Team Lead; and

**Morry Davis** (Peabody Energy - SMSI), AABE-LIPP Committee National Energy Efficiency Team Lead.

The LIPP Committee effectively discussed the energy crisis, sending a clairvoyant message to all in attendance: AABE will represent the concerns of the minority community as it relates to energy prices and professional representation in the energy industry.

The LIPP Committee is led by **David Owens** (EEI - DC), who was recently honored with the **Clarke A. Watson** Chairman's Cup award during the 31st Annual AABE Na-

tional Conference this past April.

As part of the "*Building the Pipeline Initiative*" (see page 7), Morry has recruited two Peabody Energy interns **Raquel Jones** (Spelman College) and **Dan Foster** (St. Louis Univ.) to assist us with LIPP projects this summer in St. Louis, MO and Washington, DC.

The Committee is also seeking new members from the local Chapters' to get involved in legislative issues and the public policy debate.

To volunteer and find out more about AABE's mission and policies, please visit the AABE National LIPP Committee website address below at <http://www.aabe.org/about/committees/LIPP> or email Morry at [mdavis@peabodyenergy.com](mailto:mdavis@peabodyenergy.com). Pictured below: **Morry Davis** and **Jackie Hutchinson**. ☀



## Hilda Answers the Call to Chair Communications

**Hilda Pinnix-Ragland** (Progress Energy - NC), past National Chair and current Board member, was appointed Chair of the AABE National Communications Committee during the June Board meeting in Kansas City.

Hilda's goals for the Committee include establishing 3 sub-committees in 2008.

The Internal committee will provide AABE related literature, such as this newsletter and brochures, to the entire membership.

The External committee will create a new AABE brand marketing program with the assistance of GE Energy. The committee will partner with other National Committees as well.

The Public Relations committee will establish relationships with media sources across the country to provide press releases on upcoming AABE initiatives.

Hilda was the 11th Chair of AABE's National Board (2004 - 2006) and the 2nd woman ever elected to lead our organization. ☀

# AABE Announces New “Building The Pipeline Initiative”

The *Baby Boom* generation is nearing retirement age. The energy industry is concerned about vacancies in critical areas of operation in the near future. The nuclear industry is heavily recruiting Minorities to fill projected demand. The renewables sector is also seeking individuals to create new businesses in the industry.

Are African-Americans taking advantage of these opportunities? In April 2008, The Education Sector, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving US education policies, released a report entitled “*Graduation Rate Watch: Making Minority Student Success a Priority.*” The report claims that since the beginning of the new millennium,

Black students enrolling in college were **70% more likely not to graduate** with a degree within six years.

AABE’s mission includes encouraging African-American students to pursue careers in energy related fields. AABE National Chair **Carolyn Green** (Sunoco - Philadelphia) and Board member **Ralph Cleveland** (AGL Resources - Atlanta) have created the new “*Building the Pipeline Initiative*” to ensure the next generation of Minority energy professionals’ needs are addressed.

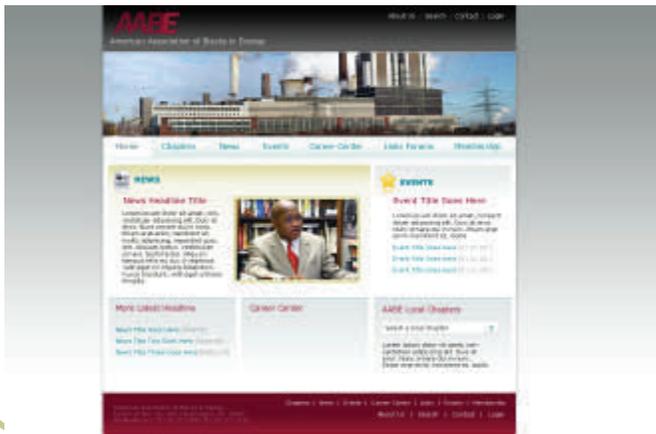
The Initiative will work closely with 2 of AABE’s National Committees (Scholarship and Membership & Chapter Development) as

well as the Chapter Presidents, Regional Coordinators, National Office and Board of Directors.

The Initiative’s goals are to create and maintain additional AABE Student Chapters at HBCUs and other accredited institutions across the country. Volunteers are needed to provide mentoring, part-time & full-time employment opportunities, and track professional development of our AABE scholarship recipients and other Minority students interested in the fields of energy & the environment. Both AABE and the students are expected to benefit from this partnership. To assist in this program, please contact Ralph at [rcleve@aglresources.com](mailto:rcleve@aglresources.com).



(left to right)  
**AABE Birmingham Chapter President Jonathan Porter & 1st Chapter Intern Robert Young, III**



*The proposed home page for the new AABE website will include a redesigned look, easier navigation and rotating energy-related images.*

## Coming Soon...A New AABE Website!

During the Board meeting,, the AABE National Technical Development Committee (TDC) provided an update to the *Website Redesign Project*.

The TDC is in the process of reviewing programming and developing test cases to ensure that the new website is functioning properly.

The Committee has approved the templates for how the site will look and operate. The deadline for completion has been extended to August 2008 to ensure quality of services provided by the contractor.

As you may know, AABE successfully entered into an agreement this past April with **Filnet**, a Virginia-

based firm hired to maintain and redevelop the entire AABE website. Filnet is managed by its CEO, **Chris Baltazar**.

This phase of the project has been led by TDC members **LC Scott** (AEP - Columbus), **Aaron Johnson** (AGA - DC) and various Chapter representatives.



**LC Scott is Supply Chain Technology Manager for American Electric Power in Columbus, Ohio**

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed as a US National Holiday on the third Monday in January. The MLK Day of Service will be celebrated next year on January 19, 2009.*

## Apply now for AABE's Entrepreneur of the Year

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) is looking for entrepreneurial leaders and visionaries - men and women who create market-leading businesses in the field of energy, contribute to the strength of their communities and the economy, and help raise the bar of business excellence.

The *Energy Entrepreneur of the Year* award acknowledges individuals who have broken new ground or developed a unique method of conducting business

in the energy field. Supporting data must be documented in an essay submitted with a completed application. The application form and additional information can be found on the AABE website. Entries must be received by November 30, 2008.

To be eligible for the award the nominee must meet the following criteria:

The business is 51% African-American owned.

The business has been in exis-

tence for a minimum 3 years and employs a minimum of 3 employees.

Have an annual minimum revenue is \$250K with a pattern of increasing revenues.

We encourage entrepreneur's to self-nominate.

For more information, please contact the Energy Entrepreneurs Committee Co-Chairs, **Dot Harris** (GE - Atlanta) at dot.harris@ge.com and **Tonja Wicks** (DC) at TWICKS50@aol.com.☀

## MLK Day of Service Resolution



Civil Rights Icon Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 -1968)

A RESOLUTION that the American Association of Blacks in Energy recognize the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** holiday as a Day of Energy Service.

WHEREAS, the AABE is the nation's leading advocate for minority involvement in energy issues; and

WHEREAS, African American households, irrespective of income, spend a greater portion of their income on energy than do their non-African American counterparts; and

WHEREAS, minority and low income communities are harmed most by rising energy costs; and

WHEREAS, underrepresented communities also are more likely to live in older, less energy efficient homes, use older less efficient appliances, and drive less fuel efficient vehicles; and

WHEREAS, there are steps that citizens can take to reduce their energy bills, whether they own or rent their homes, and whether they own an automobile or use public transit; and

WHEREAS, saluting the legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, through a day of service has become a national practice; and

WHEREAS, educating our nation's disadvantaged citizens and communities is crucial to the formulation of a sound national energy policy; and

WHEREAS, education regarding home weatherization, vehicle maintenance and repair, and energy conservation and efficiency are examples of ways that low-income, disabled, elderly and minority consumers can reduce their energy expenditures; and

WHEREAS, AABE members have the skills and access to information that underrepresented communities need to become wiser energy consumers; and

WHEREAS, the AABE has identified community education as an important component of its mission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY **THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN ENERGY** that this Association hereby designates **Dr. Martin Luther King Day** as a Day of Utility Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AABE, through its local chapters throughout the nation, makes community energy education and assistance on the MLK holiday a priority outreach activity.☀

# Join AABE in Orlando for 2009 National Conference

FL/AABE is proud to host the 2009 AABE 32nd Annual National Conference in Orlando during the month of April. The theme is "Clean Energy...A New Economy."



**Corlene Williams is the AABE SE Region Coordinator** (SCCAABE), Savannah and Tennessee will hold planning meetings on July 28th, October 12th and December 5th in 2008 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, the site of the conference.

FL/AABE Chapter President **Greg Owens** (JEA-Florida), Board Member & National Conference Committee Chair **Polly Rosemond** (Energy-Louisiana) and SE Region Coordinator **Corlene Williams** (ElPaso/SNG-Birmingham) are the Conference Co-Chairs.

Volunteers are needed to help create the conference. Subcommittees include administration, agenda planning, college symposium/career fair, computer support, distribution, entrepreneur's forum, finance, 1st time attendees session, fundraising, gifts/souvenirs, program booklet, logistics, exhibits, publicity/promotions, silent auction, entertainment, training/workshops, transportation, volunteers and youth forum.

To volunteer for a sub-committee, please contact Corlene at [Corlene.williams@elpaso.com](mailto:Corlene.williams@elpaso.com).

The AABE Southeast Region (SE) Chapters of Florida (FL/AABE), Atlanta, Birmingham, FVSU, Georgia Tech, Gulf Coast, North Carolina, NC A& T, South Carolina

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
- **AABE 31st National Conference Pictures and Presentations are now ONLINE at**  
<http://aabe.org>.

## AABE/CBC Energy Braintrust to meet in September

The Congressional Black Congress of the 110th Congress (CBC) will hold its Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, DC from September 24th to the 28th. AABE will hold its quarterly Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents meeting from September 25th to the 27th at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel located in the historic business district at 1201 K Street NW in downtown DC.

In 1978, AABE established a dialogue with the CBC to address energy issues because it was not a priority on the agendas of most Black political, civil rights, fraternal

and social organizations of that era. Since then, the AABE/CBC Energy Braintrust has become an outlet for AABE to be used as a resource to other organizations on energy matters and environmental concerns affecting our communities.

The annual Braintrust meeting will occur on Friday, September 26th at the Washington Convention Center. During the meeting, AABE will discuss its *Energy Policy Principles* and upcoming *State of Energy in Black America Report*.

The CBC supports increased roles

for African-Americans in developing alternative fuel resources, providing renewable energy solutions, stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations and assisting in community cleanup efforts.

For hotel registration information, AABE Board meeting and CBC Energy Braintrust agendas, please contact **LaKeesha Wilson**, AABE Director of Member Services, at

[lwilson@aabe.org](mailto:lwilson@aabe.org).

Please visit the News section to get login information to download files.



(left to right) **AABE Kansas-Missouri Chapter Secretary Allison Moten of Aquila and Chapter President Rita Boyd of KCP&L at the MW Energy Forum in June**



**Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick of Michigan is Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus**

# AABE Chapters' News



(left to right) Atlanta Fundraising Chair Charmaine Caruth, Arthur McClung Jr. and Atlanta Chapter President Cordell Carter at the golf tournament awards ceremony.

## AABE Birmingham Chapter 2008 Scholarship Recipients

### Atlanta Chapter

The Atlanta Chapter awarded 41 students scholarships at our 14th Annual **James K. Davis** Scholarship Banquet on May 15th. The Chapter provided over **\$32K** total in funds to 29 high school graduates and 12 college students who are pursuing careers in energy related fields. Since 1994, the Chapter has awarded over **\$290K** to approximately 330 students. AABE National Board member **Ralph Cleveland**, Chief Engineer and SVP of Engineering & Construction for AGL Resources, was the keynote speaker.

The Atlanta Chapter also held its 6th Annual **Jim Davis** Scholarship Golf Outing on May 16th. The tournament raised **\$24,335** towards the 2009 scholarship fund. The scholarship program and golf outing bears the name of our late founder, **James "Jim" Davis**, former executive of Georgia Power Company and past AABE National Board member from 1977 to 2004.

Past President **Arthur McClung, Jr.** announced his

retirement from Georgia Power Company this July. Art was the Chapter's 5th President and served on the AABE National Board of Directors from 1988 to 1989. ☀

### Birmingham Chapter

The Birmingham Chapter awarded **\$16,000** in scholarships to deserving area high school seniors at its 2008 Scholarships Reception on April 29th. The event took place at the Alabama Power Company (APC) Corporate headquarters and AABE National 1st Vice Chair **Robert Holmes**, SVP of Ethics and Corporate Concerns for APC, served as the keynote speaker. This year's scholarship recipients (pictured) were **Kamecia Bruce** (McAdory High), **Synthia Davis** (Woodlawn Magnet High), **Logan and Ryan Dawson** (Jefferson County Baccalaureate School), **Brandon Gilmore** (Erwin High), and **Whitney Thomas** (Ramsay High).

The Birmingham Chapter had its annual scholarship golf tournament on Friday, June 6th at the **Robert Trent Jones** – Oxmoor Valley Golf Course in Birmingham. The Chapter had a record 144 golfers this year and after expenses raised more than **\$23,000** for scholarships. The tournament was chaired by AABE members **John Avery** (APC), **Racquelle Lane** (EIPaso/SNG), and a host of outstanding AABE members and volunteers.

The Birmingham Chapter secured its first AABE internship for a deserving student. **Robert Young, III** (known as Tre) is a rising sophomore and Finance Major at Tuskegee University with a 3.8 Cumulative GPA. Tre will intern with APC in its Rates and Regulatory Pricing department.

Chapter President **Jonathan Porter** (APC) worked with the department's hiring manager, **Mark Wood**, to finalize this opportunity, which was started by immediate past Chapter President **Alice Gordon** (APC). Jonathan will serve as Tre's mentor and will also create a template to monitor internship performance and progress in which to measure the success of this new program as part of AABE's "Building the Pipeline Initiative" (see article on page 7).

The Birmingham Chapter is scheduled to have its Energy Policy discussion on Tuesday, August 19th. The discussion will take place in the Brown Hall Auditorium on the campus of Miles College in Birmingham. Topics of discussion will include climate change, renewables, and energy efficiency. College students and faculty will be encouraged to attend as we discuss how energy policies and legislation impact industry and the public. ☀

### California Central Valley Chapter (CCV)

The CCV Chapter has elected **Joe G. Gaines** (Chevron) to be its first President. Joe accepted the CCV's official Charter at the 31st Annual AABE National Conference this past April in Houston, Texas. ☀

### Columbus Chapter



(Pictured left to right: AABE Columbus Chapter Scholarship Recipients **Carlos Whye**,



# AABE Chapters' News continued.



**Berdell Knowles** founded the **FL/AABE Chapter** in 2000

Northeast Utilities corporate offices in Berlin at 6PM. The keynote speaker will be **Karen**

**Hinds**, CEO of Workplace Success Group. ☀

**Columbus Chapter continued**  
**Xavier Dunson and Milo McGriff**

The Columbus Chapter of AABE sponsored its 2008 Scholarship Event, at the beautiful Columbus Museum of Art, where they awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to deserving students in the Central Ohio Area. Two of the recipients were from the Columbus Public School District, with the other one being from the Reynoldsburg School District. All three of the recipients plan to attend The Ohio State University, where they will each major in the engineering field. The scholarships were based on criteria which included a GPA of 3.8 or higher, community/extra curricular involvement, plans to study engineering/math/or science related subjects, and submission of an essay regarding why they should be awarded an AABE scholarship.

The event featured keynote speaker **Demetrai Mitchell**, Director of Diversity and Inclusion for Battelle, with remarks and introduction of speaker given by **Mr. Michael G. Morris**, President and CEO of American Electric Power. The students were also offered words of encouragement by Columbus School Board President **Mr. Terry Boyd**, and had the opportunity to be congratulated by City Council Member **Hearcel Craig**, and State Representative **Tracy Maxwell Heard**. ☀

**Connecticut Chapter**

The CT Chapter will award five \$2,500 scholarships to area high school seniors at its annual Scholarship Reception on Thursday, July 17th. The event will take place at

**Florida Chapter (FL/AABE)**

The Florida Chapter held a business meeting on June 27, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a mid-year update on the status of the Florida Chapter and begin formal planning and preparation for the 2009 National AABE Meetings at the Rosen Center Shingle Creek Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Reports were provided about the Florida Chapter's Membership Drive, future fundraising activities and chapter communications. Progress Energy was the host for our meeting.

FL/AABE Chapter Founder and 1st President **Berdell Knowles** (JEA) participated in the June 2008 Conference of Black Mayors in New Orleans, LA. Berdell served as a panelist on the topic of *Emerging Energy Issues Policy Forum*. Berdell's expert opinion on energy issues and energy principles adopted by AABE made for an thoughtful and engaging session.

FL/AABE's 2nd Chapter President **Darrell Scott** (TECO) has accepted an executive position with AEP in Columbus, Ohio. While Darrell is now in Buckeye country, we Floridians will show him no mercy if Ohio State University plays University of Florida, University of Miami or Florida State University in a BCS College Football Bowl game. We wish Darrell continued success in his new venture and look forward to seeing him in upcoming AABE events and meetings. ☀

**Georgia Tech Student Chapter**

AABE Georgia Institute of Technology Student Chapter member **Urenna Onyewuchi** was

selected to attend the 4th Annual UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC) Summer School program in London, England from June 23rd to 27th. The course has been specifically designed to give 100 relevant first and second year PhD students an understanding of the broader issues of energy research in the UK and beyond. The UKERC Summer School was held at Roehampton University, which is located in the west end of London. Mr. Onyewuchi is an Electrical Engineering student at Georgia Tech who is currently slated to finish up his PhD in December 2009. ☀

**Gulf Coast Chapter**

The Gulf Coast Chapter held its 4th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and Banquet during the month of June. The golf tournament was a grand event with over a hundred players participating. The tournament was held at the Grand Bear Course in Saucier, MS. The tournament was a great representation of AABE members correlating with the surrounding communities toward a great goal.

The Scholarship Banquet was held at the Herron Lake Country Club in Mobile, AL. The proceeds from the tournament were used to present six high school seniors each with a \$1,500 scholarship as they start attending college this fall. These students were picked from a number of great candidates. These students met the criteria as well as possessed the extra characteristics required to receive these rewards. The 2008 Gulf Coast Chapter Scholarship recipients were as follows: **Joseph L. Carleton Jr., Cammia Dawson, Rachael Kirkwood, Reginald Steel, Jr., Joshua Wallace, and Simone S. Williams**. ☀



**AABE CONTEST!**

*We are looking for a new slogan for our organization!*

*Please send your suggestions to*

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*newwell.com by*

*Friday, August 1.*

**AABE Gulf Coast Chapter 2008 Scholarship Winners**

# AABE Chapters' News continued.



**AABE Mississippi  
Chapter 2008  
Scholarship Recipients**

## **AABE Regional Coordinators**

**Gilda Joseph - SW**

**R. Kirsten Watts - West**

**Sabrina Campbell - Mid-Atl**

**Rodney Powell - NE**

**Debra Smallwood - NE**

**Corlene Williams - SE**

**Calvin Talley - MW**

**AABE Kansas-Missouri  
Midwest Energy Forum  
Q&A session**



## **Houston Chapter**

The Houston Chapter paired its scholarship recipients with mentors as a way providing support to our future leaders. The session took place on May 29th at the Museum of Fine Arts. This venue was an ideal and comfortable setting for the mentors/mentees to meet each other and briefly get acquainted. The purpose of the Mentoring Program is to track the success of our scholarship recipients and to provide continued support to the students throughout the term of their college years. The program will also assist the scholarship recipients with internships in the summer of 2009.

This is a core activity for the AABE Houston Chapter ... one that will continue to funnel our pipeline. This relationship will lead to future AABE members and future Energy Professionals. Supporting our future leaders is key to our success and growth! For more information, please read the AABE "Building the Pipeline Initiative" article on page 7.

The Chapter also participated in the *Freedmen's Town Juneteenth Celebration* from June 19th to the 21st. The 4th Ward/Freedmen's Town is where the first freed slaves in Texas planted their roots. ☀

## **Kansas-Missouri Chapter**

Special thanks goes out to Chapter President **Rita Boyd** (KCPL) and all members who

helped host the AABE Chapter Presidents and Board of Directors quarterly meeting from June 19th to the 21st at the Westin Crown Center hotel in Kansas City. The meeting was kicked off with the AABE Midwest Energy Forum and highlighted on page 1 of this newsletter. ☀

## **Michigan Chapter**

While AABE-MI Chapter successfully supports minority youth with college scholarships, student scholars continually ask for simple guidance in areas such as work load prioritization, career planning, internships and advice on college transitional challenges. We see an opportunity to help student scholars starting this year through the AABE Michigan Chapter Student Scholars Partners Program (SSPP).

The Student Scholars Partners Program provides an opportunity for AABE-MI Chapter members to coach student scholars through their college experience. The program matches volunteers with student scholars for a one year commitment starting May and ending in April. Annually new student scholars will be added and volunteers will be matched with new students.

This program is included as one of AABE's "Building the Pipeline Initiatives" (see page 7) and is led by **Sheila Patterson** (CMS Energy). ☀

## **Mississippi Chapter**

The Mississippi Chapter of AABE awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to area high school seniors at its 18th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 15th at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. The scholarship recipients were **Deonna Jenkins, Labreshia Mims, Sade Bell** and **Lauren Taylor**.

The **Donald E. Meiners** Scholarship, named for the former President of Entergy Mississippi, was awarded to **Sade Bell**, of Greenville, a senior at the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. Meiners was instrumental in the founding of AABE's Mississippi Chapter in 1990 and continues to be an enthusiastic supporter. The scholarship is the top honor given by the organization.

The keynote speaker for the event was 2007 Ms. Mississippi **Kimberly Morgan**.

Pictured above first row from left: **Betty Spencer**, Scholarship Co-chairperson; scholarship recipients **Donna Jenkins** and **Labreshia Mims**; banquet speaker Miss Mississippi **Kimberly Morgan**; **Sade Bell**, **Don E. Meiners**, past President and CEO of Entergy, MS. Second row from left: **Jean Jacobs**, MS Chapter President and **Janyce Jenkins**, Scholarship Chairperson. ☀

# AABE Chapters' News continued.

## New Jersey Chapter

On the heels of the 31st Annual National Conference in Houston, the New Jersey Chapter of AABE hosted a *Lunch~n~Learn* session at the headquarters of the Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG). While the Chapter had a strong presence at the Conference, the intent of the session was to enlighten and educate those members – and other interested parties – that were unable to attend. Several Chapter members were charged with reporting-out on specific session topics covered during the Conference.



**Rodney Dickens** – VP, Asset Management and Centralized Services, presented, *"Our Mission for Emissions: Meeting the High Cost of Reducing Carbon."* Having served as a panelist on the topic during the Conference, Rodney's presentation was primarily from the PSEG perspective; but he made sure to encompass the outlook of his co-panelist, **Chris Womack** – Executive VP, External Affairs (Georgia Power). Rodney suggested, "As a utility, we need to walk-the-walk when it comes to reducing our carbon footprint. PSE&G gave out over 300,000 energy-efficient fluorescent light bulbs to our customers and employees." He asked the standing room only crowd, "How many of you have actually switched-

out all of your old bulbs with the ones the company provided?" With only a half-dozen or so hands raised, he responded, "My point exactly."



**Rick Thigpen** – VP, State Governmental Affairs, reviewed, *"The State of Earth: Global Warming and Public Policy."* With the panel featuring legislatures from different parts of the country, Rick brought together some common themes from the session, while making sure the attendees did not lose site of the big picture. "There is significant investment and legislation required of utilities and the regulatory bodies that govern them," he said; "but we shouldn't sit back idly and allow this progress to come at our expense. We have an obligation to articulate the needs of the people we serve."



**Carin Burwell** – Process Analyst, had the undaunting task of covering, *"Going Hi-Tech: Nanotechnology in the Energy Industry."* And while it's not Rocket Science... check that, maybe

it is; Carin's presentation was compelling enough to convince the audience that a space elevator is not too farfetched. "There are a lot of applications that can leverage nanotechnologies. Continued research and development may lead to the creation of an alternative, improved, or renewable energy source."

**Ralph Izzo** – PSEG President and CEO (pictured on right), closed the session by emphasizing the need for PSEG to act as leaders in the development of new and clean energy technologies. "We, as a company, have a major role to play. We're best suited to provide universal access to energy efficiency – especially to under-served markets and communities." Ralph went on to say, "I think all the presenters did a great job. While our primary focus, as a utility, is on New Jersey; AABE members get a broader perspective on the industry as a whole."

"The primary focus of AABE is to ensure the input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussion and development of energy policy," said **Kevin Kimbo** – President, AABE – New Jersey Chapter. "The Lunch~n~Learn session allows AABE members – who attend the Annual National Conference – the opportunity to share some key takeaways with fellow employees on a wide range of energy management, policy-making, and consumer issues."

The Chapter will host a networking barbeque on August 23rd at William Warren Park in Woodbridge Township, NJ, ☼



*"As a utility, we need to walk-the-walk when it comes to reducing our carbon footprint."*  
- Rodney Dickens  
(NJ Chapter)



**Kevin Kimbo is Process Integration Manager at Public Service Enterprise Group in NJ**

# AABE Chapters' News continued.



AABE NC Chapter Energy Fair Display & Demo



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
AABE has 6 Student Chapters at Michigan State University, University of Tulsa, NC A&T, Fort Valley State, University of Kansas and GA Tech.

Southern California Chapter Officers at Hydro Plant



## New York Metropolitan Area Chapter (NYMAC)

Con Edison hosted a Career Fair on June 5th to recruit engineering and central operations professionals at the Metropolitan Pavilion in NYC. NYMAC members were on hand to assist interviewing potential candidates.

The Chapter plans to hold its 21st Anniversary Program on October 15th at Con Edison Corporate headquarters. ☀

## North Carolina Chapter

The NC Chapter hosted its first Energy Fair on April 26th at the Triangle Town Center "Center Court." The event featured energy related technology, products and consumer information. Alternative fuel vehicle displays, cooking demonstrations, live music, food and presentations on assistance programs were also held for attendees. ☀

## NC A & T State University Student Chapter

The newly formed AABE North Carolina A&T State University Student Chapter is pleased to announce that **Ludwig "Luddy" Hayden**, President & CEO of **Luddy Hayden & Associates, LLC**, will serve as it's 1st Chapter Coordinator. Luddy is a retired executive from Chevron-Texaco and owns his own consulting firm. ☀

## Philadelphia Chapter

The AABE Philadelphia Chapter held two of three guest speaker programs based on

the AABE National LIPP Committee's *Public Policy Energy Principles*. The Chapter provided an Energy Efficiency overview on May 15th. On June 26th, the Chapter discussed the impacts of Climate Change. The guest speaker in June was **Doyle Beneby**, VP of Power Operations, at Exelon Power. ☀

## Southern California Chapter

Representatives from Southern California Edison (SCE) hosted their High Sierra Workshop this past week at the Big Creek San Joaquin River Hydroelectric facility. The purpose of this workshop was to bring together, and educate, influential residents of the San Gabriel Valley about SCE's vision for electric technology. Among those attending from the Southern California Chapter of AABE were **Chuck Pulliam**, Executive Director, and **Dave Ford**, Chapter Vice-President and SCE Region Manager.

The workshop offered tours of historic hydroelectric power facilities and gave participants the opportunity to ask SCE representatives questions about the effects of Edison's vision on the economy and environment. ☀

## South Carolina Chapter (SCCAABE)

The South Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy held their 2008 annual golf tournament

on Friday, June 13th at the Charwood Country Club in West Columbia, S.C.

Eighteen teams participated in the tournament. A group of young golfers from First Tee also participated in the event as our special guest. Attendees enjoyed a hearty lunch served by Myers BBQ. Golf shirts, umbrellas, tote bags and free coupons were given away as door prizes.

The golf tournament is held yearly to raise funds the **Josie K. Clairborne** Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to deserving high school students that pursue careers in energy related fields. The fundraising campaign this year raised more than **\$10,000**.

SCCAABE awarded three scholarships consisting of **\$2,000** each at their 2008 **Josie K. Claiborne** Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on June 20th at the Brookland Baptist Convention Center in Columbia, SC. This year's theme was "*The Art of Staying Teachable*." The keynote address was delivered by the Honorable **Kay Patterson** of the South Carolina State Senate. Senator Patterson's message focused on performing at your best with what you have and to aspire toward excellence and to never settle for mediocrity. (SCCAABE article continued on the next page)

# AABE Chapters' News continued.

## South Carolina Chapter (SCCAABE) continued



Scholarships were presented to **Araba A. Appiagyei-Dankah** of Mt. Pleasant, SC; **Stephen A. Ferguson** of Charleston, SC and **Danielle O. Wright** of Columbia, SC. Ms. Dankah hopes to major in chemical engineering and Mr. Ferguson is a chemistry major and will attend Emory University. Ms. Wright plans to major in biology and chemistry and has been accepted at Davidson College. Pictured above: **Mary Priester-Clarke** (SCANA), **Danielle Wright**, **Stephen Ferguson** and **Charles Bellamy** (SCANA), the SCCAABE Scholarship Fund Committee Chairperson.

SCCAABE will host its annual professional development seminar from October 1st to 2nd at the Marriott hotel in Columbia. Featured speakers include **Hilda Pinnix-Ragland** (Progress Energy), **George Williams** (Exelon/ComEd), **Bill Timmerman** (CEO of SCANA) and **Kevin Marsh** (President & COO of SCE&G). ☀

## Southeastern Missouri/Southern Illinois (SMSI) Chapter

This was an exciting and busy quarter for us. The Chapter was well represented at the National Conference in Houston with seven members present. **Rick Bowen, Sr.**

Vice President for BTU Conversion and Strategic Planning at Peabody Energy, was a panelist for the Coal Session. Chapter Treasurer and Peabody Energy Director of Government Relations, **Morry Davis**, was very active on behalf of AABE during this quarter. As the National Energy Efficiency Team Lead for AABE's Legislative Issues and Public Policy committee, Mr. Davis made presentations to AABE's Atlanta Chapter, Ameren's Network of Minority Employees (ANME), the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, DC, and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Utility & Energy Conference.

Additionally, Mr. Davis and Chapter member **Jackie Hutchinson**, Director of Community Program Operations for the Human Development Corporation of Metropolitan St. Louis, were the subject matter experts for the energy forum at the quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City. The topic was AABE's LIPP roll-out, "Midwest Energy Policy: An African American Perspective".

Chapter Vice President **Gloria Thirdkill** and Ms. Hutchinson represented the Chapter at the National Energy & Utility Conference in Denver, Colorado. Chapter President **David St. James**, Chapter Assistant Treasurer **Tony Wilkins**, and Mr. Davis represented the Chapter at the St. Louis Urban League fundraiser.

Also, the Chapter enjoyed a substantial increase in its membership during this quarter and now has over 45 members total. Significant process was made on attaining the 501© 3 certification and that pro-

cess is expected to be completed soon. ☀

## Washington DC Metropolitan Area Chapter (DC)

The DC Chapter hosted several meetings with key legislators over the past few months. In April, the Chapter met with **Guy Caruso** of the Department of Energy about the *2008 US Energy Outlook* and cap & trade programs. In May the Chapter, National Office and the LIPP Committee met with Congress to discuss the *AABE Energy Policy Principles*. In June, the DC Chapter awarded four **\$2,500** scholarships to deserving students at Clyde's of Gallery Place restaurant. **Anthony G. Brown**, Lt. Governor of Maryland, was the guest speaker at the event. The Chapter will host the AABE quarterly Chapter Presidents and Board of Directors meeting in September. ☀

## Membership Information

AABE is seeking to increase its overall membership to 2,000. AABE has 47 Chapters across the country including several Student Chapters at accredited institutions. Annual membership to AABE costs **\$100** for National membership and an additional fee for local Chapter dues. AABE is a not for profit organization and all dues are tax-deductible. Member companies usually sponsor dues to this organization. Energy professionals and college students are encouraged to apply. For an application, please visit <http://aabe.org> and select your nearest Chapter's website to download a membership form. ☀



**Young SCCAABE Golfers**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**SCCAABE plans to create a Student Chapter at Claflin University, a Historic Black College & University (HBCU) in Orangeburg, SC as a part of our "Building the Pipeline Initiative."**



**Gloria Thirdkill is Manager of the Community Services Dept. at LaClede Gas Company in St. Louis**

# Energy & Environment News



One source of carbon emissions is vehicle transportation

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
A carbon footprint is a measure of the impact human activities have on the environment on terms of the amount of greenhouse gases produced, measured in tons of carbon dioxide.



Drill Here! Drill Now!  
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)

## Top 100 cities for low carbon footprints

According to the Brookings Institution report, "Shrinking the Carbon Footprint of Metropolitan America," this is the first time the amount and most significant sources of carbon emitted—from highway transportation and residential energy consumption—has been quantified by the 100 largest metropolitan areas in 2000 and 2005. Substantial variation exists among these "carbon footprints" of metro areas, due in part to their development patterns, rail transit, freight traffic, carbon content of electricity sources, electricity prices, and weather.

Rankings of carbon footprints:

1 = smallest per capita

100 = largest per capita

City	Rank	Tons
Akron, OH	62	2.64
Albany, NY	51	2.52
Albuquerque, NM	38	2.36
Allentown, NJ	39	2.36
Atlanta, GA	68	2.68
Augusta, GA	78	2.89
Austin, TX	54	2.57
Bakersfield, CA	53	2.54
Baltimore, MD	69	2.71
Baton Rouge, LA	48	2.51
Birmingham, AL	79	2.90
Boise City, ID	5	1.51
Boston, MA	20	2.02
Bridgeport, CT	30	2.18
Buffalo, NY	16	2.00
Cape Coral, FL	70	2.74
Charleston, SC	43	2.43
Charlotte, NC	72	2.76
Chattanooga, TN	88	3.11
Chicago, IL	15	1.97
Cincinnati, OH	98	3.28
Cleveland, OH	31	2.24
CO Springs, CO	26	2.13
Columbia, SC	52	2.53
Columbus, OH	83	2.95
Dallas, TX	57	2.58
Dayton, OH	75	2.77
Denver, CO	42	2.39
Des Moines, IA	74	2.77
Detroit, MI	37	2.35
Durham, NC	61	2.61
El Paso, TX	9	1.61
Fresno, CA	22	2.08
Grand Rapids, MI	60	2.61
Greensboro, NC	56	2.58
Greenville, SC	13	1.86
Harrisburg, PA	92	3.19
Hartford, CT	41	2.38
Honolulu, HI	1	1.36
Houston, TX	35	2.29
Indianapolis, IN	99	3.36
Jackson, MS	87	3.06
Jacksonville, FL	80	2.91
Kansas City, MO	84	2.97
Knoxville, TN	91	3.13
Lancaster, PA	23	2.09
Lansing, MI	71	2.75
Las Vegas, NV	18	2.01
Lexington, KY	100	3.46
Little Rock, AR	85	3.01
Los Angeles, CA	2	1.41
Louisville, KY	96	3.23
Madison, WI	81	2.91
Memphis, TN	77	2.87
Miami, FL	28	2.16
Milwaukee, WI	44	2.44
Minneapolis, MN	45	2.44
Nashville, TN	95	3.22
New Haven, CT	13	2.10
New Orleans, LA	29	2.16
New York, NY	4	1.50
OK City, OK	93	3.20
Omaha, NE	65	2.68
Orlando, FL	54	2.55
Oxnard, CA	11	1.75
Palm Bay, FL	59	2.60
Philadelphia, PA	27	2.14
Phoenix, AZ	21	2.07

# Energy & Environment News continued.

## **Carbon Footprints Continued**

Pittsburgh, PA	34	2.28
Portland, ME	58	2.60
Portland, OR	3	1.45
Poughkeepsie, NY	25	2.13
Providence, RI	40	2.37
Raleigh, NC	76	2.80
Richmond, VA	86	3.04
Riverside, CA	32	2.26
Rochester, NY	14	1.91
Sacramento, CA	12	1.77
Salt Lake City, UT	50	2.52
San Antonio, TX	33	2.27
San Diego, CA	10	1.63
San Francisco, CA	8	1.59
San Jose, CA	7	1.58
Sarasota, FL	82	2.91
Scranton, PA	56	1.52
Seattle, WA	6	1.56
Springfield, MA	46	2.45
St. Louis, MO	94	3.22
Stockton, CA	19	2.02
Syracuse, NY	67	2.68
Tampa, FL	47	2.50
Toledo, OH	97	3.24
Trenton, NJ	64	2.66
Tucson, AZ	17	2.00
Tulsa, OK	90	3.12
Virginia Beach, VA	36	2.34
Washington, DC	89	3.12
Wichita, KS	66	2.68
Worcester, MA	49	2.52
Youngstown, OH	73	2.76

For more information, please visit [www.blueprintprosperity.org](http://www.blueprintprosperity.org).

## **How Green is Your Candidate?**

Interested in finding out more about presidential candidates Senator

**John McCain's** (Republican), Senator **Barack Obama's** (Democrat) and **Ralph Nader's** (Independent) views on US energy & environmental policies for the upcoming election? Please visit [www.grist.org](http://www.grist.org) for an updated list of candidate fact sheets on these issues.

## **Save Money this Summer**

US households are experiencing significant increases in overall energy costs, gasoline prices and food. Utility shutoffs are up 15% from last year. Even though OPEC has promised to increase production by 0.7M barrels of oil per day in July, the US is still expected to pay 30% in taxes for gasoline than it did last year. As you may know, Minorities are disproportionately affected by energy spikes and environmental impacts. AABE offers several tips to reduce energy costs to US households during the summer months.

We recommend consumers to:

Insulate your attic to reduce air leakage to the rest of the house from the sun's rays;

Have a certified professional technician clean, maintain and tune-up their central air conditioning units or heat pumps every 2 to 3 years.;

Turn off or replace inefficient appliances and lighting when not in use;

Install window shades or reflective roofing materials to manage heat gains during the day;

Purchase a programmable thermostat and set it to 78°F;

Take advantage of local utility rebates or Federal tax incentives for the replacement of residential appliances. Tax credits expire at the end of 2008. For a list of rebates and credits in your state, please visit [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org);

And most importantly, remove excess baggage from your automobile to save on gasoline. Service your auto on a regular basis, keep tires properly inflated and reduce your speed on the road this summer.

AABE intends to keep you healthy, wealthy and wise during the energy crisis.

## **Kyle's Korner**

"What is Causing these Record Oil Prices?" by **Kyle Elliott**, AABE National Research Assistant

If I had to point to one factor I would say the amount of attention that oil prices has been garnering on Capitol Hill for the last month or so is a major factor. Since oil executives are receiving so much attention, the entire commodities market is hanging on their every word.

The top 5 oil companies (Mobil, Chevron, British Petroleum, Shell and Valero) keep advocating that we start drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in order to increase domestic supply and since the Democrats are determined not to let that happen, I think the market is responding to their testimony with long term expectations of supply shortages.

The Bush administration's stance is that we drill off our own coasts and in ANWR as well. The way the Bush Administration has framed the argument makes drilling in environmentally protected areas sound promising to the general public and with Congress not backing the idea I think it is sending some fears through the market. We might be seeing a rise in oil prices to \$200 a barrel in the next year.



Visit AABE's website at <http://www.aabe.org> for Career Opportunities, AABE Events, Energy Conservation Information, Membership and Scholarship Applications.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
There are 12 ANWR Bills pending in the House and Senate as of July 2nd 2008.



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### **AABE® Mission Statement**

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) is a national association of energy professionals founded in 1977 and dedicated to ensure the input of African Americans and other minorities into the discussions and developments of energy policies regulations, R&D technologies, and environmental issues.

The purposes of AABE are the following:

- To serve as a resource for policy discussion of the economic, social and political impact of environmental and energy policies on African Americans and other minorities.
- To ensure involvement of African Americans in governmental energy policymaking by recommending capable sensitive and informed personnel to appropriate officials.
- To encourage both the public and private sectors to be responsive to the problems, goals and aspirations of African Americans in energy-related fields.
- To encourage African American students to pursue careers in energy-related fields and to provide scholarships and other financial aid for such students.

AABE was founded in 1977 and is largely comprised of African-American professionals in energy-related careers. AABE is a not-for-profit organization with 47 chapters across the country and over 1,600 members. ☼

# Upcoming AABE Events

### **AABE Board of Directors & Chapter Presidents Meetings**

September 25-27: Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Washington, DC

December 5-6: Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, Florida ☼

### **Upcoming AABE Chapter Golf Tournaments in 2008**

July 18: Cincinnati Chapter 9th Annual Scholarship Golf Benefit - Pebble Creek Golf Course, Cincinnati, OH

August 26: Kansas-Missouri Chapter 9th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament - Deer Creek Golf Course, Overland Park, KS

December 6: Florida Chapter 4th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL

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