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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS: Atlanta Chapter General Meeting



On March 8th and March 28th respectively, Atlanta Chapter and the GPC Customer Care Center Satellite Chapter both held *Lunch & Learn* seminars. “Securing Your Financial Future” – a discussion on getting financially fit, personal finance and investing, was presented by **Dennis Hinton**, financial analyst for WXIA 11Alive, and EVP/Chief Money Manager of the Resource Group. Mr. Hinton stressed that savings, not consumption, is most important. He took an informal poll of the attendees who participated in their company’s 401K plan and nearly everyone raised their hand. He said that the 401K is an excellent place to start, but don’t limit yourself to that alone. He stressed the importance of having a personal savings investment account *outside* of your 401K, and suggested investing in stocks, given their rate of return over

the past few years (far exceeding any other investment vehicle). In addition, consider investing in mature international markets or, B.R.I.C. - Brazil, Russia, India and China – some of the fastest growing countries. Mr. Hinton did not necessarily endorse his firm over any others, but he did say that it might be helpful to seek the advice of a professional to handle your investments.

Also at the March 8th chapter meeting, the History Maker segment was presented by **Randy Cobb** (AGL) who did an excellent portrayal of **David Crosthwait, Jr.** (1898 – 1976). Crosthwait patented many early HVAC systems and designed the heating system for Radio City Music Hall in New York. Crosthwait’s biography is provided on page 4.

ATLANTA CHAPTER NEWS:

April Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly chapter meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 19th** in the GE Energy auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a joint meeting with GE’s African-American Forum (AAF). The meeting will be a panel discussion focused on technology and innovation initiatives from the customer’s perspective. GE Energy is located at 4200 Wildwood Parkway, Atlanta GA. RSVPs are required for lunch. Directions are available via www.mapquest.com. Please note the date change was necessary so as not to conflict with AABE’s 30th Anniversary

National Conference in Washington, DC.

AABE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN TWO WEEKS.

As mentioned above, please join us in Washington, DC April 10–13 at the Washington Hilton for AABE’s 30th Anniversary Conference.

The theme is “*Back to the Past ... Shaping the Future.*” Atlanta Chapter speakers include AABE National Board of Director and CEO of HTS Enterprise **Garry Harris** in the Nuclear session and **Jenay Johnson** (SNC) in the Young Adult Forum. Other guest speakers include **Charlie Cook**, political commentator for CNBC, **Chris Hobson**, SVP for Southern Company, **Bentina Terry**, VP & General Counsel of Southern Nuclear, and U.S. Department of Energy **Secretary Samuel Bodman**. Registration information can be found on the AABE website www.aabe.org or by phone (202) 371-9530. The AABE conference was also listed in the calendar section of the March '07 *Black Enterprise* magazine.

100 BLACK WOMEN, INC. HONORS DOROTHY HERRING

AABE is pleased to announce that longtime member, former regional coordinator and past chapter officer **Dorothy Herring**, Community Development Project Manager



for GPC, was honored by the Mecca Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. at their annual Scholarship Gala on March 17th. Dorothy was honored for her hard work in the community and dedication to students, and was presented with the Community Leadership Award. The event was held at the Marriot Marquis and was hosted by **Jovita Moore**, WSB-TV Channel 2 News anchor. Proceeds from this event help fund the 100 Black Women, Inc. - Mecca Chapter's "Little Ladies of Mecca" Scholarship program.

OTHER MEMBER NEWS:

Atlanta Chapter Membership Chair **Lillie Battle** has taken the lead and spearheaded the Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser, to help ensure that Georgia's children remain healthy and safe.

Lillie recently began soliciting funds for The Children's Miracle Network, which supports the Children's Hospital at The Medical Center of Central Georgia. This annual event raises crucial funds and awareness for the hospital located in Central Georgia.

The funds will be used to help finance the expansion of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) as well as the expansion of the cancer center at the hospital. The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit provides intensive care for critically ill newborns, some of which weigh no more than a pound. The much needed expansion will increase the number of beds in the NICU, ensuring that all premature babies of Central and South Georgia have a place where they can receive the very best healthcare.

So far, Lillie has raised over \$870 for The Children's Miracle Network, with AABE donating \$100 towards her efforts.

Atlanta Chapter Secretary **Cherryl Harris** is lacing up her shoes for the 2007 Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 21st. Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, disabling disease of the central nervous system, primarily affecting adults aged 20-50. This is Cherryl's 16th year walking in this annual fund-raising event; and for the past seven years, she has ranked in the Top 100 individual fundraisers in Georgia. Your tax-deductible donations are greatly needed to support assistance programs for people with MS and to fund research for a cure. For more information and to donate, please call Cherryl at 404-506-6689.

Kudos to Lillie and Cherryl for their dedication to these very worthy causes.

WHO'S WHO IN BLACK ATLANTA 2007



The ninth edition of *Who's Who in Black Atlanta* honors **Mayor Shirley Franklin** on the cover. AABE congratulates the following Directors, members and other representatives that work in the energy field who were recognized in this edition.

AABE Members:

1. **Harriette Watkins**, retired President of the AGL Resources Foundation. Harriette was also recognized as one of "Atlanta's Female Powerhouses."
2. **Richard L. Holmes**, SVP Metro Atlanta Region for GPC.
3. **Ralph Cleveland**, SVP Engineering & Operations for AGL Resources.

4. **Christopher C. Womack**, SVP of Georgia Power and an officer of Southern Company Generation & Energy Marketing.
5. **Bill Davenport**, Area District Manager for GPC.
6. **Sadie Jo Dennard**, Assistant To the Metro East Region Manager for GPC.
7. **John Kelley**, Manager – External Affairs for GPC.

Other Energy Field Honorees:

8. **David Burgess**, former Georgia Public Service Commissioner.
9. **Staci Bush**, Principal for SYB Consulting Inc & Director for H.E.A.T. Georgia.
10. **Equilla Wainwright**, Diversity Director for Johnson Controls. Equilla was also recognized as one of "Atlanta's Female Powerhouses."
11. **Audra Brown-Cooper**, Sr. Principal for the Brown Group.
12. **Coy Cooper**, Sr. Architect for the Brown Group.
13. **Derrell Martin**, Regional HR Director for Johnson Controls.
14. **Lisa A. Menzies**, Director of Business Development for Johnson Controls.
15. **Al Richardson**, Regional Supplier Diversity Manager for Johnson Controls.
16. **Melanie Richburg**, Southeast HR Manager for Johnson Controls.

AABE GOLF OUTING IN MAY:

The annual **James K. Davis Golf Tournament** will be held on Friday, May 11th at Summer Grove Golf Course in Newnan, GA. Proceeds from this tournament will finance our '08 education scholarship program. *Volunteers are desperately needed to help organize the event.* Please contact Fund-raising Chairperson **Tangela Martin** at 770-603-5372 or at ffmartin@southernco.com for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

AABE Atlanta Chapter's annual **James K. Davis** academic scholarship banquet will be held Thursday, May 10th in the GPC Auditorium at 4PM. Volunteers are needed for the event. For more information on specific duties, please contact Scholarship Committee Chairperson **Fanchester Henry** at fyhenry@southernco.com. This event will take the place of our May general monthly meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES STILL NEEDED TO VOTE:

Just a friendly reminder that 2007 membership dues are still being collected. Please get your \$150 annual dues in by April 13 in order to vote for Directors positions by proxy or in person at the AABE General Membership meeting during the 2007 Conference in DC.

Incumbents **Ralph Cleveland** (AGL) and **Richard Holmes** (GPC) are being nominated for renewal positions on the AABE Board of Directors for 2007 – 2009. Please support our local Directors by voting as a PAID member in good standing. For faster processing, potential members can forward a check to our mailing address below or you can charge via the AABE website: <http://aabe.org>.

GEORGIA NEWS:

DOE funds GE Energy Solar Energy Program -

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) granted up to \$26.7 million in funding over three years to General Electric Co. for developing the large-scale commercialization of solar energy technology and offering cost-competitive products. GE Energy's office in Atlanta will oversee the project.

RaceTrac Settles Lawsuit -

Atlanta-based RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc. agreed to pay

\$125K to settle a discrimination lawsuit (Martin v. RaceTrac Petroleum). In 2002, the company denied a Rastafarian female the right to wear a covering for her dreadlocks at work (the company's corporate headquarters) and was subsequently fired. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued RaceTrac for religious discrimination. RaceTrac Petroleum, the distributor of gasoline at local stations, still denies any wrongdoing.

B2B Accolades for ESCO -

Atlanta-based PS Energy Group, Inc. was named Innovator of the Year by *Business to Business Magazine*. PS Energy Group is a Hispanic & female – owned wholesale energy marketing company and does business as GasKey in the natural gas marketing arena.

Energy Bills Introduced -

Georgia House of Representatives State Rep. **Tommy Smith** (R-Nicholls) introduced HB 541, a measure to require that state, county and local governments, and school systems make biodiesel and ethanol at least 2% of its fuel mix or when the price is compatible with gas or diesel fuel. In addition, HB 438 was another bill created by the House this year that will give up to \$250K in tax breaks for ethanol or biodiesel production. Both bills have yet to be passed by the Senate in order to become law.

Franklin's Clean Air Plan - Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin

plans to announce new programs targeting emissions on April 21. Franklin will make known projects where the City will add alternative fuel vehicles to its fleet, install LED traffic lights & streetlights, burn methane from landfills for power, and purchase renewable energy credits. Atlanta currently

has in place initiatives to plant trees, preserve green-space, recycling and promoting mass transit. In 2005, Mayor Franklin announced designs for the BeltLine Partnership. Atlanta's parks and neighborhoods will be connected via a new 22-mile loop railroad system serving downtown and midtown. For a complete overview of the BeltLine project, please visit www.beltline.org.

Fulton County Fights Against Global Warming -

On March 7th the Fulton County Commission voted to join the international Cities for Climate Protection, a campaign where over 650 cities and counties agree to take inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and buildings within their local boundaries. This study includes homes, businesses, landfills and power plants within the area. Emissions reduction targets will then be set and new policies implemented to achieve these goals.

WEEC Conference -

The World Energy Engineering Congress (WEEC) will hold its 30th anniversary conference in Atlanta from August 15–17 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Entry costs range from \$795 to \$895. For registration info check out WEEC's website www.energycongress.com.

Employment Opportunity:

Diversified Search, is looking for a Corporate Controller in a regulated Georgia industry. This individual must be a CPA with strong accounting and auditing background, Sarbanes Oxley experience and familiarity with out-sourcing and in-sourcing. Fluency with FAS 71 and a strong regulatory accounting background is preferred. For more info, please contact **Carol Burke** at (215) 656-3571 or email cburke@divsearch.com.

HAPPY EARTH DAY -

Sunday, April 22nd is Earth Day. The City of Atlanta is sponsoring the "Arms Around Atlanta" Earth Day celebration and recycling event. Volunteers are needed to pick up litter, recycle old tires, computers and cell phones. For more information please visit www.atlantaga.gov.

U.S. NEWS: EPA Budget Cuts Planned --

This year, President George W. Bush plans to cut the Environmental Planning Agency's budget for the Energy Star program. Currently, there are only two full-time employees that work on the program which promotes the use of energy-efficient appliances and HVAC equipment in homes and buildings.

Atlanta Chapter Website:
<http://aabe.org/atlanta>

Atlanta Chapter Committees:

Volunteers are needed to support the following AABE committees in 2007:

BEAM – (Black Energy Awareness Month) Manage the Career Day event for metro area high school students.

Communication – Preparation of the *All About Energy* newsletter & website.

Fundraising – Development of our Golf Outing to finance our scholarships.

Membership – Recruitment of new members.

Programs – Creating quality monthly meetings.

Scholarship – Selection of qualified high school seniors for the annual **James K. Davis** education awards.

Mentoring – CHOICES: Monthly peer advice for 8th & 9th graders.

Philanthropic/Charitable – Donations for needy families.

Energy Education – Enlighten the community about energy.

Legislative & Regulatory – Lobby AABE's agenda with governmental agencies.

For more info contact AABE Secretary **Cherryl Harris** at cmharris@southernco.com

Member Company Websites:

www.aabe.org
www.aglc.com
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www.southernco.com
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www.psc.state.ga.us

GOT NEWS?

Please send all comments, suggestions, AABE information, announcements, member and energy-related news to **Wayne Young** at wayne.young2@honeywell.com. The deadline for the next monthly newsletter is **Monday, April 30, 2007**.

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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."*

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HISTORY MAKER BIOGRAPHY -



David Nelson Crosthwait Jr.:
Electrical & Mechanical Engineer
Born: May 27, 1898, Died: 1976
Birthplace: Nashville, TN

David Crosthwait received a B.S. from Purdue University (1913) and a Masters of Engineering in 1920. Crosthwait was considered an authority on heat transfer, ventilation and air conditioning. He was a Research Engineer, Director of Research Laboratories for C. A. Dunham Company in Marshalltown, Iowa, from 1925 to 1930. He was the Technical Advisor of Dunham-Bush, Inc. from 1930 to 1971. He served as the past president of the Michigan City Redevelopment.

Mr. Crosthwait was responsible for designing the heating system for Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center in New York City. David was the author of a manual on heating and cooling with water and guides, standards, and codes that dealt with heating, ventilation, refrigeration, and air conditioning systems.

David Crosthwait received 39 U.S. Patents relating to the design, installing, testing, and service of HVAC power plants, heating, and ventilating systems. After retiring from industry in 1969, Mr. Crosthwait taught a course on steam heating theory and control systems at Purdue University.