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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

### ATLANTA CHAPTER Highlights:

#### AABE Atlanta Chapter Officer Installation and Year in Review



Atlanta Chapter held its end of year general meeting December 13<sup>th</sup> at Georgia Power with an official ceremony and holiday celebration. Outgoing **President Eric Duncan** (GPC) presented highlights of monthly programs, committee activities and events held in 2007. AABE Atlanta has been a model chapter in 2007 by awarding over \$30,000 in scholarships, holding town hall meetings, delivering quality programs to its members, promoting the website and providing newsletters filled with member and energy related information. Thank you to all the members who brought wrapped gifts and gave donations to benefit *My Sister's House (MSH)*. A total of

\$350 was collected at the meeting which was used to purchase toys, toiletries, infant supplies and paper products. President Duncan delivered the items to MSH on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Melissa Clayton, shelter coordinator, extended thanks and appreciation on behalf of the residents.

**Olivia Parks-Woods** (GPC) gave an overview of the chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala along with a video news clip and PowerPoint presentation. **Cherryl Harris** (GPC) awarded door prizes to members who answered AABE Atlanta trivia.

View the Anniversary video clip on *YouTube* by clicking [here](#).

President Duncan also awarded certificates of merit to AABE ATL Chapter Committee Chairpersons, plaques to AABE ATL Chapter Officers and a special honor to **Wayne Young** (Honeywell) for his outstanding service on the newsletter and website. Cherryl and Wayne also gave Eric an honorary plaque and trophy for serving as Chapter President for over 2 years.



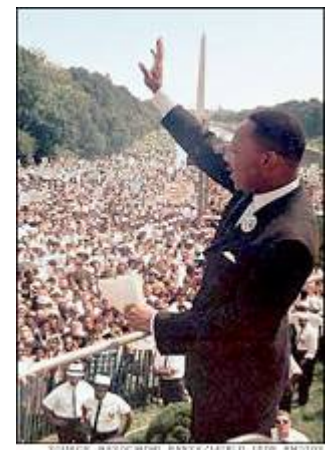
AABE National Board member **Dot Harris** (GE Energy) officially installed the newly

elected leadership as AABE Atlanta Chapter Officers for the 2008 to 2009 term (pictured). A list of our new officers is provided at the end of this newsletter.

Eric passed the Presidential Gavel to **President Cordell Carter** (AGL). President Carter addressed the membership and pledged to continue AABE's mission. Our initiatives are to increase awareness of energy issues in the community, diversity membership and establish a student chapter at Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### AABE January Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Day Program

Please join us for our annual MLKing luncheon program. This will be a joint meeting with Georgia Power's Energy Exchange Group and will be held on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the GPC Arkwright Auditorium. The guest speaker is **Milton Little Jr.**, president of the Metropolitan Atlanta United Way. The meeting will be first-come, first-seated due to the large number of expected attendees and media.



## SCANA Energy Donates to UNCF

(by *Tasha Reid* (SCANA))



As one of Georgia's leading natural gas marketers, SCANA Energy has devoted many corporate resources towards education. With its ongoing commitment to education, SCANA Energy proudly donates annually to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and the company is pleased to increase its sponsorship level of the 24th Annual Mayor's Masked Ball benefiting UNCF to help thousands of students attend UNCF colleges.

SCANA Energy also fully funds after-school programs and Homework Centers in elementary schools throughout Georgia to help build solid foundations that will make our future community leaders better, brighter, and stronger. Pictured above (L-R): actors **Tim** and **Daphne Reid**, AABE Atlanta Members **Tasha Reid** and **Jamal Petrus**.

### Career Day Expo

Volunteers are needed at Clarkston High School to discuss their education, employment and scholarship opportunities. The expo will be held on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 8am to noon. Guest speakers include CNN news anchor **T.J. Holmes** and Channel 11 Alive sports anchor **Sam Crenshaw**. Clarkston High School is located at 618 North Indian Creek Drive. For more info, please contact Clarkston High School Head Counselor **Pier Mehrvarz** at (678) 676-5329.

## AABE Atlanta Scholarship Applications Due



Applications are being accepted now for the annual **James. K. Davis** Scholarship. High school graduating minority seniors accepted at accredited institutions for degrees in energy-related fields are eligible. Qualifying students will also be considered for the AABE National and Regional Scholarships. For an application, please contact Scholarship chairs **Valerie Searcy** (GPC) at [vdsearcy@southernco.com](mailto:vdsearcy@southernco.com) or **Fanchester Henry** (GPC – CCC) at [fyhenry@southernco.com](mailto:fyhenry@southernco.com). The application and eligibility criteria can be found on the [AABE Atlanta Chapter Website](http://www.aabeatlanta.com).

### Free Minority Scholarships

Click [BlackExcel.org](http://www.blackexcel.org) to view over two hundred links for scholarships that are available to qualifying students.

### AABE ATL Membership Drive



Please renew your membership to the Atlanta Chapter. Your annual dues are tax-deductible and most companies will pay them on your behalf. AABE's dues help sustain the chapter and fund meetings, programs and activities such as the scholarship program. AABE members receive access to energy related information and events; professional and personal

development seminars; and opportunities to serve your community through mentoring, leadership and charitable contributions. Recommend a friend or colleague to join us!

The Atlanta Chapter is one of the most diverse chapters within the AABE organization with over 20 different member companies, organizations and private firms. We currently have a chapter in metro Atlanta and a satellite at the Georgia Power Customer Care Center (CCC) in Henry County. Our goal this year is to create a student chapter at Georgia Tech and the AUC. Annual dues should be submitted prior to March 1 to participate in key voting during at the annual conference this April.

Professionals in the energy field who wish to apply new or perhaps renew their membership to AABE will be charged \$150. Student chapter dues are \$20. To download membership applications please click the [website](http://www.aabeatlanta.com) or contact AABE Atlanta Chapter Membership Committee Chairperson, **Lillie Battle** (GPC) at [lrbattle@southernco.com](mailto:lrbattle@southernco.com).

### Atlanta Chapter Committees Need Your Involvement!

Chairpersons, co-chairs and volunteers are needed to support the following AABE committees in 2008 and 2009:

#### BEAM (Black Energy Awareness Month)

Manage the October Career Day event presented to area high school students.

#### Communications/ Public Relations & Technology

Preparation of the *All About Energy* monthly newsletter and maintain the chapter website. Participate in the AABE National Technology Development Committee.

### Fundraising

Development of the **James K. Davis** Annual Golf Outing to finance our scholarships.

### Membership

Recruitment of new members.

### Program

Creating quality monthly meetings for the general and satellite chapters.

### Scholarship

Selection of qualified high school seniors for the annual **James K. Davis** energy awards.

### Conference Planning

Serve on subcommittees to plan the 2009 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual AABE National Conference in Orlando, Florida.

### Taking Our Unbroken Commitment Home (TOUCH) Mentoring

*CHOICES*: Monthly peer and life skills advice for 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

### TOUCH

Philanthropic/Charitable  
Donations for families in need.

### TOUCH Energy Education

Enlighten the community about energy at 4-6 planned town hall meetings.

### Legislative & Regulatory Affairs

Lobby AABE's agenda with governmental agencies. Participate in the AABE National Legislative Issues & Public Policy Committee.

### Student Chapter

Grow and maintain a student chapter at Georgia Tech and the AUC.

For more info, contact AABE Secretary **Monica Hart** (GPC) at [mhrees@southernco.com](mailto:mhrees@southernco.com).

### MEMBER NEWS: Promotions

**Stephen D. Harvey** was promoted to service manager for Mayberry Electric Inc. Mayberry Electric is a commercial electric service provider in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

### GEORGIA NEWS:

#### ABC Book of Lists

The *Atlanta Business Chronicle* (ABC) released its annual *Book of Lists* for 2007 – 2008. Statistics on environmental and energy-related companies is provided below:

#### Top 20 Foreign-Owned Subsidiaries

2. Siemens Energy & Automation
19. Deutz Corp.

#### Fortune 500 Companies in GA

168. Southern Co.
474. Mirant Corp.

#### ATL's 50 Fastest-Growing Private Companies

42. GC Electrical Solutions LLC
48. CAB Inc.

#### 25 Highest Paid Executives of GA Public Companies

9. **Edward R. Muller** – Mirant
10. **David M. Ratcliffe** – Southern Co.

#### ATL's Top 100 Private Companies

3. RaceTrac Petroleum
4. Southwire Co.
10. Oglethorpe Power Corp.
15. Colonial Pipeline Co.
24. MACTEC Inc.
56. GA Transmission Corp.
61. PS Energy Group Inc.
85. Cape Environmental Management

#### GA 25 Top Performing Stocks

5. IntercontinentalExchange Inc.
23. Mirant Corp.

### GA 50 Most Valuable Public Companies

4. Southern Company
8. IntercontinentalExchange Inc.
9. Mirant Corp.
21. AGL Resources

#### GA Public Companies

7. Southern Company
16. Mirant Corp.
19. AGL Resources
61. IntercontinentalExchange Inc.
132. Servidyne Inc.

### ATL Top 25 Engineering Firms

1. CH2M Hill
7. MACTEC Inc.
17. EarthTech

### ATL Top 25 Women-Owned Firms

2. PS Energy Group

### ATL Top 25 Technology Employers

4. General Electric Co.
6. Siemens Energy & Automation

### GA 25 Most Valuable Public Technology Companies

1. IntercontinentalExchange Inc.

### Top HBCUs

#### (US News & World Report)

1. Spelman College
4. Morehouse College
22. Clark Atlanta University

### America's Best Colleges

#### (US News & World Report)

17. Emory University
35. Georgia Tech
59. University of Georgia

### GA 25 Largest Colleges & Universities

1. University of Georgia
2. Georgia State Univ.



- 6. Georgia Tech
- 13. Clark Atlanta University
- 14. DeVry Institute
- 17. Atlanta Technical College
- 21. Morehouse College

**25 Largest GA Based Company Sponsored Foundations**

- 5. Georgia Power Foundation
- 8. Southern Co. Charitable Foundation
- 11. AGL Resources Private Foundation
- 18. Colonial Oil Foundation

**ATL Top 25 Minority Owned Firms**

- 2. HJ Russell & Co.
- 6. PS Energy Group
- 11. Cape Environmental Management Inc.

**National Largest Consumer Markets**

- 3. Georgia - \$58B African-Americans
- 10. Georgia - \$13.6B Hispanics

**Economics: Buying Power**

	<u>US</u>	<u>GA</u>
All	\$10T	\$278B
Black	\$845B	\$58B
Latino	\$860B	\$13.6B
Asian	\$459B	\$8.1B

**2007 Unemployment Rate**

- Atlanta – 4.4%
- Georgia – 4.6%
- USA – 4.5%

**2008 Georgia Economic Forecast**

- Economy growth – 2.4%
- Unemployment – 5%
- Leading sectors include life sciences, health care, defense, transportation, professional, businesses and hospitality.

Weak sectors include housing, manufacturing, financial services and information technology.

**Our Condolences**



AABE regrets to inform you of several passings during the month of December. The late **Senator Tom Murphy** (pictured), the Georgia Democrat who was Speaker of the House for 28 years. The late **Congresswoman Julia Carlson**, the first female and African-American elected in Indiana and the late **Cynthia King**, daughter of **Mae Stem Bridge**, caterer for our AABE Atlanta scholarship banquets.

**GPC Rate Increase Approved**



The Georgia Public Service Commission has approved a \$321.7M/year revenue increase for Georgia Power Company (GPC) that will take effect this month. Residential customers will see their electric bills increase by an average \$5.24 per month. After the January increase, the rates will remain the same in 2009 and 2010. GPC filed for a rate increase to recover costs for installing environmental controls as required by state and federal regulations.

**GE Energy Wins Contracts**

Atlanta based GE Energy reported \$650M in contracts to provide 333 wind turbines adding 500MW of power capacity to New York and Texas.

**Latest GA Drought Updates**



Water conservation efforts in the state of Georgia have been successful but 50% of the state remains in exceptional drought conditions. **Governor Sonny Perdue** set a goal for all large users to reduce consumption by 10%. The target was 230 million gallons per day and as of December; the state reduced 348 million gallons per day. Overall water usage was down 10% in Atlanta, 10 – 15% in Gwinnett County, 15 – 20% in Cherokee County, and 20% in Cobb County. Approximately 31 out of 97 largest water users in Georgia did not meet the 10% reduction goal. Rate hikes are being considered by Clayton and Cobb Counties.

GE Water’s President and CEO, **Jeff Garwood**, who operates the sister unit to GE Energy, recommended that the region should seriously consider creating more water reclamation projects and desalinate water from the coast of Savannah.

So far, Lake Lanier and Allatoona reservoirs are down 20 feet and Bear Creek reservoir is up 3 feet. Thanks to recent rainfall, 2007 has not been the driest year on record at 31.85 inches. In 1954, Georgia’s rainfall for the year was 31.80 inches. Georgia farmers estimate crop losses in 2007 at \$787 million.

**AABE NATIONAL NEWS:**

**AABE National Board Meeting**

The quarterly AABE National Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents meeting was held at the Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas from December 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. National committee reports, presentations and teambuilding projects were

conducted by the Board members.

The AABE Houston Chapter hosted the event. The meeting included updates about the administration, conference, website, chapters, scholarships and energy issues.

Various chapters introduced AABE to its newly elected Presidents. AABE's Board, members and Chapter Presidents participated in a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) strategic planning session. Outgoing **AABE National Chairman Wilton Cedeno** (ConEd – NY) called the meeting to order. AABE National President and COO **Frank Stewart** reported on AABE policy-making activities with U.S. and international organizations.



Board member **David Owens** (pictured, EEI – DC), Chair of the National Legislative Issues and Public Policy (LIPP) Committee, presented for approval the [AABE General Principles](#) on Energy Efficiency, Energy Policy, Renewable Energy, and Energy Technology. These principles were accepted by the Board and initiatives for public release are in progress. The 2008 AABE *State of Energy in Black America* report will be sponsored by Board member from Atlanta, **Richard Holmes** (GPC – ATL). This report is in the process of being updated and will be presented during the upcoming conference in April.

Board member **Warner Williams** (Chevron – Southern California) presented a donation check from Chevron for \$125K towards the AABE 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. Board member **Dot Harris** (GE Energy – ATL) will conduct the first AABE Energy Entrepreneur's Forum during the conference. AABE Southeast Region Coordinator, **Corlene Williams** (SNG – BHM) announced that the AABE 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida during April 2009. Seattle, Washington will host the 2010 conference.

The AABE National Technology Development Committee (TDC) Vice-Chair and Atlanta Chapter Communications Chairperson **Wayne Young** (Honeywell) informed the board about website vendor solicitations and updates to the national and chapter websites. Wayne also previewed a draft copy of the *AABE Energy News*. The quarterly newsletter includes highlights of various AABE chapter meetings, national committee highlights, special events, energy and environmental information. The new national newsletter will be available this January to all members.

AABE Board member from Atlanta, **Ralph Cleveland** (AGL) hosted the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to make a request in front of the Board. The UNCF wishes to partner with AABE member companies to recruit minority college graduates in their ranks.

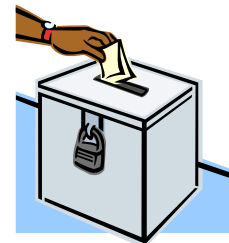
The meeting was heavily attended by various AABE chapter representatives, committee members, committee chairpersons, board members and the national office. The next Board meeting will be held during the National Conference.

## AABE National Conference



The AABE 31<sup>st</sup> annual AABE National Conference will be held at the Houston Americas Hotel in Texas from Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “*Advancing the Understanding of Energy ... from local to global*” and hosted by the AABE Southwest Region Chapters. The keynote speaker is **Dr. Randal Pinkett**, (pictured) winner of NBC's *The Apprentice – Season 4*. Early-bird registration for AABE members is \$650 until February 1<sup>st</sup> and \$700 afterwards. Registration is now available online at <http://aabe.org>.

## Nominations & Elections



Candidates for the 2008 – 2010 Officer positions on the AABE National Board of Directors were announced at the December Board meeting in Houston on December 8, 2007.

The nominees include:

**Carolyn Green** (Sunoco – Philadelphia) as AABE National Chairperson,

**Robert Holmes** (APC – Birmingham) as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson,

**Warner Williams** (Chevron – Southern California) as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson,

**Sabrina Campbell** (AEP – DC) as Treasurer,

**Dot Harris** (GE Energy – ATL) as Secretary,

**Rufus Gladney** (CMS – MI) as

Assistant Treasurer, and **Gilda Joseph** (Chevron – Houston) as Assistant Secretary.

Candidates for six 2-year board member seats that were up for renewal are **Derrick Freeman**, **David Owens** (EEI – DC), **Calvin Talley** (CMS - Midwest Regional Coordinator – MI), **Polly Rosemond** (Entergy – LA), **Stephanie Hickman** (Chicago), and **Joyce Hayes-Giles** (DTE – MI). AABE National Central, Southwest and Northeast Regional Coordinator positions are open and will be appointed by the new chairperson.

The AABE National Nominations & Elections Committee Chairperson is **Frank Johnson** (CMS - MI). Elections will be held in January via email or proxy. The election and installation ceremony will be held during the AABE General Membership Meeting and **James E. Stewart** Gala at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual AABE National Conference in Houston, Texas on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations go out to Dot for representing the Atlanta Chapter as a National Board Officer.

#### U.S. ENERGY NEWS:

#### President Signs Energy Bill



On December 19, 2007, **President George Bush** signed H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The measure will reduce US energy consumption 8% by 2030. The bill will save consumers \$80B by 2030 and reduce carbon emissions 20% by 2050.

The legislation requires that gasoline be blended with ethanol to reduce petroleum consumption. The incandescent light bulb will be phased out within a decade to reduce their electricity use 60% by 2020. New dishwashers and washing machines are required to use 28% and 40% less water respectively. All Federal buildings will be required to become more energy efficient. The bill also calls for expansion of the renewables and nuclear energy industries.

#### Washington Action Day for LIHEAP



Over 100 representatives from the National Fuel Funds Network (NFFN) member organizations, companies and allies will hold a national lobbying event for increased funding of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Volunteers will visit over 200 Congressional offices, organize a press conference and hold meetings with Administration officials. The event will be held on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. A pioneer from the NFFN is showcased as the Black History Maker for the month at the end of this newsletter. For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalfuel Funds.org>.

#### US Participates at Bali Climate Conference

On December 15, 2007, the US along with 189 other nations developed an agreement to mitigate climate change in a “measurable, reportable and verifiable” manner. **Paula Dobriansky**, Deputy US Secretary of State, stated, “The US is very committed to developing a long-term greenhouse gas reduction emission reduction goal.” The agreement lays out an initial

“road map” that aims to set a timetable and other parameters to guide negotiations on a new global climate treaty over the next two years. The new treaty will succeed the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012.

#### AABE ATL INFORMATION:

#### What is AABE®?

*“The American Association of Blacks in Energy™ is dedicated to ensuring the input of minorities into the developments of energy policy, R&D technologies, and environmental issues.”*

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

#### Atlanta Chapter 2008-2009 Officers

**Cordell Carter**, President (AGL)  
**Eric Arnold**, Vice President (GPC)  
**Cherryl Harris**, Treasurer (GPC)  
**Olivia Parks-Woods**, Assistant Treasurer (SCS)  
**Monica Hart**, Secretary (GPC)  
**Jennifer Henson**, Asst. Secretary (GPC – CCC)  
**Tiffany Callaway-Ferrell**, Parliamentarian (AGL)  
**Shelby Hall**, Chapter Coordinator (GPC – CCC)

#### Board of Directors

**Ralph Cleveland**, AGL  
**Dot Harris**, GE Energy  
**Richard Holmes**, GPC

#### Southeast Region Coordinator

**Corlene Williams**, Birmingham Chapter (SNG)

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

1/16 – MLK Jr. Program (GPC)  
1/26 – AABE 31<sup>st</sup> Conference  
Planning Meeting (Houston)  
1/31 – Career Day Expo  
(Clarkston HS)  
2/14 – Black History Month  
Program (AGL & CCC)  
3/3 – AABE Scholarship  
Applications Due  
3/13 – State of Energy in GA  
Program (GPC & CCC)  
4/1 – Town Hall Meetings  
(various)  
4/10 – General Meeting (GPC)  
4/15 to 4/18 – AABE 31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Conference (Houston)  
5/8 – Scholarship Banquet (GPC)  
5/9 – Golf Tournament (TBD)  
6/1 – CCC BBQ (TBD)  
6/6 to 6/7 – Board of Directors  
Meeting (Kansas City)  
6/12 – AABE/AAF Meeting (GE)  
7/1 – CCC School Drive (TBD)  
7/10 – General Meeting (TBD)  
8/1 – Town Hall Meetings  
(various)  
8/14 – General Meeting (GPC)  
9/1 – CCC TOUCH Program  
(TBD)  
9/11 – General Meeting (AGL)  
9/25 to 9/27 – Board of Directors  
Meeting/Congressional Black  
Caucus (Washington DC)  
10/9 – BEAM Program (various)  
11/1 – Town Hall Meetings  
(various)  
11/13 – TOUCH Program (AGL)  
12/1 – CCC TOUCH Program  
(TBD)  
12/5 to 12/6 – Board of Directors  
Meeting (Orlando)  
12/11 – End of Year Program  
(GPC)

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[www.agresources.com](http://www.agresources.com)  
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**GOT NEWS?**

Please send  
all comments,  
suggestions,  
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information, energy-related news  
and announcements to  
Communications/ Public  
Relations and Technology  
Committee Chair **Wayne X.  
Young** (Honeywell) at  
[wayne.young2@honeywell.com](mailto:wayne.young2@honeywell.com).  
The deadline for the next monthly  
newsletter is **Monday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**.



**Black History Energy Moments**

January 10, 1864 – **George  
Washington Carver**, scientist  
and inventor, is born.

January 15, 1929 – **Reverend Dr.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.** is born.

January 17, 1882 – **Lewis H.  
Latimer** is granted a patent for  
the process of manufacturing  
carbons.

**HISTORY MAKER BIOGRAPHY –**

**VICTORINE Q. ADAMS**

**(1912 - 2006)**



**Victorine Q. Adams**, a  
Baltimore pioneer in African-  
American politics and civic  
leader, became the first black  
woman on the City Council  
nearly four decades ago.

A former schoolteacher, Mrs.  
Adams founded the Colored  
Women's Democratic Campaign  
Committee in 1946 to mobilize  
support for candidates - then  
invariably white - who were  
sympathetic to black causes,  
among them **Theodore R.  
McKeldin**, the city's last  
Republican mayor.

From a base in the Adams  
household's living room, the  
committee pushed for change and  
African-American voter  
registration. In 1954, the group  
helped stage a landmark victory  
when **Judge Harry A. Cole** -  
then a young black Republican  
lawyer - won a state Senate seat  
over the white candidate backed  
by the entrenched Democratic  
Party machine of political boss  
**Jack Pollack**.

Mrs. Adams ran unsuccessfully in  
1962 for the state Senate and four  
years later was elected to the  
House of Delegates. But she  
resigned after a year and won  
election to the City Council. She  
held the seat for four terms, until  
1983.

Among her accomplishments was  
working with the Baltimore Gas  
and Electric Co. in 1979 to  
establish the Baltimore Fuel



Fund, which has helped thousands of area families with winter heating bills and is now named the **Victorine Q. Adams** Fuel Fund. It became a model for other jurisdictions in Maryland and the nation.

She also pushed for urban renewal, low- and middle-income housing, improved nursing homes and increased programs to help the elderly.

The National Fuel Funds Network's (NFFN) **Victorine Q. Adams** Institute is a new national program to enhance the contribution of charitable energy assistance fundraising to meeting the nation's Home Energy Affordability Gap. To be held in Baltimore in September 2008, the Institute will provide two days of industry-specific, in-depth fundraising technical training for energy assistance professionals from across the United States. It will be the first in-depth forum for training and strategy development for NFFN members.

### AABE PHOTO GALLERY:

Scholarship chairs **Earnestine Young** and **Fanchester Henry** receive awards



Atlanta Chapter's newly-elected 16<sup>th</sup> President **Cordell Carter** with AABE members



The late Indiana Congresswoman **Julia Carlson**



DTE Energy receives the Corporate Excellence Award from the NFFN in 2007.



Congratulations to AABE scholarship 2007 banquet speaker and past scholarship recipient **Jasmine Anderson** on the birth of her baby, **Amiaya Tahj'a Jordan**, born June 26, 2007.

