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1ST & 2nd Quarter Newsletter

By Terrence Cheatham

Greetings Fellow AABE Members,

Hopefully, the first half of the 2011 year has met your expectations! The South Carolina Chapter of AABE 2011 Elected Officers held their first meeting on, January 18th via teleconference. It was a very productive meeting. As officers, we laid out our goals for the year, along with developing an understanding of the 2011 strategic plan (locally and nationally), budget, by-laws and standing committee roles and responsibilities.

Along with the changes to our Executive Committee, we have successfully implemented enhancements to the way you receive important information about your organization. I have heard many of my fellow members stress the importance of communication as a key component to a successful and transparent organization. The SCCAABE SharePoint Site, located on the SCANA Edge, is the official location for all SCCAABE organizational information if you are a SCANA employee. Our external members will receive information via email, through our chapter website located at: www.aabe.org, under chapter listings and/or at our SCCAABE Facebook site, that is currently being developed by our Public Relations Committee. It is indeed, very rewarding to find that we have taken a step further to become a part of the social network, as modeled by our national chapter. Through these options we hope to expand the audience that we reach, while working to meet your communicative needs.

As we progress through the 2011 objectives set, I would like to encourage you to continue to take the time to engage in various activities with your fellow officers and members. As an organization, striving towards excellence, inclusivity of all member participation and their insights are vital as we address energy related agendas, locally and nationally. With this year's agenda in place, the most suitable quote: "**Lead by Example**", seemed fitting. I chose this quote because, a good leader is someone who also prepares others to lead through his example. As I find myself in this current leadership position, I have been blessed to find many who have shared and taught me through their example. This venture remains as I continue to grow as a leader. I hope to provide you with the same model. I encourage you to do the same. Remember, you never know who's watching. We have a dynamic organization full of members with vast arrays of talents. This is proven daily as I work along with new members, enhance relationships with long standing members and address interest groups that support AABE agendas. The dedicated efforts of our officers, advisors, counsel and fellow members has shown in our ability to achieve through the success of our recent SCCAABE sponsored events and activities. SCCAABE is faced with an annual challenge to meet the needs of a growing group of professionals who either work in the energy industry and/or are interested in engaging the energy industry. I hope that you are encouraged to model a path which leads to industrial and organizational success.

Last, the opportunity to grow as an organization must not be overlooked. As stated previously, we have an immeasurable depth of talent within this organization and I am continually impressed with the way that our team answers the call during critical times within our industry. I thank you for your continued support and efforts. If you have any questions regarding the agenda of the leadership team and/or scheduling of events, please contact: **Terrence Cheatham** (President) at: 803.345.4131 or **Thomas Jones** (Executive Vice President) at: **803.345.4681**.

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By Terrence Cheatham

Currently, we have implemented six out of the seven activities described in the SCCAABE 2011 Strategic Plan. The AABE 2011 Strategic Area of Focus Items can be found on the SCCAABE SharePoint Site within the AABE 2011 Strategic Plan. This is an ideal example of how dedicated our members are to the mission of AABE:

1. Develop and Implement an Annual BEAM program – BEAM is an acronym for Black Energy Awareness Month. This activity is in the planning stages right now. The official month for BEAM programs to be implemented is October. For more information on ways to support our BEAM program, you can contact Shannon Eichelberger at: 803.217.7981.

Status: In-process



Shannon Eichelberger

2. Develop and Implement an Annual Membership Plan – As of 5/31/11, our membership is comprised of 135 members. This activity is a direct tie to the AABE 2011 Strategic Area of Focus: Item I. For more information on ways to support our Membership Committee, you can contact Ruth Morton at: 864.576.8920. **Status: Implemented**



Ruth Morton

3. Use the National Conference as a Chapter Benefit - This year's conference, *"Our Energy, Our Future: Creating Sustainable Communities"*, focused on the role energy plays in the creation and development of sustainable communities; and how we can balance our nation's energy concerns with our environmental responsibilities. This year, six of our members attend the 2011 Annual AABE Conference in Jersey City, New Jersey (see page 15 for the Conference Summary). This activity is a direct tie to the AABE 2011 Strategic Area of Focus: Item III. **Status: Implemented**

4. Provide College Scholarships Utilizing Formalized National Application Process – As of 5/20/11, our chapter awarded scholarships to eleven High School graduates from South Carolina schools totaling \$12,500. The students were honored at our annual Josie K. Claiborne Memorial Scholarship Luncheon held at the Brookland Banquet & Conference Center in West Columbia, SC. The luncheon speaker was Cynthia Pryor Hardy. This activity is a direct tie to the AABE 2011 Strategic Area of Focus: Items I and II. For more information or to find out how you may support our Scholarship Committee, contact Charles Bellamy at: 803.217.2683 or Mary Priester-Clarke at: 803.217.9067. **Status: Implemented**



SCCAABE – Are You Ready?

5. Implementing Mentoring and Shadowing Program (s) – As of 5/25/11, the student chapter committee continues to work with Dr. Musa Danjaji, advisor, and the two student chapter officers, Jamar Bennett, president, and Henri Lee, executive vice-president in building and organizing the AABE SCSU Student Chapter in preparation to request a charter from the National Office. This activity is a direct tie to the AABE 2011 Strategic Area of Focus: Item I. For more information on ways to support our Student Chapter Committee, you can contact Paul McKnight at: 864.576.8268 or Jasmineen Pharr at: 803.931.5271. **Status: Implemented**



Jasmineen Pharr



Paul McKnight

6. Plan and Conduct Professional Development Event (s) – As of 5/19/11, We have meet with our Executive Sponsor Paul Fant twice. The frame work for the PD seminar is being established. Right now Allison and Travis are working together on the agenda and finalizing the speakers for the program.

This activity is as direct tie to the AABE 2011 Area of Focus: Item I and III. For information and ways to support our Professional Development Committee, you can contact Travis Buckner at: 864.576.8268. **Status: Implemented**



Travis Buckner

7. Launch Community Outreach Efforts – As of 5/25/11, the following initiatives are in place for this activity along with their status. **Overall Status: Implemented**

- Establish one community awareness program to address LIHEAP initiatives. **Status: Implemented**– program set with Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church located in the Columbia Area.
- Participate in several services projects i.e. Habitat for Humanity. **Status: In-process**
- Increase awareness and role of energy independence and energy related agendas. **Status: Implemented - See page 7, 11, 12, 13 & 15**
- Identify one energy related project (i.e. home energy auditing, weatherization, demand side management support, etc.). **Status: In-process**
- Provide avenues to allow knowledge transfer between political officials, community leaders and SCCAABE (i.e. information sessions, general membership meetings, etc.) **Status: Implemented**- SCCAABE members have attended seminars and or established relationships with Aloysius Anderson and Corey Lorick (Career Arts Institute); Dan Canada (Eau Claire Promise Zone);Goya Spry (SC Cares Mentoring Movement);Joseph James (Agri-Tech Producers, LLC);Tamikah B. Battle (Columbia Urban League STEM Expo);April Moore-Hutton (Spring 2011 Distinguished Lecturer Series); Darla Moore School of Business (The Green Economy), etc.

This activity is as direct tie to the AABE 2011 Area of Focus: Item I. For more information on ways to support Community Outreach Efforts, you can contact Kimberly Brown, Terrence Cheatham, Tom Jones, Stamarian Watts or Zach Taylor.



Terrence Cheatham



Kimberly Brown



Tom Jones



Zach Taylor



Stamarian Watts

Reaching out

By Pamela Bynoe-Reed

Your leadership team has made some enhancements to the way you receive and obtain important information about your organization. As members, we are not able to physically be in the same location as much as we may desire. Our executive committee meetings, general membership meetings and various organizational events and activities have been great conduits for communication. However, some real time information has lapsed due to the dates, times and locations of our meetings and events. A call was placed by the organization's membership and its supporters simply stating "Where can I go to find out about SCCAABE and its membership?". Your leadership team responded to this call by enhancing and developing the following communication conduits in an effort to effectively implement information strategies that increase SCCAABE's visibility and voice.

1. **The SCCAABE SharePoint Site**, located on the SCANA Edge, is the official location for all SCANA employee SCCAABE organizational information.

2. Our members who are external to SCANA will receive information **via email and/or review of our chapter website located at www.aabe.org** under chapter listings.

3. The leadership team has sited a need for developing a **Facebook** account that affords the South Carolina Chapter the ability to join the social networking scene along with providing a source for our external members to receive similar information displayed on the SCCAABE SharePoint Site. Currently, the national chapter and several other local chapters are a part of social networking entities like Facebook, Twitter, etc. You are encouraged to look up the account on Facebook (S.C. Chapter of Association of Blacks in Energy) and "Like" the page.

Your leadership team values your time and dedication to the organization. Therefore, we wanted to provide you, our members, with some tools that allow you to plan accordingly for ABE sponsored events and meetings. The SharePoint and Facebook technology will be used to get you information about the organization as close to real time as possible. I encourage you to speak to your leadership team about what and how we can continue to enhance our organization's communication methods.

By Kimberly Brown

January 7: Members of your leadership team, Tom Jones, Rachel Robinson, Stamarian Watts, Terrence Cheatham, Tom Jones and Zach Taylor, started the year off by attending the Eau Claire Promise Zone First Annual Fundraising Luncheon at Brookland Baptist Conference Center. The Guest Speaker was the world renowned Geoffrey Canada. Geoffrey Canada is the CEO, Founder of Harlem's Children Zone and Dan Canada's younger brother. The Eau Claire Promise Zone will follow the successful model of the Harlem Children's Zone, which hundreds of communities across the country have emulated. In 2008, President Barack Obama called it "an all-encompassing, all-hands-on-deck, anti-poverty effort that is literally saving a generation of children." This is one of the many reasons why your leadership team was present at this event. You can find more information on and about the Eau Claire Promise at www.promisezone.org.

February 4: A Career Awareness Day was held at Hyatt Park Elementary School. The theme was "Empowerment: Climbing the Ladder to your Future". SCCAABE was asked to present on the topics of educational training, character traits, salary, and school subjects that helped you to be successful in selecting your career to a class of fifth graders. The fifth graders were very energetic and displayed a great questioning attitude during the presentations. Your AABE presenters were Dwayne Adams, Mary Priester-Clarke, Deloris Brown and Terrence Cheatham. Our organization was very appreciative towards Mrs. Marian Alexander, the guidance counselor, at Hyatt Park Elementary for selecting our organization as a participant in this great activity.

February 5: Through its support of the American Cancer Society, SCE&G sponsored the 2011 African-American Men's Health Forum at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Zach Taylor and Terrence Cheatham were in attendance at this event. The forum featured local physicians and speakers covering topics such as health disparities, physical activity, obesity, prostate health, oral health and stress management.

February 9, 2011: A VIP Breakfast was held at Burton-Pack Elementary for all of the mentors and volunteers. Angie Webb, Kimberly Murdaugh, Stamarian Watts and Paulette Ledbetter were in attendance. The students showcased their talent with stepping, singing and rapping. They emphasized the importance of exercise, good grades and positive people in their lives. Sharing time by mentoring reaps numerous rewards.

February 21-24, 2011: Henry David Thoreau stated, “A truly good book teaches me more than to read it. I must soon lay it down, and commence living on its hint. What I began by reading, I must finish by acting.” SCCAABE accepted an invite to help convey this thought-provoking message by participating in the Twenty-Second Annual African American Read-In.

In 1990, the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English sponsored the first African American Read-In Chain. In 1991, the National Council of Teachers of English joined in the sponsorship with an endorsement, also, by the International Reading Association. Its purpose is to celebrate the works of the many black authors, writers, and illustrators whose works inform and entertain us.

SCCAABE members were invited as guest readers during Black Engineers Week in February (Tuesday thru Thursday – Feb 21-24, 2011) to read to classes in the Extended Day Program beginning at 4:30 PM. The books read to the students were required to have been authored by an African American.

Alcorn Middle School thanked us for helping them celebrate this event and for making literacy a part of Black History Month.



Saturday, February 26: The Columbia Urban League’s *Young and Gifted Awards* program presented by Cheryl Humphries was held at the Brookland Baptist Church, located at 1066 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia in celebration of Black History Month. The purpose of this program is to recognize African American high school seniors for achievement. Achievement is one of the most defining and transforming legacies of Black History. More than 800 African-American high school seniors were recognized from the following counties: Allendale, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland. In recognizing students’ achievement, we reinforce the importance of establishing a culture of high expectations. Dr. Mitchell M. Zais, state superintendent for the South Carolina Department of Education, was the keynote speaker. Also, our very own, Paul Fant, was one of the honored speakers at this event.

Saturday, March 26th: SCCAABE members participated in the 2011 Midlands Heart Walk at the Colonial Center. Kimberly Brown coordinated and exceeded a donation goal of \$150.00 for the organization. The goal was achieved due to the compassionate hearts of our members. The American Heart Association is very thankful to our organization for its continued support. Way to Go Team AABE!!!!!!!!!!!!

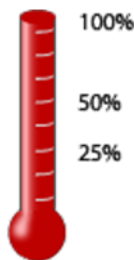
My Fundraising

Goal:

\$150.00

Money Raised:

\$195.00



April 7, 2011: Our general membership meeting on April 7, 2011 at SCANA's Operations Support Center (OSC) was a treat for the membership. The theme of this meeting was Mentoring – A Positive Effect on a Child's Life. Dan Canada (Chairman of the Eau Claire Promise Zone) and Goya Spry (Director of Columbia, SC Cares) were our speakers. Our members came out and supported these dynamic and motivational speakers in a way that only SCCAABE members can.

For more information on the Eau Claire Promise Zone, visit: <http://promisezone.org/>

For more information on Columbia, SC Cares, visit: <http://columbia.caresmentoring.org/>



SCCAABE Members taking a moment to network after the General Membership meeting held on 4.7.2011.



Aloysius S. Anderson (Director of the GreenLight Project), Corey Lorick (Director of the GreenLight Project) and Goya Spry (Columbia, SC Cares) establishing a bond between two worthy organizations at the General Membership

April 15: The Columbia Urban League has a long history of advocating for academic achievement as the great equalizer in promoting a high quality of life. In today's global economy, our academic focus must connect underserved students to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as the pathway to future careers and economic empowerment. According to the U.S Labor Department, 15 of the 20 fastest growing occupations projected for 2014 require considerable mathematics and science preparation to successfully compete for a job. A strong STEM education is critical for the U.S to maintain its competitiveness in the global economy.

The Columbia Urban League held its inaugural Youth STEM Expo for middle school students beginning at 9:00 AM and concluding at 1:30 PM at the Columbia Convention Center, located at 1101 Lincoln Street in Columbia, SC. The purpose of the STEM Expo is to increase awareness and introduce underserved middle school students to STEM careers, professionals in the field, and possibly establish mentoring relationships. Winston Stewart and Rhonda Caldwell represented the organization in a high standards at the Youth STEM Expo.

A quote from the AABE Experience: The STEM Expo went great! Many of the students and teachers took AABE brochures and asked questions about AABE. We informed them of our scholarship opportunities and the community service activities in the schools like lunch buddies, etc.

Canada brothers cultivate success in children

By Rhonda M. O'Banion, SCANA Public Affairs

Dan Canada, AABE Member, uses two words when talking about his brother, Geoffrey Canada, founder and CEO of the [Harlem Children's Zone](#): courage and character.

A senior quality control inspector who has worked at V.C. Summer Nuclear Station for 28 years, Dan will call on these family traits infused by their mother in his role as chairman of the [Eau Claire Promise Zone](#). This grassroots coalition is committed to nurturing

success “from cradle to college and beyond” for children in Eau Claire, a community in north Columbia that struggles with poverty and crime.

“There are lots of people who have come out of poverty and made a way and provided wonderfully for their family,” said Dan, who grew up in an area of New York similar to Eau Claire. “Many of them think about doing something to help others do the same, but they just don’t have the courage to step out into the unknown, and it takes something in your character to take time from your self-interest to involve yourself with others. Geoffrey has the combination of those two things, and without his example, I certainly wouldn’t have done this.”



Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, Geoffrey Canada, Dan Canada & Rev. Charles B. Jackson

The Promise Zone will follow the successful model of the Harlem Children's Zone, which hundreds of communities across the country have emulated. In 2008, President Barack Obama called it “an all-encompassing, all-hands-on-deck, anti-poverty effort that is literally saving a generation of children.”

Geoffrey spoke in January at a fundraising luncheon in Columbia to benefit the Promise Zone. The organization is currently focused on designing its Pipeline to Success and implementing strategies to prepare children for kindergarten. For more information about the Promise Zone, go to www.promisezone.org.

AABE Member accepts the diversity supplier award for SCANA.

SCANA Frontline Article written by: [BRUSH, MARY GREEN](#) Tue, Feb 08, 2011 - 1:47 PM

The Carolinas Minority Supplier Development Council (CMSDC) hosts the 2011 Annual Meeting and Minority Business Enterprise Scholarship Gala, on Thursday January 20th, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Hilton Charlotte Center City was the site for the Annual Meeting Luncheon and the Harvey B. Gantt Center host this year's scholarship gala. Both events are slated to attract corporate executives and procurement professionals from the world's largest purchasing organizations along with hundreds of minority business owners. The event was created with the intent to recognize achievements and continue to build on supplier diversity initiatives for the Carolinas.

Duke Energy North Carolina President, Brett Carter, was the keynote speaker at this year's luncheon along with other corporations to include: Henkel, Time Warner Cable, Lockheed Martin and Lincoln Harris. The Scholarship Gala awarded a scholarship to the prestigious Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. A silent auction was held in conjunction with the Gala, attendees had the opportunity to bid on luxury items from a host of suppliers within the region.

Minority suppliers are the fastest-growing segment of today's business landscape. According to the Census Bureau, the rate of growth for minority-owned businesses range from more than 25% for Asians and 31% for Hispanics to 45% for Blacks, compared to 10% for all of U.S. businesses. This year America's biggest corporations are expected to spend more than \$100 billion to buy goods and services from minority-owned businesses.

The Carolinas Minority Suppliers Development Council presented SCANA with its Corporate Impact Award at this annual meeting and awards ceremony in Charlotte.

Mammie Price, SCANA supplier strategy manager and a member of the Carolinas Minority Suppliers Development Council Regional Board accepted the award. It is presented to a member corporation exemplifying dedication in minority business development and community service. A panel of judges reviews member companies' annual spend reports and evaluates their creativity and methods used to provide minority-owned businesses with procurement opportunities.

The council, which serves North and South Carolina, promotes and facilitates the development of business relationships between its 175 corporate members and approximately 425 certified minority businesses.

Sources noted:

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Courageous Conversations Emerge Among Rising and Established Community Leaders

May 23, 2011



COLUMBIA, SC - May 23, 2011 - At the fourth annual Cocktails & Conversations, members of United Way of the Midlands Young Leaders Society (YLS) and Tocqueville Society came together to reflect on pressing community issues and share ideas on topics ranging from volunteerism to leadership development.

YLS members sought opinions of those who have been long standing community leaders regarding the progress that has been made, the potential for its future and what they, as emerging community leaders, should focus on to make it happen.

Tocqueville Society members questioned the best ways to tap into the passion of the younger generations to create positive change and listened to their answers.

What resulted was an unfettered discussion where no matter the age, community leaders came together to discuss successes, mistakes, lessons learned and Columbia's most important issues.



To see the Photo Gallery, [click here](#).

Above Photo: Kristie Cross (Palmetto Health), Julio Gomez (Enterprise Holdings), Adam Deas (Enterprise Holdings), John Reeves (Enterprise Holdings), Bridgett Molony (United Way of the Midlands)

This annual event is an exclusive opportunity for YLS members and Tocqueville Society members to come together and learn from one another. Both groups are working hard to make a difference and the conversations that took place generated an energy that could only be produced as a result of a gathering such as this.

Everyone there is truly invested in making an impact on the community in which they all share.

For more information on how to get involved with one of these leadership groups, contact Whitney Sousa at wsousa@uway.org or 803.733.5419 or go to www.uway.org.



Paul Fant (SCANA), Chad Coleman (Elliott Davis)

To encourage African American Students to pursue careers in energy-related fields

April 8: The College of Science, Math and Engineering Technology at South Carolina State University held its Spring 2011 Distinguished Lecturer Series program. The Mistress of Ceremony was Fransha V. Wagner a senior nuclear engineering student at SC State. Jeffrey B. Archie was the honored guest. Mr. Archie provided the students with correlations between the fundamentals of an excellent student and the fundamentals of a successful professional. This program displayed some of the top achievers in academia at South Carolina State within the College of Science, Math and Engineering Technology.



Jeffrey Archie and Leslie Archie (center) with the College of Science, Math and Engineering Technology students at South Carolina State University. The next generation of leaders and AABE members!!!!

Energy Summit: International , National and Local Activities and Issues


 DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE GREEN ECONOMY:

*Insights from the United Kingdom
 and South Carolina*

April 1, 2011



April 1: The Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina held a panel discussion at 9:00 am until 10:15 am that focused on the Green Economy at the Lumpkin Auditorium. Insights from the United Kingdom was provided by the featured speaker **Gregory Barker**. Gregory Barker was appointed Minister of State in the Department of Energy and Climate Change in 2010. He has a broad ranging portfolio including energy innovation, marine energy, green economy, green jobs and skills agenda. Mr. Barker spoke on reviving the private sector by slashing regulations and taxes for businesses. As an governmental official, Gregory recognizes that the government has an opportunity to roll out a perfect framework for businesses to address the opportunities within the energy sector. Green investment banks, green reconstruction ventures and a revamping of the power sector by creating a focus on alternative energies such as offshore wind and nuclear power generation is in the UK vision for the future. **Senator (SC) Lindsey Graham** gave some riveting points on the green energy agenda for the state of South Carolina. Also, he took a moment to emphasize how the green policies and agendas being developed by the UK government could provided an excellent learning and development

opportunity for our country's governmental officials. Senator Graham stated the UK is implementing policies and methods that are cleaning up the air; lowering oil dependency; researching alternatives for energy resources and creating green policy and agendas that are businesses friendly.

Additional, green energy insights were proved by a diverse background of United Kingdom and South Carolina Panelists (see below).

United Kingdom Panelists:

Dennis Hayter, Vice President for Business and Development, Intelligent Energy

Emma Howard Boyd, Director, Jupiter Asset Management Limited

Bill Rumble, Group Commercial Director, Mark Group

South Carolina Panelists:

Ashlie Lancaster, Director, SC Energy Office, SC Budget and Control Board

Dave Davidson, Manager of Strategic Business Development and Technology, Eaton Energy Solutions Business

Michael N. Couick, President and CEO, The Electric Cooperatives of SC

Chris Markert, Vice President and General Manager, Energy Solutions - Americas, Southeast Region Johnson Controls Inc.

In closing, Mayor Steve Benjamin of Columbia, South Carolina commented on the green efforts that the city of Columbia has engaged in and presented the , United Kingdom Minister of State in Department of Energy & Climate Change with the key to the city of Columbia.

Energy Summit: International , National and Local Activities and Issues



United Kingdom and South Carolina Panelists



Senator (SC) Lindsey Graham giving some riveting points on the green energy agenda for the state of South Carolina.



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SCCAABE Attendees:
Terrence Cheatham, President and
Tom Jones, Executive Vice President

April 2011

AABE 34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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**Our Energy, Our Future
Creating Sustainable Communities**

April 26-29, 2011—Jersey City, NJ

The 34th Annual Conference brought together a variety of industry leaders to discuss energy and its role in building sustainable communities. Conference sessions examined the opportunities and challenges in building a green economy and how we can ensure that no community gets left behind.

An outstanding presentation has been posted to the SCCAABE SharePoint Site for your review. Our members represented the South Chapter in outstanding fashion. Kudos and way to bring home the Energy from such a dynamic professional experience!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cut and past into your browse if your are a SCANA Employee: <http://corporate.scana.com/AABE/2011%20National%20Conference%20Information/2011Conference.aspx>



2011 SCCAABE Attendees (Left to Right):
Stamarian Watts, Angie Webb, Mammie Price, Nakeeah Garland, April Kelly and Rachel Robinson.

Silent Auction

By Mammie Price

The South Carolina Chapter of American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) is holding a Silent Auction to help support its annual scholarship fundraiser. The Silent Auction will be held as part of the 2011 Fundraising Campaign. The proceeds from the auction will help support the SC Chapter of AABE – JKC Annual Scholarship fund and the organization’s mission to give back to students in need of financial support to help further their education in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields of studies.

However, to make this initiative successful, we need your help. Please place a bid on the items of your choice and in the dollar value you wish to offer. The auction closes on the auction site after 5 pm, June 1, 2011. If you are the highest bidder, you will be notified the week after the deadline.

Thanks in advance for your support,

If you have questions about the auction, please contact Terrance Cheatham, President at Ext. 54131 or Mammie Price, Chair -Golf Event at Ext 79118. Let’s make this auction unforgettable!

15th Annual Josie K. Claiborne Golf Tournament

By Mammie Price

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) held its “Fifteenth Josie K. Claiborne (JKC) Golf Tournament” event on Friday, June 3, 2011 at the GCSC at Crickentree Golf Course in Blythewood, S.C. The event was considered to be a great success. There were ninety-six (96) golfers all ready to compete when the gun sounded. The event was a shotgun start at 9:00 am with 4 persons per team playing a Captain’s Choice game of 18 holes. Food, refreshments and prizes were a hit with the players after spending 3 + hours in the heat and sun. Awards were presented to first, second and third flight winners. There were numerous SCANA employees, a host of business owners and individuals who supported the event. It was a great opportunity to network and build personal/business relationships. Proceeds from the JKC golf event will allow AABE to impact the lives of kids in need of additional financial assistance to further their education.

Our organization is very thankful to the sponsors, donors and golfers who made this an unforgettable event!

2011 JKC Golf Tournament Closest to the Pin , Longest drive and 1st Tee winners:



Closest to the Pin Winner



Longest Drive Winner



Closest to the Pin Winner



Closest to the Pin



1st Tee Team



Closest to the Pin Winner

June 2011

Fundraising

15th Annual Josie K. Claiborne Golf Tournament

By Mammie Price

2011 JKC Golf Tournament Flight Winners



3rd Flight winners



Thank You Letters from our Community

By Terrence Cheatham

The following sentiments are appreciative thanks from some of the great citizens within our community that we support.

Dear Terrence and the South Carolina America Association of Blacks in Energy,

I certainly do not want time to pass without telling you and SCCAABE how appreciative we (Columbia, SC Cares) are for the contribution to our organization. Leading a nonprofit is not easy in terms of funds, but it's certainly is rewarding because it serves a certain population "our" children. Please express gratitude to your members.

Best,

G. Spry & Columbia, SC Cares

Dear South Carolina of the American Association of Blacks in Energy,

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for naming me a recipient for the JKC Scholarship. It is both an honor and a privilege to receive the scholarship and I thank you for helping me further my education.

Thank you,

DeAna Smalls

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We want to hear from you.

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