



American Association of Blacks in Energy®
ATLANTA CHAPTER



2012 Year-in-Review Summary



The Atlanta Chapter

2012-2013 Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors

**Cherryl Harris – President
Georgia Power Company**

**Rodney Russell - Vice President
Georgia Power Company**

**Jo Holliman – Secretary
Georgia Power Company**

**Alisha Hargett – Asst. Secretary
SCANA Energy**

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Georgia Power Company**

**Randy Thedford – Asst. Treasurer
Georgia Power Company**

**Moe Baker – Parliamentarian
Georgia Natural Gas**

**Eric Arnold – Immediate Past
President, Georgia Power**



The Atlanta Chapter

Where We've Found Opportunity in 2012:

MEMBERSHIP – strengthened the organization by recruiting new members and retaining current members to ensure the viability, sustainability and growth of the organization.

PROGRAMS - Supports the strategic goals of the chapter through monthly meetings, networking, service opportunities, student outreach and other signature events that will help the membership's professional development and personal growth.

EXTERNAL- Media coverage via press releases, local publications, newswire and internet (www.aabe.org/atlanta) . Leveraging contacts from within our member organizations to identify outreach opportunities.



Atlanta Chapter Membership:

*Currently 130 members
comprised of employees from 20 companies:*

- AGL Resources
- Ameriprise Financial
- Baccus Clean Energy
- City of East Point, GA
- Colbert Construction
- Cox Technology
- El Paso/So. Natural Gas
- EnerGreen Capital
- GE Energy
- Georgia Natural Gas
- Georgia Power
- Georgia Tech
- Gray Group Holdings
- Greystone Power
- HD Supply
- Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO)
- KHA Fra Engineering Consultants
- SCANA Energy
- Southern Company Services
- TIBCO Software



Atlanta Chapter Membership

- **Diverse company memberships bring credibility and networking opportunities**
- **Access to member companies' internal programs & resources**
- **Allows access to Affinity Groups, Employee Resource Groups and external organizations i.e.,**
 - **African American Forum – GE**
 - **Energy Exchange – Georgia Power**
 - **Student Chapters at Georgia Tech & Fort Valley State**



Atlanta Chapter - Programs

General Body Meetings:

- **Lay the foundation**
 - ✓ Provides a safe, welcoming environment for members to learn, build relationships, contribute, and develop skills
 - ✓ Build awareness and trust
- **Have helped answer the question “What is AABE?”**
- **Attendance averages 40+ members and guests**
- **Include students when possible**
- **Communicated externally**
- **Discuss diverse topics**
- **Include member company experts**
 - ✓ Make the case for membership funding
 - ✓ Intrinsic value



Atlanta Chapter Programs

January: Annual MLKing Celebration (joint meeting w/GPC's Energy Exchange). Speaker: Dr. Michael Lomax, Pres., UNCF

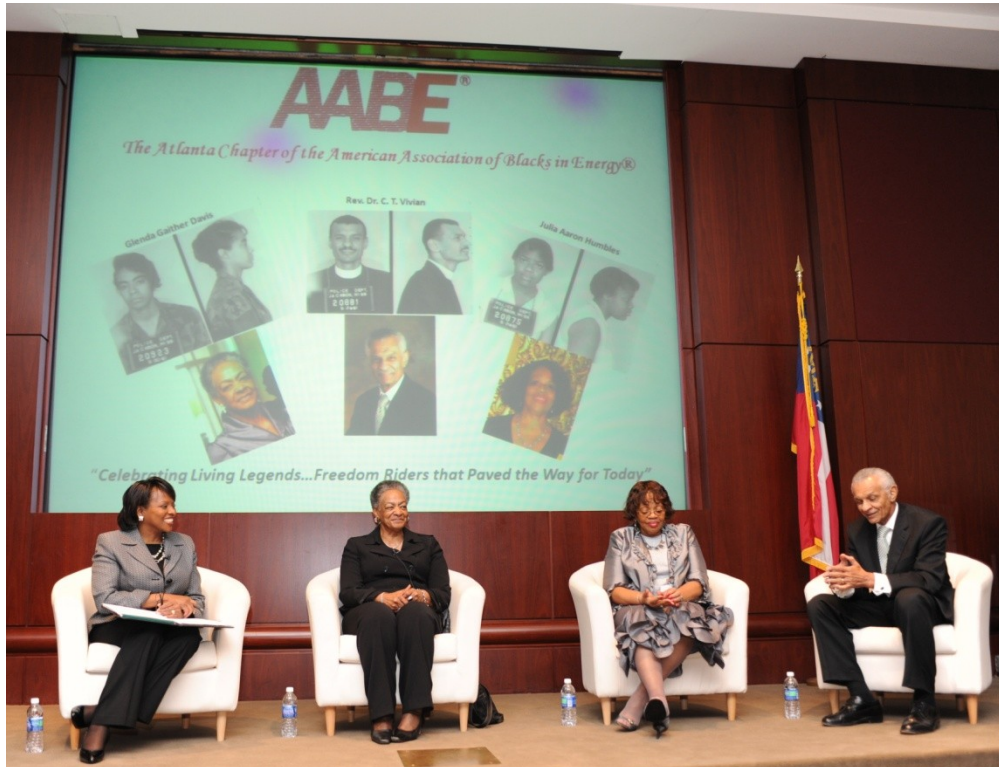
Reception for Richard Holmes & Ralph Cleveland





Atlanta Chapter - Programs

February – “Freedom Riders who Paved the Way for Today”
featuring Mrs. Glenda Gaither Davis, Mrs. Julia Aaron Humbles
and Rev. C.T. Vivian



Art McClung
(1945-2012)
AABE Atlanta Pres.
1986-87



Atlanta Chapter - Programs

March: “Women In Energy – Overcoming Obstacles” featuring Tiffany Callaway Ferrell (AGL), Helga Ouzts (SCANA), Dr. Ruth Todd (INPO)



April: “Hydraulic Fracturing” (Fracking) – Larry Cole (EPA)





Atlanta Chapter Programs

May - Annual Scholarship Banquet: "Fueling the Next Generation of Energy Leaders" - Dr. Alvetta Peterman Thomas, President, Atlanta Tech. Emcee: Donna Lowry, WXIA-TV. \$31,500 Awarded! 23 High School Graduate Honorees 16 Continuing Ed Honorees

1st RLHolmes C.S. Recipient





Atlanta Chapter - Programs

**June: “AMI (Automated Meter) Technology Overview” –
*speaker, Ronnie Noble (GPC)***





Atlanta Chapter Programs

June (cont.): JKDavis Scholarship Gala and Atlanta's 30th Chapter Anniversary Celebration! Speaker: Dr. Michael Lomax, UNCF



Emcee: Tracye Hutchins
CBS-Atlanta





Atlanta Chapter Programs

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Atlanta Chapter Programs

August: "State of Energy" Update - Tan Adams (GPC), Jim Kibler (AGL)
September: "Confident Success...Coaching that Moves You Forward" – Dr. Kym Harris





Atlanta Chapter Programs

September (cont): 10th Annual JK Davis Scholarship Golf Tournament

(Flat Creek Golf Course,
Peachtree City, GA)

**\$18,000 raised for
2013 scholarship
fund!**



Atlanta Chapter Programs

October: BEAM (Black Energy Awareness Month) – Interactive learning program for high school students to broaden their knowledge of the energy industry, new technology, and enhance their exposure to career opportunities in the energy field. **100** students & teachers from four metro-Atlanta high schools participated. Huge success!

Speaker: Melvin Williams (AGL)





Atlanta Chapter Programs

November: “The Nuts & Bolts of Politics, Election Update & the Impact on Energy” – Roy Robinson & Jim Kibler (AGL)
TOUCH (*Taking Our Unbroken Commitment Home*) Community Service Event – meal preparation for Project Open Hand.





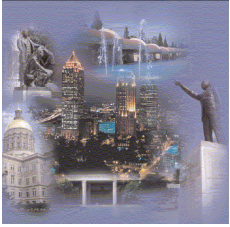
Atlanta Chapter 2012 Partnerships/Initiatives

- **Morehouse College Entrepreneurship Center-**
 - ✓ **Business Plan Competition**
 - ✓ **MWISE (Morehouse-Wide Initiative for Sustainable Energy): Energy curriculum advisor**
 - ✓ **<http://www.mcecenter.com>**
- **Siemens**
- **National Society of Black Engineers**
- **Clark-Atlanta Dual Degree Program**
- **Hispanic Chamber (2013)**



Atlanta Chapter – Looking Ahead to 2013:

- **General Body Meetings (themes include: energy/industry topics, student-of-the-business, personal and professional development)**
- **Networking Event – “Get-to-know AABE” (evening)**
- **Leverage established partnerships to generate membership, increase meeting attendance, increased exposure and engagement of member companies**
- **Annual JKDavis Scholarship Banquet & Golf Tournament**



AABE National Key Initiatives

- I. Energy Policy Development**
- II. Career & Professional Development**
- III. Information Dissemination**
- IV. Scholarships and Awards**



AABE National Conferences

- **2013 Conference: Hyatt Regency Baltimore (*Inner Harbor*), MD.**
 - ✓ **Theme “Embracing Change and Creating Opportunities”**
 - ✓ **April 9-13, 2013**
 - ✓ **Registration Now Open: \$675 *early bird* www.aabe.org**
- **2014 Conference (April) : America’s Hilton, Houston, TX**
- **2015 Conference: SE Region, Charlotte, NC**
- **2016 Conference: Midwest Region, Chicago, IL**
- **2017 Conference: AABE’s 40th Anniversary! Washington, DC**



Atlanta Chapter – 2012 It Takes A Team...

*Thank
You*

Atlanta Chapter Committee Chairs:

- **BEAM – Heidi Boykin**
- **Scholarship – Valerie Searcy**
- **Communications - Delitha Morrow Coles**
- **Membership – Rodney Russell**
- **Fundraising: Olivia Parks Woods, Gala Chair**
- **Fundraising: Willie Palmer, Golf tourney Chair**
- **Programs - Monique Hall & Eric Arnold**
- **CCC Liaison – Fanchester Henry**
- **TOUCH – Lillie Battle**



The Atlanta Chapter – 2012

Special THANKS to Atlanta Chapter's executive leaders serving on AABE's National Board:

- Ralph Cleveland, Chair (Chartis Insurance)
- Richard Holmes – (Georgia Power, *retired*)



Atlanta Chapter – 2012



To the Atlanta Chapter Members
You are the envy of Chapters across
the Nation!

Please Renew Your Membership!

Dues are still only \$150/year.





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Thanks, Farewell & Happy Retirement!



Gerald Johnson
Vice President, Customer Service
Georgia Power
AABE Atlanta President 1994-95

