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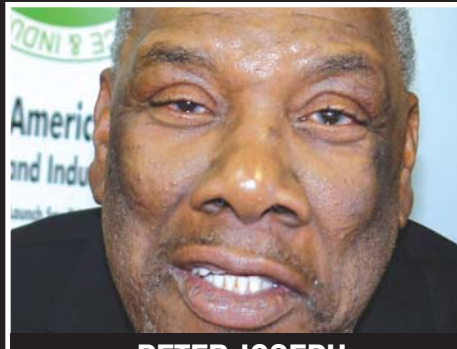
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CACCI Salutes Business Visionaries!

Caribbean American Chamber Of Commerce & Industry, Inc. (CACCI) Inducts 2011 Small Business Visionaries At Its Annual Business and Cultural Networking Reception and Dinner

The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) has announced that it inducted its 2011 Small Business Visionaries at its Annual Caribbean Christmas Business Networking Reception and Dinner on Thursday, December 16, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Paradise Ballroom, 1367 Utica Ave in Brooklyn, NY

This Annual Christmas Networking Reception and Dinner is one of the largest CACCI business events of the year when CACCI celebrates and recognizes its newest members for their contributions and commitment to economic and community development, and visionary leadership.

CACCI President **Roy A. Hastick, Sr.**, who will serve as convener, describes this year's Annual End-of-Year Reception and Visionary Salute as a good opportunity for CACCI members and the wider business community to interact with each other and with business and community leaders. He commends this year's visionaries as small business owners who have taken the risk and accepted the challenge of entrepreneurship. "We are proud to salute them as CACCI's 2011 Business Visionaries and look forward to assisting them in furthering their business growth," Hastick said.

Dr. William L. Pollard, President, Medgar Evers College, CUNY will deliver this year's Charge to the 2011 Business Visionaries. He is the former president of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) where he was credited with significantly increasing student retention and success through the establishment of a student counseling center to provide academic and mental health counseling. UDC is the only public institution in Washington, DC and the nation's only land grant university. As president of UDC, Dr. Pollard was also instrumental in obtaining significant funding that supported the recruitment and hiring of new faculty in areas of greatest need and developing strong alumni and community involvement in the university.

He began his tenure at Medgar Evers College in August 2009 and under his leadership Medgar Evers College celebrated its 40th Anniversary and the official opening of a state-of-the-art multimillion dollar Science and Technology Building, which further expands the college's capability to accommodate a growing enrollment of a diverse student body of over 7,000 students, taught



Derek E. Broomes, CPA, CACCI Board Chairman

by an outstanding and dedicated faculty.

This Year's Co-Conveners are: **Derek E. Broomes, CPA**, Board Chairman, **Lowell Hawthorne**, President, Golden Krust Bakeries and Grill; **Edmund Sadio**, Owner/Broker, Century 21-Achievers; **Sybil Chester**, Administrator, Moet Hennessy USA; **George Hulse**; Vice President, Health First; **David Gayle**, President, Tropical Paradise; **Stanley Springer**, Owner, Springer Screen Printing; **McDonald Romain**, Owner, La Baye Importer and Market; **Balfour Peart**, CACCI Board Treasurer; **Christina Bridgewater, Esq.**, CACCI Board Member; **Patricia Sampson**, Managing Director, Bank of New York Mellon; **Marcia Melendez**, Owner, Flowerworks and Landscaping; **Alfredo Thiebaud**, President, Delicioso Coco Helado; **Dennis Hawthorne**, Owner, Dennis Shipping, **Ana Walker**, Director, Flatbush Caton Market and **David Gayle**, Owner, Tropical Paradise Ballroom.

CACCI's 2011 Business Visionaries include: **Albina Lowe's**, CEO/President, Lowe Cleaning Service; **Jamaal Patterson**, Chairperson, New Future Foundation, Inc.; **Dr. Rona Allen**, Director, In the Light Band; **Mohammad Iqbal**, President, Five Star Contracting Companies, Inc.; **Peter Joseph**, CEO, Peter Joseph Construction Corp.; **Erica Mitchell**, Vice President, A Bee R.A.G Service Inc.; **Christopher Perry**, Business Development, Liger Energy; **Shernell Prescott**,



Dr. Roy A. Hastick, Sr., President/CEO/Founder of CACCI

President, Palaite Pleasures, Inc.; **Michael Rafferty**, Executive Director, Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway Business Improvement District; **Abdoulaye Ndao**, Manager, Affinity Health Plan; **Andrew Scott**, CEO, Scottco Technology; **Ralph Ramsey**, President, Abstract Entertainment, Inc.; **Rev. Delroy Murdock**, Pastor, St. Paul's Methodist Church; **Gerald Brown**, System Administrator, Century 21 Achievers; **Sonia and Donald Burris**, Franchisee, Golden Krust Caribbean Bakery and Grill; **Tanya England**, CEO and Founder, Millennium Education & Career Alliance; **Richardson Taylor**, Accountant Executive, Thompson and Company, CPA; **Gilford Monrose**, President, Think Quality Construction; **Camille Gordon-Fanfair**, Owner, Focus on Divas; **Rose Guerrier**, President, La "V" en Rose Productions; **Robert Trajan**, Managing Director, Caribbean Blue Book; and **Everton Welch**, owner, Forever Barber and Beauty Salon.

This year's event also supports CACCI's 25th Annual Gift Giving and Toy Distribution Drive for disadvantaged families.

To purchase tickets for the December 16th Business Networking Reception and Dinner, or to contribute toys, books or other children's gifts, for information on CACCI membership, business financing through CACCI member banks, workshop schedule or other business related information, contact CACCI at (718) 834-4544.

CACCI Sponsors and Conducts Workshops and Provides Technical Assistance

In Areas of:
Small Business Services
Financial Empowerment
MWBE Certification Preparation
Job Development

Small Business Services:

Workshops and One-On-One confidential counseling sessions are designed to help small business owners who need technical assistance on how to manage a successful business.

Financial Empowerment:

Workshops are targeted to small business owners on such issues as Credit Worthiness, Banking, Loans, Cash Flow, Insurance, Budgeting and Homeownership.

Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) Certification Preparation:

CACCI continues to be part of NYC's efforts to attract women and minority-owned small businesses (MWBE) and engages them in the process of becoming certified by the City of New York so that they can enhance their business growth. CACCI provides workshops and technical assistance in the preparation and completion of the application.

Job Development Workshops:

Topics include: (1) Resume development; (2) Finding the hidden job market (3) Employment Interview Tips; (4) How to prepare and have a successful interview; (5) How to identify transferable skills that can expand job search options; (6) networking tips and (7) Use your time as volunteer, gain practical experience and paid employment.

Small Business Counseling

CACCI and SCORE conduct weekly confidential small business counseling sessions for small business owners who need technical assistance in how to manage and operate a small business. FREE and By Appointment Only

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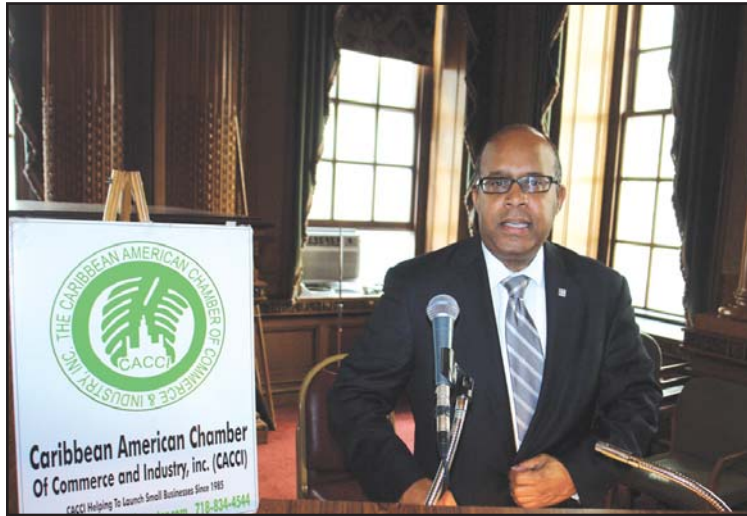
Public and Private Sector Agencies and Financial Institutions Addressed CACCI's Power-Packed Power Breakfast Meeting

Launched CACCI Small Business Programs Financial Literacy Empowerment Job Development Small Business Services MWBE Certification Program

The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) sponsored its Special Small Business Power Breakfast Meeting on Wednesday November 17th, 2010 at the Historic Brooklyn Borough Hall, downtown Brooklyn.

Dr. Roy A. Hastick, Sr., President/CEO, CACCI served as convener. He expressed his appreciation and thanked the participation of an array of speakers, presenters and resource persons who participated in this annual procurement and market place event. "The overwhelming turnout by special guest speakers, members and guests was a clear indication of the continued commitment to CACCI to provide information for our members who are in need of business resources and assistance in order to access procurement opportunities and financing to advance their business growth."

Among the special guest speakers were: **Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Ms. Yvonne Graham**, and elected officials **NYS Senator Kevin Parker** and **NYC Councilmember Darlene Mealy**. **Former NYC Council member Dr. Una Clarke** and 1199 SIEU Representative **Vicki Sylvain** spoke about the devasta-



Mr. Paul Williams Jr., Esq., President /CEO, Dormitory Authority State of New York, addressed CACCI as the keynote speaker.

tion in the Caribbean caused by the recent Hurricane Tomas on the respective islands of Jamaica and Haiti.

Mr. Paul Williams Jr., Esq., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) served as Keynote Speaker. He provided an overview of DASNY which includes financing and construction services to public and private universities, not-for-profit healthcare facilities and other institutions which serve

the public good. Mr. Williams encouraged participants to take advantage of the opportunities and resources that are available through DASNY.

George Hulse, CACCI Vice Chairman and Vice President of Health First served as Moderator. Health first provides affordable, quality care health plans for underserved communities and helps to improve the effectiveness of healthcare delivery by partnering with providers and reinvesting in member hospitals.

The remainder of the program dealt with specific resources that are available through agencies, corporations and financial institutions that are necessary for business development. Presentations were made by Resource Executives including:

Heyward Davenport, Regional Director, United States Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency ((MBDA). This agency provides information on access to capital and finance management, commercial lending and banking, financial, credit and risk analysis, SBA and conventional loans qualification and evaluation; loan and grant identification and packaging; general finance counseling and access to contracts by MBDA business development specialists who provide procurement assistance to help minority-owned firms do business with the federal, state, and local governments as well as private corporations.

Suzanne Veira, Executive Director, Business Development Division (BDD) of the School Construction Authority (SCA). This agency helps qualified emerging construction and construction-related firms do business with the SCA. The Business Development Division recruits minority, women-owned and lo-

cally-based enterprises for certification through participation in various minority trade shows, conferences and forums. To be eligible for services, a business must become M/W/LBE-certified in addition to being prequalified.

Elizabeth Abreu, Brooklyn Representative, Small Business Administration (SBA) which is a US government agency that serves as a resource and provides invaluable services such as business counseling, training and financial assistance and small business loans.

Michael Jones-Bey, Executive Director, NYS/MWBE Program, an agency that is responsible for eliminating barriers to women and minority participation in state contracts.

The agency reviews applications by businesses seeking certification as an MWBE, maintains a directory of certified MWBE's and promotes business development of MWBE's through education and outreach.

Francisco Castillo, Branch Manager, City National Bank (CNB) which offers an array of financial services including how to access to business financing, credit cards, banking, investments and trust programs. They are experienced international trade professionals.

Charles Lockley, VP/Relationship Manager Commercial Banking, Citibank which is one of the largest full service banks in the United States and provides financial lending and business services.

Debra Dilan, Intergovernmental/Community Affairs, Office of the New York State Comptroller. The Comptroller's Office audits state agencies, public authorities, local governments in New York State and helps to ensure transparency and accountability, protects against fraud, waste and abuse. The office also manages unclaimed funds.

Jim Barber, New York State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency, USDA. The Farm Services Agency works to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural Americans including direct operating loans for farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as rural housing loans to help rural people buy, build or rent housing and creates jobs by funding the growth and creation of rural businesses and cooperatives.

Other business leaders included: **Richard Drucker**, Senior Vice President External Affairs, Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp; **Joy Crichlow**,

Director, MWBE Program, Con Edison; **Alfred Placeres, Esq.**, President of the NYS Federation of Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; **Bruce and Ebony Kirkland**, Ebony Marketing; **Dr. Moses Newsome, Sr.** Vice President, External Relations, Medgar Evers College, CUNY; **Greg Glasgow**, NYC Schools Construction Authority and Michael Clay, DSNY. CACCI board members included **Chris Bridgewater, Esq.**; **Balfour Peart**, International Business Consultant; **Edmund Sadio**, Century 21 Achievers, **Bishop Cecil Riley**, Caribbean Clergy Coalition and **Dr. Eda Harris-Hastick**, Medgar Evers College.

The Power Breakfast Meeting culminated in a presentation of plaques to most recent CACCI members and the launching of CACCI's small business program and services: Financial Literacy Empowerment, Job Development, Small Business Services and the MWBE Certification Program.

For information on CACCI's monthly networking meetings; other special projects and events including Annual Gift Giving, Women and Children Haiti Relief Project, Annual Christmas Salute (12/16) to Small Business Visionaries; membership; small business services and workshops on Financial Literacy Empowerment, Job Development, Small Business Service and MWBE Certification Program; vending at the Flatbush Caton Market, or to schedule an appointment for Free small business counseling, contact CACCI: (718) 834-4544. Email: info@caccitradercenter.com. www.caribbeantradercenter.com.



Heyward Davenport, District Director, US Department of Commerce; Michael Jones-Bey, Executive Director, NYS MWBE Division; and Paul Williams.



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Councilmember Darlene Mealy addresses CACCI.



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