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CACCI Salutes Women History Makers *Discusses Business Opportunities for Small Business Owners*



New York City. The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) sponsored *A Salute to Women History Makers* in recognition of National Women's History Month at its Monthly Membership Networking Power Breakfast Meeting on **Thursday, March 25, 2010** at the Historic Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY.

According to **Dr. Roy A. Hastick, Sr.**, President and CEO, and convener of this event, "we saluted a diverse group of women who are making tremendous contributions in their respective areas including corporate affairs, manufacturing, diplomatic, civic, human rights and micro-enterprise enterprise." They were: **Joy Crichlow**, Director, Women and Minority Affairs, Con Edison Company of New York; **Patricia Gatling**, Commissioner/Chair, NYC Commission on Human Rights; **Bishop Ebony Kirkland**, President/CEO, Ebony Marketing and Manufacturing; **H. E. Geneive Brown Metzger**, Consul General of Jamaica; **Natasha Holiday**, Founder, New Heights Community Initiative and **Ana Walker**, Director, Flatbush Caton Market. **Jessica Odle-Brail**, Former Consul General of Barbados served as Mistress of Ceremonies and CACCI Board Members **Balfour Peart**, Business Consultant and **Edmund Sadio**, CACCI Membership Chairman and Owner, Century 21 Achievers served as facilitators.

During this business networking meeting **President Hastick** also presented membership plaques to the most recent CACCI members. In addition, several critical issues that affect small business owners during this economic downturn were also addressed. The topics were: Access to Small Business Financing; Small Business Resources and Services; Job Development; Financial

Literacy; Census 2010 Impact and Opportunities, and Partnership Opportunities with Medgar Evers College, CUNY. Special guest speakers who made presentations were **Greg Bishop**, Assistant Commissioner, NYC Department of Small Business Services; **John T. Devine**, Manager, Chase Home Ownership Center; **Joy Crichlow**, Con Edison Co. of New York, and **Dr. Moses Newsome, Jr.**, Vice President, External Relations. Representing Brooklyn Borough President **Marty Markowitz** and Deputy Borough President **Yvonne Graham** was **Ms. Xamayla Rose**, Policy Analyst who brought greetings on behalf of the Borough President and his Deputy.

The next CACCI Business Seminar will be held on **Wednesday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m.** at the Flatbush Caton Market. Topics to be addressed include: **Access to Financing, Micro Loans for Micro Enterprises, Job Development and Business Services.** *Pre-registrations are required.*

For information on upcoming Monthly Membership Networking Power Breakfast Meetings, CACCI membership, Small Business Workshops, Financial Literacy, Affordable Housing, Small Business Loan Referral, Business Plan Preparation, vending at the Flatbush Caton Market, or to schedule a confidential appointment at CACCI's Business Resource Center, contact CACCI. (718) 834-4544 - Email: info@caccitradecenter.com. www.caribbeantradecenter.com.