



THE LEAGUE

AUGUST 2008

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

On Saturday, 12 July 2008 the CSRA Business League held its first networking event of the year for small, minority and disadvantaged business owners at Ma Fannies Restaurant on Laney-Walker Blvd.

The forum allowed those in attendance to hear the platform, agenda and ideas of our elected officials and candidates for State office taking part in the 15 July 2008 primary.

The event the first of many the league will hold over the coming months to allow small, minority and disadvantaged business owners to network and market their services to the CSRA.

In attendance at the event were Representatives Quincy Murphy, Wayne Howard, Hardie Davis and Gloria Frazier and State Senator Ed Tarver. Candidates in attendance were Rev. Marion Williams, Mr. John Butler, and Mr. Lee Benedict.

Those in attendance asked thought provoking questions in regards to assistance for business owners, political views and improving the business climate.

We invite all persons in the CSRA to come out and participate in events designed to assist business owners in being successful.

The **Small Business Administration** has broadened the Office of Business and Community Initiatives To Focus on Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurial Education for small, minority and disadvantaged businesses.

The newly renamed Office of Entrepreneurship Education (OEE) will be a division of the Office of Entrepreneurial Development, which provides small business training, counseling and access to resources. OEE combines SBA's online education programs, business and community initiatives, and youth outreach under a single umbrella, and will serve as a federal clearinghouse for information related to small business development. The League has contacted the SBA to ensure that members of the league have access to this important business tool.

The **Atlanta Tribune's 6th Annual Moving Your Business Forward** Conferences will be held on 9 September in Atlanta and 9 October in Columbus. Both will focus on the financial and technical future of small businesses and the theme: "Finding Money and Harnessing Technology". Workshops are designed to help entrepreneurs cultivate their businesses and move them to the NEXT LEVEL. The fee is \$25.00. You may contact the League for additional information.

The League is Looking for new Members!

The CSRA Business League is looking for new members and inviting former members to come back home.

If you reside in Richmond, Burke, Columbia, McDuffie and Jefferson Counties in Georgia or Aiken or Edgefield counties in South Carolina, we want you to join the CSRA Business League, Inc.

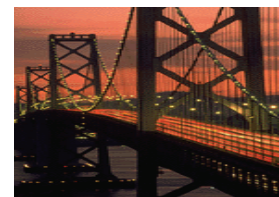
The Business League is here to assist you in releasing your entrepreneurial spirit and turning your vision and dreams into reality.

Join the CSRA Business League, Inc. today.

We salute our newest member;

Ms. Caffee Wright, LPC, NCC

The Counseling Group



Since 1970 the Business League has served as a Bridge to Small Business Success in the CSRA

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The CSRA Business League, Inc. has been "Serving our Community with Pride" since its founding in 1970. Our mission is to support and assist small, minority and disadvantaged businesses in their efforts to become successful and prosperous.

As a 501© 3 not for profit organization, we are dedicated to providing those we serve with modern strategies and services that gives the business owner the tools to maintain a thriving and successful small business.

Our goal is to serve as an information clearinghouse and referral source, in addition to providing networking opportunities and technology training for small, disadvantaged and minority owned businesses.

MYTHS AND REALITIES OF SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING

PRESENTER: DEANDRA STANLEY, BUSINESS CONSULTANT, OFFICE OF MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

TOPIC: REALITIES OF FINDING CAPITAL FOR MINORITY OWNED ENTERPRISES, TO INCLUDE MAJOR FINANCING PROGRAMS, GRANTS, AND OTHER NON-TRADITIONAL FINANCING SOURCES; AS WELL AS MYTHS SURROUNDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR MINORITY BUSINESSES.

DATE/TIME: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 08, 10:00 AM — 12 NOON

LOCATION: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CHICOPEE COMPLEX
1180 EAST BROAD STREET, ATHENS, GA 30602

COST: FREE

PLEASE CALL 706-542-6791, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

STUDENT
\$25.00
NON-PROFIT
\$50.00
INDIVIDUAL/LLC
\$100.00
SMALL BUSINESS
\$150.00
MID-SIZE BUSINESS
\$300.00
LARGE BUSINESS
\$500.00

SERVICES

Application Assistance
Business Plan Development Assistance
Business Incorporation
Business Networking Meetings and Seminars
Computer Lab
Computer Training for Business Owners
Copying, Fax and Mail Services
Partnership Facilitation
Educational Business Seminars
Grant Research and Recommendations
Marketing & Advertising Assistance
Small Business Incubator Office Space
Technology Assistance and Resources

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 September 2008
Doing Business with the
Augusta Regional Airport
Mrs. Brenda Brown
DBE Coordinator

04 October 2008
Presenter and Topic
To Be Announced