

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Philanthropist Eckburg Honored at STC Opportunity Gala

Richard D. Eckburg has made a lasting impact on Savannah through years of tireless volunteerism to the community and generous contributions to area non-profit organizations. Savannah Technical College honored his dedication Friday, December 5, at the college's annual Opportunity Gala.



Richard D. Eckburg

the Savannah Campus with a reception beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Atrium and dinner following in the Eckburg Auditorium, also named in honor of Mr. Eckburg. The Savannah Technical College Foundation along with this year's Signature Sponsor SunTrust Bank hosted the event.

Dick Eckburg was born and raised in Amboy, IL, retiring after 32 years with United Parcel Service (UPS), only after serving in the United States Army during the Korean War. He rose through the ranks at UPS to become Vice President of Public Affairs. Mr. Eckburg also served with distinction on the executive committee of the American Trucking Association.

Since his retirement, Dick has engaged in a wide variety of charitable and philanthropic endeavors in his twenty-two years of living in Savannah. Organizations benefitting from his leadership and generosity along with Savannah Technical College include The Lucas Theatre, The Bethesda Home for Boys,

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Free Income Tax Seminar

The Financial Planning Ministry of Connor's Temple Baptist Church will host its final seminar for this year on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at the Con-Ed Family Resource Center, 714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, at 10:00 a.m.

Given this season, the seminar will focus on preparing to file for 2008 tax year and early planning for 2009 that might result in saving some tax dollars. The seminar will be facilitated by Warren F. Mitchell, CPA. The general public is

invited and encouraged to attend.

Rev. Dr. Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr. is the pastor of Connor's Temple Baptist Church, Rev. Lolita Hickman is Advisor to the Ministry, and Pat Mathis is Chairperson.

"27th Annual Toy Drive" Set for Dec. 20

West Broad Street YMCA with its annual "Miracle on May Street" and the "Kids Helping Kids" partner with 97.3 KISS FM to provide free toys for Christmas for children.



there have been toy drives as well as drop off locations for new toys. On December 16-18 toys will be brought to drop off locations are participating schools. The toys will be delivered to the West Broad Street YMCA at 1110 May Street on December 18

and 19. The toys will be distributed to families in need on December 20.

Anyone wishing to receive a toy is asked to come by the West Broad Street YMCA on December 20 at 8:00 am. People are asked to bring identification, proof of income, and a social security card for each child. All are welcome and toys are distributed on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to donate toys to the drive, please drop off your new unwrapped toy at the West Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street or call Deborah Enoch at 912-231-1951 before December 18.

SCAD Holiday Gallery Hop

The Savannah College of Art and Design will host a holiday gallery hop, 6-8 p.m., December 12. Refreshments will be provided at Red

Gallery and Pei Ling Chan Gallery, and shuttles run between all stops.

This event is free and open to the public. For more

information, e-mail SCAD exhibitions at exhibitions@scad.edu, or visit www.scad.edu/exhibitions.

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the Bank has become generally recognized as one of the most significant Black-owned businesses in Georgia. Having served as President of Carver State Bank for almost 37 years, James holds the distinction of being the African-American with the longest tenure of service as President of a commercial bank in America.

During 1973, James revived "The Savannah Tribune" weekly newspaper, one of the oldest Black-owned newspapers in America. This newspaper was originally established in 1875. Currently, James' wife is the owner and publisher of "The Savannah Tribune." Additionally, in February 1989, he became owner and publisher of the "Fort Valley

Herald" weekly newspaper in Fort Valley, Georgia.

James and his wife, Shirley, are parents of one adult son, Robert, II, and two adult daughters, Anne Camille and Rachele James Gregory.

William B. Jackson, Jr., immediate past president of the Savannah Branch of the National Association of Colored People (NAACP), is a patriot, a family man, and a distinguished educator. Jackson has devoted his life to the educational development of young people.

A native Savannahian, Jackson received his elementary and secondary education in the Savannah-Chatham County public schools. He attended East Broad Elementary and is a graduate of Beach-Cuyler High

School. He served in the United States Submarine Force during WWII; earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Georgia State College (now Savannah State University); and pursued advanced study at several other colleges and universities.

Jackson's marriage to Haselera R. Blake (Morgan) lasted for forty-five years until her death. They have four children: Haselera, Victor, Carl and William, II; thirteen Grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Jackson is a member of St. Philip Monumental AME Church.

For additional information, call the Association's office at 912.234.5502 or the president's office at 912.341.0041.

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Hosted by
The Financial Planning Ministry of Connor's Temple Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. B. R. Mitchell, Jr. Pastor

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Register On-line at
www.incometax.eventbrite.com
or
Call (912) 232-8291

Saturday, December 13, 2008
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Con-Ed Family Resource Center
714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Savannah, GA 31401

Facilitated by:
Warren F. Mitchell, CPA

Don't Wait Until the Deadline **Start Planning Today!**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The National Black Chamber of Commerce and the National Newspaper Publishers Foundation will celebrate the election of the first Black President

Barack Obama

during its Inaugural Gala Monday, January 19, 2009

8:00 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight

Benefiting the NNPA Foundation and the NNPA News Service Wing at the Howard University John H. Johnson School of Communications.

LA MAISON FRANCAISE
Embassy of France
4101 Reservoir Rd NW
Washington DC 20007

Ticket Price: \$250

Freedom's March...
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the civil rights era, and in particular, the Chatham County Crusade for Voters.

The program will also include a screening of the rare 1964 documentary film Right Now, which follows the efforts of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters. The 28-minute film by Robert Newman includes footage of civil rights legends "Big Lester" Hankerson, Hosea Williams, Benjamin Van Clark, Henry Brownlee, and others who appear in the Freedom's March exhibition. The film is shown through special arrangement with the Jack Rabin Collection on Alabama Civil Rights and Southern Activists, 1941-2004, Historical Collections and Labor Archives, Special Collections Library, Pennsylvania State University. The program is free, project funding provided by the City of Savannah.