

SPECIAL THANKS

The African American Museum
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The PA Public Utility Commission & The African American
Museum host the 2nd Annual Black History
Program & Energy Forum
The Power of Change

Be UtilityWise

Providing utility education and networking opportunities to health
and social service agencies, consumers and advocates who
promote access, awareness, knowledge and Power, to improve
the overall livelihood of consumers.

The African American Museum
701 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA

February 20, 2009
12-5 p.m.





Front Row: Maureen McKoy-Famar, Maureen Govan, Shari Williams, Nyisha Chapman.
Back Row: Jim, Rowland, Dan Mallinson, Rick Spector, Reggie McGlawn, and J.R. Warner

Shari A. Williams has been with the PUC for almost 15 years and currently serves as one of the Senior Communications Specialists in the Office of Communications. Shari is committed to empowering utility consumers by working with utility companies, state and local governments, non-profit organizations, community advocates and industry leaders to provide utility and energy education and networking opportunities. The PUC hosted the first Energy Fair in 1993 in Philadelphia. To continue to develop the Be Utility Wise fairs and Energy Forums in Philadelphia, Shari formed a new committee and continues to deliver Energy education and forums in this area.

Rick Spector is the Community Relations Director for Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA). This PCA unit coordinates outreach for PCA regarding senior programs and benefits. Rick has been a member of the Be Utility Wise planning committee for one year.

Reginald McGlawn is our Mortgage, Real-estate specialist and radio talk show host of the Empowerment zone every Saturday from 4pm to 5pm on WURD 900AM. I believe that knowledge is power.

Nyisha Chapman serves as the Manager of Community Partnerships in the Communications Department for the Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW). PGW is the largest municipally owned gas utility in the nation. Ms. Chapman is responsible for managing and establishing key stakeholder interface with the community, legislators and various Philadelphia neighborhood constituencies. She develops initiatives that promote goodwill and fosters relationships with community leaders in addition to providing strategic and tactical counsel to PGW executive team and staff. She develops and executes PGW's long-term community outreach and consumer education plans.

James Rowland has been with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission since 2001 where he began working in the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services as a utility investigator. In 2005 he joined the Commission's Office of Communications as one of three consumer education and community outreach specialists. He continues to serve and educate utility consumers throughout Pennsylvania.

Dan Mallinson is an Information Specialist with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. He has been with the Commission for a year and a half. He is also currently pursuing his Masters of Arts in Political Science at Villanova University.

J.R. Warner is the SR Vice President of Northeast Financial Corp., which is located in Blue Bell, Pa. He has been a Reverse Mortgage Specialist for 10 Years, Co-Host of The Empowerment Zone WURD 900AM, and US Affiliate for The ABC Trust, London UK. (Toll Free 1-866-883-6646 Call 1-267-625-7212).

Maureen Govan has been with the PUC's Office of Administrative Law Judge for 32 years, and has worked with the BUW committee, for 13 years.

Maureen Mckoy is the Associate State Director of AARP Pennsylvania. AARP is the premier leading organization for positive social change, delivering values to members through information, advocacy, unique benefits, special products and services for its 38 million members. AARP's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all as we age.

AGENDA

12:00 - 12:15 Welcome and Introductions

Shari A. Williams introductions
Romona Riscoe-Benson, President & CEO
of the African American Museum
Philadelphia Council Woman Blondell Reynolds-Brown
Rick Spector - PA Aging, Utilities & Economic Education Consortium
Reggie McGlawn - WURD, The Empowerment Zone Show Host

12:20 - 12:50 Lunch

Lunch & Video presentation, Dr. Martin Luther King to President Barack Obama - Senator Anthony H. Williams
Entertainment by the Whitehead foundation

12:55 - 1:55 Session I - Energy Assistance Information

Moderator Val Bullock
PGW - Nyisha Chapman and Eric Wickley-Olsen
PUC - James Rowland and Dan Mallinson
PECO - Pat Fennell
LIHEAP - Jacqueline Dantzler
CRISIS - Jerry Bennett
UESF - Brenda Wingfield

1:55 - 2:10 Entertainment by the Whitehead Foundation

2:15 - 3:15 Session II - Legal, Insurance & Housing Issues

Moderator - Reggie McGlawn
Desiree Petrus, AARP
J. R. Warner - Reverse Mortgages
Anthony McGlawn - Insurance
Mark Douglas- Mortgages
Dai Meeks, Metro Public Adjusters

3:15 - 3:20 Entertainment by the Whitehead Foundation

3:25 - 4:25 Session III - Conservation & Senior Services

Moderator - Pat Fennell
BJ McDuffie - ECA
Val Bullock - Peco
Roquetta Peterson - Water Revenue Bureau
Sharon Powell-Lee, Comcast
Shante Antrom-Gowens, GPUAC

4:30 - 5:30 Session IV -Our Future Leaders, Give-a-ways & Closing Remarks

Moderator Shari Williams
Free Library of Philadelphia Talent Showcase Winners:
Jose Marquez and Denise Santiago, Latin Dance couple
Myrikal - Rap artist
Nortavin Rogers - Spoken Word Artist/Original Poet
Omega McCoy- Spoken Word Artist
The George Washington High Schools Drumline and Fashion Club