

Texas Publishers Association Hosts Local Meeting In Dallas

TPA Newswire - The Texas Publishers Association monthly meeting was held August 11, 2007 at the Dallas Sheraton Suites Inn. An Executive session began at 9:00AM followed by the regular session at 10:00AM. The Association launched an Organ Donor Campaign for the month of August. The campaign objective is to increase the number of African American organ donors. According to statistics, African Americans makeup about 27% of those awaiting a transplant, while only 12% of all donors are black.

A special luncheon for the publishers, their staff and special guest began at 11:30AM. Guest speaker was Mikal Watts, San Antonio Democratic candidate for U. S. Senate who is running against Republican Senator John Cornyn. Watts formed an exploratory committee on June 1, 2007 and has since raised \$1.1 Million dollars in his bid to challenge Cornyn. Accompanying Watts was Tommy Calvert, Jr., also of San Antonio. Daniel Clayton of Austin, President of The Texas Coalition of Black Democrats was also a special guest.

Texas Publishers Association officers present were Hattie Kelly, President and publisher of Power

Pages News of Farmersville; Mollie Finch Belt, Vice President and publisher of The Dallas Examiner; Maxine Burley Session, Treasurer and publisher of The Texas Informer of Rusk and Tommy Wyatt, Parliamentarian and publisher of The Villager of Austin.

Other publishers present were Ali Hnasnin, San Antonio Observer; Walter Session, The Texas Informer; Willie Hobby, Kuumba Heritage of Greenville; Thurman Jones, MON-The Gazette of North Dallas/Plano and Richard Nwachukwu, The African Herald of Dallas. TPA will hold the next meeting in Tyler, Texas on September 8, 2007.

Other Texas African American Newspapers participating in the Organ Donor Campaign are: Elite News -Dallas, Garland News Journal, Metroplex Southstar - Southern Dallas County, Corsicana Examiner, African News and Issues - Houston, Dallas Post Tribune, East Texas Review - Longview, Ebony News Journal - Tyler, Houston Forward Times, Houston Defender, Houston Style Magazine, Nokes The Observer - Austin, San Antonio Register, Southwest Digest-Lubbock and The Dallas Weekly.

New Blog Offers Free Business Coaching Service To African American Entrepreneurs



Columbus, OH - Dante Lee, the young entrepreneur who owns Diversity City Media, has launched a blog to allow others to pick his brain.

The blog is called The Black Business Coach (available at www.BlackBusinessCoach.com), and it offers free daily advice, tips, and strategies for African American entrepreneurs. "Black-owned businesses are nearly 3 times as likely to fail than other businesses," Lee says. "My goal is help Black entrepreneurs succeed, and avoid making the critical mis A blog (also known

as a web log) is a web-based publication consisting of regularly updated entries or articles displayed in reverse chronological order. Blogs takes read like a diary or journal, and are 100% FREE to subscribe to.

Other notables that have blogs include: Donald Trump, Al Roker, Bill Maher, Star Jones, and Paris Hilton.

Dante Lee is the young African American author and entrepreneur who founded Diversity City Media - a multicultural marketing and public relations firm.

Founded in the year 2000 and based in Columbus, Ohio, his award-winning company helps Fortune 500 advertisers reach African American consumers online.

The company is highly regarded in the multicultural marketing industry, and has annual billings of more than \$500,000. Their long-time clients include Nationwide Insurance, Choice Hotels, McDonald's, BET, NASCAR, Marriott, Verizon, Toyota, and TV One.

To subscribe to his blog, visit: www.BlackBusinessCoach.com

Fred Douglass High School Alumni Hosts Reunion

-by Hazel Peoples Doty

Fred Douglass High School Alumni Association celebrated the eleventh reunion anniversary July 27, 28, 29, 2007 at The Landmark, Jacksonville, Texas. The Theme, "Celebrating Our Legacy - Embracing The Memories" was appropriate for the occasion.

The class of 1957 celebrated their fifty year graduation anniversary.

Members of the class of 1957 in attendance were: Hazel Peoples Doty of Jacksonville, Jeannie Fry Brown of Athens, Donald Waits of Tyler, Britton Tilley Alto, Maurice Roland Clarksville, Tennessee and Curtis McEwing of Los Angeles, California.

The annual registration, parade, banquet were held. First place winner in the parade "Class of 57" was Hazel Doty.

The next reunion is scheduled for July 2009.

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