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AWB State Contracting Seminar Set For Tri-Cities



Schari Sayko and Rozelle Fowler, associate director and director, Inform Associates of Olympia; member of Association of Washington Business and coordinator of AWB's FEEDBACK seminar on Minority and Women Business Enterprises' role in state contracting.

The fifth in the series of FEEDBACK seminars on state contracting sponsored by the Association of Washington Business will be held at Cavanaugh's in Kennewick on Thursday, March 1. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the seminar starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m.

Focusing on state government as another market for the sale of goods and services, the seminar also covers the impact of last year's legislation by minority- and women-owned businesses. Participation goals for the 1983-84 state fiscal year were set at 9.1% participation by minorities and 3% by women.

Panelists include Keith Angier, director of the state Department of General Administration; Carolyn Patton, director of the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (OMWBE); Mary Prevost of the Office of Financial Management; Susan Weibert of the University of Washington, and representatives of the AWB Task Force on Minority and Women's Business.

The AWB FEEDBACK seminars held in Spokane, Tukwila, Yakima and Tacoma have sparked interest among the business community in exploring a new market and learning the inside story of how the new regulations on minority and women involvement are being administered.

Spokane attendee Dorothy Spoerhase of Media Buying Service, Inc. remarked, "This was the kind of practical information I need to find some business for my company. Since I know absolutely nothing about how to get state business, I've been intimidated and confused about such a complicated process."

"Hearing that the state actually wants to do business with me and provide me with a better opportunity was encouraging. Now I know where the doors to state business are and how to start opening them."

Registration for the day-long seminar is \$55 for AWB members and \$65 for non-members, and includes lunch. Additional information and registration is available at the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce and from seminar coordinators INFORM Associates, P. O. Box 5247, Lacey, WA 98503, phone (206) 438-1983. Registration deadline is 48 hours prior to the seminar.

The next FEEDBACK seminar on state contracting is scheduled in Vancouver on March 8. Additional seminars are being scheduled for Olympia, Wenatchee and Northwest Washington.

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FLEMING SPONSORS GALA RECEPTION IN HONOR OF N.W. BLACK OFFICIALS



The fifth annual reception honoring Northwest Black Officials last week, attracted some 400 people to Olympia event. Sponsored by Sen. George Fleming, Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman, the gala was described by those in attendance, as the most important gathering of Black officials in the state. Here, Senator Fleming greets Bremerton School Board Member Leroy Williams and Seattle City Councilman Sam Smith. Fleming is the top elected Black official in the State.



Senator and Mrs. George Fleming greet Carol Chan (left), aide to Rep. Gary Locke, at the fifth annual reception honoring the Washington State Chapter of the Northwest Black Public Officials in Olympia last week. The annual event affords an opportunity for Black officials to meet and, as one participant said, "see old friends and rejuvenate my soul."



Millie and Ed Russell join Seattle Senator George Fleming at the fifth annual reception honoring the state chapter of the Northwest Black Public Officials. Fleming has served in the Legislature for 16 years.



Senator Fleming greets State Representative and Mrs. Bill Smitherman of Tacoma.

NEWS UPDATE

SEATTLE COMMUNITY IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

What's Happening! It's time to start on this years Black Community Festival. The meetings are schedule for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at the royal Esquire Club, 6:00 p.m., located at 1254 South Washington Street. If you are interested in planning for this years festival please attend. There were many individuals who express that they wanted some input into the Festival this is your opportunity. We'll be looking forward to working with you this year and in the future. If you have any question call Michael Taylor at 772-0197 after 6:00 p.m.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MADRONA!

Starting February 14 through May 10, Madrona Elementary students will participate in a unique foreign language program designed to provide young children with early exposure to Spanish and French. Offered by the language School, the classes will be taught both before school (8:15 - 9:00 a.m.) and after school (3:30 - 4:15 p.m.) utilizing the "Total Physical Response" method of instruction stressing listening comprehension and using games that involve the whole body and all the senses. Bob Bass, Principal of Madrona, feels that "this program is an example of the range of opportunities we try to make available to students at Madrona."

CENTRAL AREA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PARENT COUNCIL

Parent, we need you! The board and staff of the Central Area Boys and Girls Club know how important your support and help is to our programming efforts. We would like to extend an invitation to the parents of our members and to the general public to be part of our parent council. Some of the areas that the parent council will be dealing with are: an orientation for parents of the youth in our program; program evaluation; program preparation, instructor evaluation; and funding sources. Sharing and helping starts at home and if we can get the parents of our members to start sharing with us, our programs will be of high quality.

For more information call 324-7317.

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PLACE TO HAVE YOUR EVENT?

Well, the Central Boys and Girls club is available. Yes, we said the Central Boys and Girls club is open to you, the Seattle community at large. Our facility is located in the community and is just waiting for you to take advantage of the many things we have to offer to you.

Meeting space, or recreational event, we can meet your needs and not break the bank. So when you are thinking about some place to have that special event, remember us at the Central Area Boys and Girls club.

For more information call 324-7317.

TWENTY-FIFTH REUNION

The Garfield Class of 1959 will be holding their 25th Reunion on July 14, 1984 at the Red Lion Inn, Bellevue, Washington.

If there are any inquiries regarding this reunion, please have them contact, Beverly Bright Hall, 778-5874. Theltona Shingler Esko, 364-8456.

FREE LOCKS FOR AREA SENIORS

Many homes in the South Seattle area, particularly older homes, have locks which can be opened by burglars in a matter of seconds. To make your home safer, a good lock is a sound investment. There are many types of locks, but most law enforcement officials recommend the one-inch deadbolt lock. This lock has a metal bar which extends a full inch into the door jamb when it is locked. The deadbolt lock is usually used in addition to the standard key-in-the-knob lock.

Free deadbolt locks are now available to low-income senior citizens who own homes in South Seattle, as a public service from Safety Assistance from the Elderly (SAFE). Installation is provided. Before receiving locks, residents must participate in a fee home safety inspection provided by SAFE's trained senior volunteers. They check the doors, locks, and windows in the home and recommend improvements to increase security. The volunteers also assist the resident in marking valuable property as part of Seattle's Operation Identification program. To arrange for a free home safety inspection and deadbolt locks, call SAFE at 285-3110.

SAFE is a program offered in cooperation with the Lee House Senior Center, to involve trained senior volunteers in local crime prevention and home safety programs. SAFE is part of Senior Services and Centers, a United Way agency, with funding provided by SAFECDO Insurance Company. The program is endorsed by the Seattle Police and Fire Departments and Washington Crime Watch.

Secretary Donovan Opens Black History Month at U.S. Dept. of Labor



Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan and Women's Bureau Director Lenora Cole Alexander (center), who helped launch opening ceremonies of the Labor Department's observance of Black History Month, are shown with other participants, from left, Andre C. Whisenton, director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Programs; Thomas C. Komarek, assistant secretary for administration and management; Paul Berry, a Washington, D.C. news reporter and keynote speaker, and Pearlina Carter, personnel director of the department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. This year's theme for Black History Month is "Black Enterprise: The Future is Open."

Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan called the new Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) "a new beginning" toward solving the employment problems of groups suffering big jobless rates.

Speaking at opening ceremonies of the U.S. Labor Department's observance of Black History Month, Donovan said he is "proud of the Job Training Partnership Act" and noted that the act is often "misunderstood and maligned" because of its newness but deserves the chance to prove its worth.

Donovan told the audience the act is designed to "train and retrain" and to put people to work in meaningful jobs in the private sector.

Reflecting on the department's theme, "Black Enterprise: The Future is Open", Donovan expressed pride in the accomplishments and success of black entrepreneurs. He said education is an important path to success.

In a keynote address, Paul Berry, a Washington, D.C., newscaster, said more blacks should pursue entrepreneurship because "by owning one's own business, the brunt of the economy won't be devastating."

Berry said, "Blacks should assume more economic responsibility and set goals. He urged blacks to see themselves as part of the 'economic picture.'"

Referring to the economy as a "train about to leave the station", Berry urged black Americans to either compete for the train conductor's job, board the train, or suffer the consequences of being left behind.

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Fitzgerald Beaver

"Many times a day I realize how my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in return to give as much as I have received."

GOOD DRIVING HABITS AND PRACTICES MAKE OUR STREETS MUCH SAFER

Everybody possessing a driver's license should not have one. Many drivers on our streets are reckless, careless, and inconsiderate of others. What has happened to mutual respect? It seems courtesy in our driving habit and practices is a thing of the past.

Many drivers refuse to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic, consequently causing fatal accidents or near accidents. How many times have you recently stopped your vehicle in order to allow pedestrians to cross the streets? According to Washington State law pedestrians always have the right of way, especially at cross walks. There are many drivers on our streets who will not acknowledge a cross walk. They are an endangerment to themselves as well as other drivers and pedestrians.

Based on information from the Washington State Motor Vehicle License Office, most auto accidents occur within a twenty five mile radius of our homes. How unfortunate, most auto accidents are merely accidents which could be avoided if drivers practice safe driving techniques. It would be no surprise to me to learn that the average driver on the streets having a license in his or her possession for a minimum of five years — have forgotten most of the basic state laws governing operation of a motor vehicle. Most people just drive, they don't care about the other guy. It is these people whose license should be revoked. No pity or mercy should be relinquished. A good driver is an alert driver.

NAACP CALLS VOTER RALLY

By: Mossan

"Take Charge in '84" is the election year theme chosen by Lacy Steele, Seattle Branch NAACP President. "In order to do so", Steele recently pronounce, "the community must not only register to vote, but we must also learn how to vote, AND how to impact local and national platforms and caucuses."

With this thought in mind, Steele has arranged for the NAACP February general membership meeting to focus on the election process. Harold Phillips will join community activist Charlie James in a presentation at that meeting on the ABC's of the electoral process. Both knowledgeable speakers are expected to address the precinct committee structure; the delegate election process; and how best to propose and impact party platforms and resolutions.

In urging the entire community to attend, Steele somberly remarked, "The 1984 election year is one of the most crucial years to ever face the people of color, women, labors and so many others. If we don't stand up and be counted at the precinct level, at conventions AND AT THE POLLS, we stand to lose for ourselves and our children the hard-fought civil rights gains we've made. The NAACP and supporters must "Take Charge in '84", he concluded, by taking care of business now."

The public is invited to attend this important meeting, to be held Monday, February 27, 1984, 8:00 P.M., at the East Cherry YWCA, 2820 East Cherry Street, Seattle. Voter registration, NAACP membership information and current committee reports will also be available at that time. Call the NAACP office at 324-6600 for additional information.

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