



Caribbean American Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)

CACCI Inducts Business Visionaries at its Largest Business and Cultural Networking Reception Of The Year



NYC Comptroller William Thompson joined CACCI President Roy A. Hastick, Sr. and Dr. Eda Hastick for a historic photo while attending CACCI's Induction Ceremony. Standing from left to right: CACCI members Dennis Hawthorne, Derek Cyrus, Adrian Percy, Ana Walker, Reginald Percy, Ricardo Aguirre, Derek Broomes, Miguel Centano, Edmund Sadio, and Boris Reid. Photo by Seitu Orande

New York City-- The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI) held its Induction Ceremony of Small Business Visionaries at its Annual Caribbean Christmas Business Networking Reception on Friday, December 12, 2008 at The Brooklyn Public Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY. New York, NY.

This Annual Christmas Business Networking Reception was attended by over 500 business and community leaders, elected officials, CACCI members and other guests from a variety of backgrounds and professions; New York City and New York State elected and appointed representatives; a delegation of distinguished women who are members of Congress and the Senate in Haiti who were on a special mission to the United States; an array of dignitaries from the United Nations, the Obama Campaign, and a Chinese dance troupe. Among them were Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Executive Director, UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development; Dr. Richard Van West Charles, Area Manager, Latin America and the Caribbean, PAHO/WHO; Ms. Imani Bennett, Senior Business Development Specialist, US Department of Commerce; Mr. Zak Schwarzman, Field Director, Obama Campaign, Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. Ichinori Tsumagari, Executive Director, International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF); Ms. Andrea Grumbach, Political Scientist; Mr. Mohammed Alli, Executive Assistant to the NY Secretary of State; and

Mr. Ricardo Aguirre, Special Counsel to the NY Secretary of State, Debra Carey, Chief Executive Officer, SUNY Downstate Medical Center and Dr. Jane Mitchell, Family Dentist and CACCI's Educational Foundation board member .

The ceremony was addressed by Mr. William Thompson, NYC Comptroller, who commended CACCI and its president and founder Dr. Roy Hastick for bringing new entrepreneurs into the main stream of the business community in New York despite the prevailing economic crisis. Other special guests who addressed the gathering were NYC Councilmembers Matthieu Eugene and Bill de Blasio, NYS Assemblyman William Boyland, Jr.; Lowell Hawthorne, President and CEO, Golden Krust Franchisees, Miguel Centano, Vice President, AETNA and Derek E. Broomes, CACCI Board Chairman.

This year's inductees were selected from the roster of CACCI's newest members who accepted the nomination and were recognized for their contributions and commitment to economic and community development, and visionary leadership. They are: Zeana Alli, Owner/CEO, Zuista Corporation; Michael Bernard, Owner, F. Laundromat Services; George Blair, Owner, Printing Max Of New York Inc.; Kenneth Bruce, Owner, BRHUBERGER'S; Sandra Bryan, Franchisee, Golden Krust Caribbean Bakeries; Vidyanand Budhu, Richie's Cabinet & Home Improvement; Cheryl J. Joseph, President, Cheryl Brokerage Services; Fritz Clairvil, President, Optimum Realty; Pablo Clarke, , Agent, U 1st Financials, Lyonel Coriolan, CEO, Emerging Technologies Institute; Randy Corriette, Agent, Forrest Hills Financial Group, Inc.; Barbara Decosta, President, BD Consulting Multi Services; Rodrick F. Daley, Educator, Educational Mentorship Program; Donna M. Donaldson, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch; Mazette Edwards, CEO, Mase Coding; Anthony Gaddy, Owner, Edwards-Gaddy Images; Linda Edwards-Gaddy, Owner, Edwards-Gaddy Images; AJ Ghaness, Managing Director, H&N Insurance Agency Inc.; VJ Ghaness, Vice President, H & N Insurance Agency Inc.; Robert Gregg, Partner and Vice President of Operations, Mainline Partners, Inc.; Rev. Bruce Grodner, Universal Peace Federation; Beryl Green, Universal Peace Federation; Dr. Gregory Haskin, Owner, Gregory Haskin D.D.S.; Michelle, Haylette-Sutherland, Travel Agent, MYNCA Travels; Lincoln R. James, Owner/Broker, James Enterprise Realty; Cheryl J. Kinch, Esq., Law Office of Cheryl J. Kinch; Schell Lafortune, President, Golden Seal Health Food & Wellness Center; Ballista McLeish, President, Ballista Cleaning & Maintenance; Kalimah Muhammad, CEO, K & K Enterprise; Bernard Myers, President, Qualie Enterprise Inc.; Natasha Nigro, Owner, Nationwide Credit Counseling, Inc.; Scott Nigro, Owner, Nationwide Credit Counseling, Inc.; Bishop Mildred Odle; Camille Chiquita Payne, Occupation Therapist; Hemwant Persaud, Operational Manager, Hi 5 Home Inspections, LLC; Ulric Phillip, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company; Berthony Polynice, Loan Officer, Somerset Investment Corp.; Enamae Quamina, President, Q & M Elite; Ora A. Razzaq, Executive Director, Cush Campus School; Karlene Robinson, Owner, Golden 7 Music Enterprise; Dr. Raymond Rufen-Blanchette, The Blanchette Financial Group, LLC, Ryan Roberts, Agent, Century 21-Achievers, Angela Sutherland, Owner, AARK Service Inc.; Dylan Williams, Owner/Broker, ABC Real Estate Services.

The Honorary Co-chairpersons were: Lowell Hawthorne, President/CEO, Golden Krust who gave the Charge to the Visionaries; Miguel Centano, Vice President, Minority Affairs, AETNA; Edmund Sadio, Broker, Century 21 Achievers Realty; Joy Crichlow, Director, Con Edison MWBE Programs; Marcia Melendez, Owner, Flowerworks and Landscaping; Sybil Chester, Manager, Moet Hennessey, USA; Rev. Hilton Smith, Senior Vice President, Turner Construction; Brenda Scott, Director, Minority Affairs, Macy's

Department Stores; Dr. Lorna McBarnette, Chancellor, American International University; Dennis Hawthorne, President, Dennis Shipping Co., Lystra Collis, Community Leader and Special Assistant to Congresswoman Yvette Clarke; Dr. Eda F. Harris-Hastick, Professor, Medgar Evers College, CUNY. CACCI President Roy A. Hastick, Sr., served as conv.ener, George Hulse, Vice President, Health First and Halim Majeed, Director of CACCI's International Programs served as Masters of Ceremonies. Derek Noel, President, DECK Productions and Dion Alleyne served as Event Coordinators.

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