

COMMON GROUND



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Read the Unity Month
Story in *Columbus & the
Valley Magazine's*
Jan./Feb. 2005 issue.



Aubrey Miller

The Co-Chair's Statement

I found the History of One Columbus as recorded in our Annual Report for 2003 interesting reading. The story relates how our Chair, Rev. Flakes, Jr. sought the assistance of a white minister from the Episcopal Church to help develop a citywide crusade back in the early 1990s. Rev. Roper answered, "I'll help you, but first I have to know you as my brother." I think that answer describes the essence of One Columbus. An opportunity to learn about each other as human beings regardless of one's background, race, color, or religious preference is one we cannot afford to overlook. As our city attracts more and more people of different backgrounds, we all need to be especially aware of the changing demographics of the Chattahoochee Valley. The Hispanic population is the fastest growing group in the last two years. Immigrants from Jamaica, Viet Nam and other countries from all corners of the world find our community an attractive place to live and work.

As we learn about people of other cultures and they about us, this kind of education—not found in any classroom—makes it possible for our community to thrive and grow because each respects the other and all find common ground on which they can walk together. If just half of our readers become involved in one of the dialogue groups or forums that One Columbus sponsors and will pass the message on, Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley will be better off because the work of the few will benefit the many.

Carmen Cavezza, Co-Chair

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The Inaugural Recognition Dinner for One Columbus will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at the Columbus Trade Center. Social hour with cash bar begins at 6:30 PM; dinner is at 7:00 PM

The keynote speaker will be Aubrey Miller, Director Tourism and Travel for Southern Living Magazine; the largest and best read regional magazine in the country. Mr. Miller is a native of Birmingham and holds degrees from Stamford University and the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Governmental Affairs committee and Research Committee of the Travel Industry of American Association. He is also a member of the Southeast Tourism Society.

Over the years, Aubrey has participated in the development of strategic tourism plans for the Alabama Bureau of Tourism, the Southeast Tourism Society and numerous tourism boards and councils around the South.

Ongoing...
Race Relations Breakfasts every 2nd and 4th
Wednesday at Ruth Ann's Restaurant at 7:30 AM.
Come for lively, thought provoking discussions.
Call 706-315-0162 for more information.

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One Columbus...One Future Dinner Celebration

Thursday, January 13, 7:00 PM
Columbus Convention and Trade Center
Featuring: Aubrey Miller
Southern Living Magazine
Tickets \$30 (available through
RiverCenter Box Office &
www.tickets.com)

Unity in Diversity Service

Friday, January 14, 5:30 PM
Columbus Civic Center
Contact 324-2055

Martin Luther King, Jr. Serve-A-Thon Keep Columbus Beautiful & Hands on Columbus

Saturday, January 15, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Revitalizing the Winterfield Area
Contact 649-3384

Columbus-Phenix City Annual MLK Unity Parade of Excellence

Saturday, January 15, 1:00 PM
Contact 225-3411

Martin Luther King, Jr. NBDL Showcase

January 16–17
Columbus Civic Center
Contact Columbus River Dragons at
225-1114 or 393-3972

Urban League Unity Sunday for All Faiths

Sunday, January 16, 11:00 AM
Theme: *Empowerment: Building on the Civil Rights
Movement*
Contact 323-3687

19th Alpha Unity Award Breakfast

Monday, January 17, 7:15 AM
Columbus Convention and Trade Center
Mr. George C. Fraser – Keynote Speaker
Tickets : Advance \$20; Door \$25
Tickets: Children's Advance \$10; Door \$15
Contact 324-7071

The Dream and Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Wide Youth Observance

Monday, January 17, 9:45 AM
St. James A.M.E. Church
1002 6th Ave.
561-1586

**George C. Fraser, bestselling author of *Success
Runs In Our Race; The Complete Guide to Effective
Networking in the African American community,*
will be the keynote speaker for the MLK Breakfast
on Monday, January 17, 2005 at 7:15 AM at the
Columbus Convention and Trade Center.**

Martin Luther King Commemoration Service

Monday, January 17, 11:00 – 11:30 AM
The Medial Center Conference Center
Speaker: Rev. Wayne Anthony
Contact 571-1795

Martin Luther King Memorial Service

Monday, January 17, 12:00 noon
Metropolitan Baptist Church
1633 5th Avenue
Speaker: Dr. Winfred Hope
Ebenezer Baptist Church, West
Athens, Georgia
Contact 322-1488

Dr. Martin Luther King City Wide Youth Observance

Monday January 17, 2:00 PM
Fourth Street Baptist Church
222 5th Street
Contact 324-2055

Bridging the Racial Divide

Friday, January 28, 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM (Dinner)
Saturday, January 29, 8:30 AM – 12:00 noon
(Continental Breakfast will be served)
Open Door Community Center
2405 2nd Ave.
Contact 327-9807 Ext. 6

Dare to Dream Summit

Thursday, February 24, 2004
8:00 AM – 2:30 PM.
Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center
Columbus State University
Contact 644-9540

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