

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://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

## **19<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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