



New York Chapter



Inside this issue:

- 2011 Black Family Technology Awareness Week 1
- BDPA Launches New Website 1
- President's Message 2
- NYC Black History Month Events 3
- February Meet n Greet 4
- Photo Gallery 5
- Upcoming Events 6

## 2011 Black Family Technology Awareness Week



BDPA-New York invites you to join us

at our events planned as a part of 2011 Black Family Technology Awareness Week (BFTAW). Black Family Technology Awareness Week, or BFTAW, is a national public awareness campaign designed to encourage more African Americans to incorporate technology into their daily lives. By showcasing science and technology in a fun and interactive way, our chapter endeavors to motivate more minority students to pursue careers in these fields.

It will also be an exciting time for students and families as

they spend a full day immersed in a variety of fun and interactive workshops. The event, scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, will be held at the *Abundant Life Christian Center*, located at 32 East 98<sup>th</sup> Street between East New York and Sutter Avenues in Brooklyn, NY. The theme is "Educate to Innovate." There will be refreshments and giveaways provided by the *Yahoo! Employee Foundation*

### Cyber Security/Cyber Bullying

Presented by Denise Hamilton

*This workshop will inform the community on the importance of cyber security and safety when browsing the Internet. It will also serve to increase the safety awareness and self con-*

*fidence of youth whenever they go online, by addressing cyber bullying, and enhance their ability to recognize dangers on the Internet.*

### Careers in the Gaming Industry

Presented by Sean R. Scott, CEO, *SoulRealis LLC*

*This workshop will provide a behind the scenes overview of the Gaming Industry, as well as the skills/education needed to pursue a career in the industry.*

### Communication is More Than 160 Characters

Presented by Laquette R. Holmes, M.A., R.R.T.

**(continued on page 2)**

## BDPA Launches New Website



National BDPA has re-launched the national website, located at [www.bdpa.org](http://www.bdpa.org). The new website, which launched in early January, includes a newer design, and changes or new features in the follow-

ing areas: member profiles, member directory, events, news, blogs, wikis, photo galleries, social networking, etc. All chapters of BDPA now have their own page on the National website, accessible by members only. BDPA New York encourages all members to update your profiles and become acquainted with the new website.

If you have not been on the website yet, and are a member, you must reset your password, which will be sent to the email address that is registered in the National database. If you are currently inactive you will have to pay membership dues and create a new account on the website. Visit the tutorial on the website, at [www.bdpa.org/?page=HowToTutorial](http://www.bdpa.org/?page=HowToTutorial) to learn more about how to navigate the new site. For any issues or questions navigating the new site, contact the *National VP of Membership Management*, Mildred Allen, at [vpmm@bdpa.org](mailto:vpmm@bdpa.org).

*Submitted by Danielle Cauthen*



## BFTAW, continued

### (continued from page 1)

*This workshop will discuss the effects of electronic communication on standardized grammar.*

### **BDPA Information Technology (IT) Showcase**

Presentations by BDPA Delaware Chapter and BDPA New York Chapter Students

*Student presenters will showcase their research on advanced computing topics such as smart toys, genetic algorithms, and wearable computing technologies.*

### **IT Careers in the Air Force**

Presented by Heather Roberts, (ret) MAJ, USAFA

*This workshop is designed to provide an overview on the Communications and Information career field for those interested in military service.*

### **Financial Literacy and Consumer Resources**

Presented by National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) - NY Chapter

### **Volunteers Wanted**

The BFTAW Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with greeting, registration, and photography at the event.

Weekly planning meetings are Tuesdays throughout February, at 9:00 pm via Conference Call:

**Dial-in Number:** 1-270-400-2000

**Pin:** 74185

For additional information email [bftaw@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:bftaw@bdpa-ny.org). To RSVP to attend, visit the Eventbrite page at [eventbrite.com/event/1222549679](http://eventbrite.com/event/1222549679)

*Submitted by Damon Holmes*

## President's Message



Dear Members,

I cannot believe that it is already February and we are celebrating Black History Month. This is also the month that

BDPA New York will host our annual Black Family Technology Awareness Event, in recognition of Black Family Technology Awareness Week. I am so excited and looking forward to seeing you on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at the *Abundant Life Christian Center* in Brooklyn, NY, as we share the importance of Education, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Careers with the community.

Last month, we had a very successful Meet and Greet on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Empire Hotel Rooftop Lounge in New York. Members and guests had the opportunity to meet and mingle with myself, and the rest of our 2011 Executive Board, and learn more about what our chapter

has planned for 2011. Check out page 5 for photos.

I wanted to remind everyone that we are actively seeking volunteers for our committees and 2011 events and initiatives. We need volunteers to lead and/or serve on committees in the following areas: Education, Membership, Community Service and Fundraising. I hope that many of you step up to volunteer, to speak and present at our program meetings, or to mentor our IT Showcase students.

### **BDPA New York 2011 Program / Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Education/Community Outreach**

This committee is seeking mentors and instructors, who will train students for our SITES (Student Information Technology Education Scholarship) program, IT Showcase, and High School Computer Competition (HSCC). In addition the committee is seeking volunteers for these upcoming events:

### **Saturday, February 5**

*Computers for Youth*

### **Friday, February 11**

*Microsoft Minority Day*

### **October 2011**

*Cyber Security Awareness Month*

Contact Denise Hamilton, *Director of Education & Community Outreach* at [educ@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:educ@bdpa-ny.org) or Carol Anthony, *Director of IT Showcase* at [itshowcase@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:itshowcase@bdpa-ny.org)

### **Membership Services**

This committee is seeking Volunteers as speakers/panelists to present at the following monthly meetings:

### **Friday, April 15, 8:30am\***

*IT in Emergency Management Symposium*

\*\*Seeking an Event Planner to coordinate this event

**(continued on page 4)**



## Black History Month Events Around NYC

**Feb 1-28**

### **Destination:Harlem**

Various Events throughout Harlem  
New York, NY

Visit [http://www.nycgo.com/?event=view\\_article&id=250603&pid=hp-hero-drgbl-2](http://www.nycgo.com/?event=view_article&id=250603&pid=hp-hero-drgbl-2) for more info

**Feb 1-28**

### **Brooklyn Public Library Celebrates Black History Month**

Various events throughout Brooklyn  
[www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/feature/blackhistory/events.jsp](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/feature/blackhistory/events.jsp)

**February 1-28**

### **NYC Tech 2011 Black History Month Celebration: "African Cultural Survivals in the Americas: Harriet Tubman's Legacy**

**All events free**

NYC College of Technology  
300 Jay St  
Brooklyn, NY

Visit [www.citytech.cuny.edu/aboutus/newsevents/2009fa/REL\\_BlackHistory2010.pdf](http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/aboutus/newsevents/2009fa/REL_BlackHistory2010.pdf) for more info

**Feb 1-28**

### **Who are Our Brethren: Documents of Slavery from the Archives of the Suffolk County Historical Society**

300 West Main St  
Riverhead, NY

Visit [www.suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/index.html](http://www.suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org/index.html) for more info

**Exhibit starts Feb 8**

### **Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing: How the Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment**

Museum of the City of New York  
1220 Fifth Ave  
New York, NY

Visit <http://www.mcny.org/exhibitions/future/Apollo-Theater.html> for more info

**February 3-23**

### **NYU 2011 Black History Month Celebration: Haiti(an) Matters: Creating a New Narrative**

**All events free admission**

New York University  
1 Washington Place  
New York, NY

Visit <http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2011/01/24/haitian-matters-creating-a-new-narrative-theme-of-nyu-gallatins-2011-black-history-month-events-.html> for more info and to RSVP

**Feb 4-8**

### **New Voices in Black Cinema Festival**

Brooklyn Academy of Music  
Brooklyn, NY

Visit [www.actnowproduction.org](http://www.actnowproduction.org) for more info

**Feb 5**

### **Target First Saturday: Celebrating Black History Month**

Brooklyn Museum  
200 Eastern Parkway  
Brooklyn, New York

Visit [www.brooklynmuseum.org/calendar/index.php?show=day&month=2&day=5&year=2011](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/calendar/index.php?show=day&month=2&day=5&year=2011) for more info

**February 12**

### **Annual Langston Hughes Day Celebration**

**11:00 am—8:00pm**

**Free admission**

Langston Hughes Community Li-

brary & Cultural Center  
100-01 Northern Blvd  
Corona, NY

**Feb 14-18**

### **Black History Month Youth Film Series**

**Free admission**

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture  
515 Malcolm X Blvd (Lenox Ave)  
New York, NY

Visit [www.nypl.org/events/programs/2011/02/14/black-history-month-youth-film-series](http://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2011/02/14/black-history-month-youth-film-series) for more info and to register

**Feb 16**

### **New York Opera Society Presents: A Tribute to Paul Robeson**

**Free admission**

World Financial Center  
Winter Garden  
Three World Financial Center  
200 Vesey Street, 11th Floor  
New York, New York

Visit [www.artsworldfinancialcenter.com/cgi-bin/Go.cgi?q\\_id=1049](http://www.artsworldfinancialcenter.com/cgi-bin/Go.cgi?q_id=1049) for more info





## President's Message, continued

*(continued from page 2)*

**Thursday, April 21st**

*Role of Information Technology and the Census*

**Thursday, June 16th**

*Employment and Branding Forum*

**Thursday, September 15th**

*Health Information Systems*

In addition, this committee is seeking volunteers for the following events:

**Thursday, February 10th, 9am - 5pm**

*Pace University Practice Student Interview Day*

**Wednesday, March 2nd, 2pm**

*Pace University Spring Job Fair*

Contact Joshua Wynn, *Vice President of Member Services* at [vpms@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpms@bdpa-ny.org)

### **Entrepreneur Development Committee**

This committee is seeking volunteers as speakers/panelists to present for

the following workshops:

**Thursday, March 17th**

*Tips on Obtaining Federal Contracts for Small Businesses*

**Thursday, November 17th**

*Mobile Technology for Entrepreneurs*

Contact Damon Holmes, *Director of Business & Professional Development* at [profdev@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:profdev@bdpa-ny.org)

### **Fundraising Committee**

Do you have fundraising expertise? We need members to assist us in raising funds for our Student Information Technology Education Scholarship (SITES) Program. Contact Wanda Jackson, *VP of Finance*, at [vpf@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpf@bdpa-ny.org)

### **Executive Board Positions**

Would you like the opportunity to share your skills as a part of the BDPA New York Executive Board? Current Available positions on the board include: *Vice President of Membership Management, Recording Secretary, Corre-*

*sponding Secretary, Director of Human Resources, Fundraising Chairperson, Historian, Graphic Artist, Grant Application Writer, Fundraising Committee Chairperson.*

If interested in a position, contact me at [pres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pres@bdpa-ny.org) or call the chapter voicemail at 212-802-531.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the following members who volunteered at the 2011 Rainbow Coalition/Citizenship Education Fund Wall Street Project:

Jasmine Crosby-Miller  
Myrna Miller  
Bilal Muhammad  
Moirra Jack  
Denise Hamilton

In summary, BDPA New York needs you to make a difference.

## Renetta English

*President, BDPA New York*



*BDPA-NY Meet & Greet*

Join BDPA-NY as we celebrate  
Black History Month  
with an evening of networking at B.Smith's.

Drink Specials  
Apple, Peach, Watermelon, or  
Raspberry Martinis -7  
House Cosmos and Cocktails -7  
House Wines -7 Corona - 5  
Appetizers -6  
Thai Spiced Wings, Shrimp Rolls, Calamari or  
Vegetable Dumplings  
2/16/2010 @ 5:30pm  
Donation: \$5.00 members, \$10 non-members

To RSVP email [vpms@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpms@bdpa-ny.org), call (212) 802-5341 or  
RSVP online at [www.pingg.com/rsvp/7ayn64qwx8ejhgyzm](http://www.pingg.com/rsvp/7ayn64qwx8ejhgyzm)



# Photo Gallery

## Meet n Greet @ Empire Rooftop Lounge—January 19, 2011



BDPA New York members and supporters mix and mingle, at the Empire Rooftop Hotel Lounge, in New York, NY, on Wednesday, January 19.





**BDPA-NY Contact Information**

**BDPA NY Chapter**  
**PO Box 808**  
**Murray Hill Station**  
**New York, NY 10156-0808**

Phone: 212-802-5431  
 Fax: 212-591-6093  
 Email: [info@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:info@bdpa-ny.org)  
 Website: [www.bdpa-ny.org](http://www.bdpa-ny.org)



**BDPA-New York 2011 Executive Board**

- President**.....Renetta English ([pres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pres@bdpa-ny.org))
- VP of Finance**.....Wanda Jackson ([vpf@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpf@bdpa-ny.org))
- VP of Member Services**.....Joshua Wynn ([vpms@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpms@bdpa-ny.org))
- VP of Strategy & Planning**.....Alain Leroy ([vpasp@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpasp@bdpa-ny.org))
- VP of Communications**.....Danielle Cauthen ([comm@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:comm@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of Professional/Tech Development**.....Damon Holmes ([profdev@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:profdev@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of Education/Community Outreach**.....Denise Hamilton ([educ@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:educ@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of IT Showase**.....Carol Anthony ([itshowcase@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:itshowcase@bdpa-ny.org))
- Director of External Support** .....Evelyn Poole
- Immediate Past President**.....Judaea Yarde Lane ([pastpres@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:pastpres@bdpa-ny.org))
- Black Family Technology Awareness Week**
- Chair**.....Cheryl Nedwell ([bftaw@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:bftaw@bdpa-ny.org))
- Co-Chair**.....Damon Holmes ([bftaw@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:bftaw@bdpa-ny.org))

**About BDPA**

Founded in 1975 by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly, BDPA (formerly Black Data Processing Associates) is a premier networking organization for minorities and IT professionals alike. BDPA is a global, member focused organization that positions its members at the forefront of the IT industry. We are committed to delivering value to our members strategic partners, and to the community. BDPA-NY aspires to be a leading chapter in the national BDPA organization. Our members include individuals who are employed with corporations, government agencies, educational institutions, entrepreneurs, as well as high school and college students.

The New York Chapter is the 5th largest chapter of BDPA. Chartered in September 1982, our chapter has successfully reached out to our community through networking, education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual conferences. Also, we serve as community partner for the Community Technology Centers and engage everyone to learn about technology, careers, and higher education.

**2011 BDPA-New York Upcoming Events**

**February 16**  
**Meet-n-Greet @ B. Smith's**

*Program Meeting topics are tentative and subject to change based on speaker availability.*

**February 26**  
**Black Family Technology Awareness Week Event**

*Program Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Location info will be posted on our website when available.*

**March 17**  
**Program Meeting**  
*Tips on Obtaining Federal Contracts for Small Businesses*

*To attend a meeting/event it's extremely important to RSVP to [vpms@bdpa-ny.org](mailto:vpms@bdpa-ny.org). Please visit [www.bdpa-ny.org/events.htm](http://www.bdpa-ny.org/events.htm) for up-to-date information on all our events.*

**April 15**  
**IT in Emergency Management Symposium**

**April 21**  
**Program Meeting**  
*Role of IT in Census*

