Small Business, Big Impact 3.0!

2019 Directory

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Black Business Consortium of Evanston/North Shore
Black Business Tour, Expo and Market Place

Program
Saturday, March 30, 2019
Levy Senior Center, Evanston, Illinois

1:00-3:30 p.m.          Le Tour de Noir Èntreprise Evanston
                         (local black business tour)

3:30 p.m.               Black Business Expo and Market Place

Welcome/Facilitator     Lynn Toussaint, Esq.

Speakers
Meleika Gardner
Evanston Live TV
Dr. Nick Mendez
Complete Chiro & Rehab
Carl Parker,
Parker & Sons Carpet Cleaning

“I Buy Black” Campaign  Clarence Weaver

Red Carpet Hair & Fashion Show  Salina Roberson
Commentator

5:00 p.m.               Community Service Awards  Wendy Weaver
                         Dr. Jean Murphy

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Black Business Consortium Evanston North Shore Founders
Clarence and Wendy Weaver, owners of C&W Market and Ice Cream Parlor
Drs. Jean Murphy and Larry Murphy owners of YoFresh Cafe
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What We Are About

The Black Business Consortium of Evanston/North Shore (BBCENS) is a group of Black business owners who have agreed to come together to share resources, network, discuss common concerns and support each other.

It is loosely structured to enable members to focus their time and energies on the effective management of their respective businesses rather than in the operations of a governing body. The BBCENS meets together twice yearly as a joint body. Membership is voluntary, and it is regulated by the cooperative spirit of its individual members.

The BBCENS was conceptualized in January of 2015 by business owners Clarence and Wendy Weaver (C&W Market and Ice Cream Parlor) and Larry and Jean Murphy (YoFresh Cafe). They envisioned the creation of a group of business owners who could provide networking support, resources and technical assistance to each other. In February 2015, their vision materialized as over 20 Black business owners came together at a joint meeting and reception to discuss how best to make this happen.

The meeting was very generative with creative ideas for mutual support and promotion shared among the many attendees. Two viable ideas that emerged from the initial group meeting gave birth to the creation of a virtual directory of Black-owned businesses, and a tour of the same during Black History Month in 2016. The idea was also to have, at some point, a black business expo.

We are pleased that both of these ideas were actualized. 2016 saw the success of the first Le Tour de Noir Enterprise Evanston, which is a narrated, guided bus tour of black-owned businesses. Then, in 2017, BBCENS introduced its first print Directory of Evanston/North Shore black businesses. It is accompanied by a website that offers the same information, updated periodically as new information becomes available.

The BBCENS continues to work in cooperation with the City of Evanston. This effort in 2017 provided additional visibility, along with media and personnel resources, that expanded and enhanced the work of the BBCENS, which is inclusive, covering the Black Diaspora: African American, Haitian, Belizean, Jamaican and African. In 2018, the First Bank and Trust of Evanston joined us as a supporting partner. In 2019, Byline Bank (formerly First Bank and Trust of Evanston) continues this sponsorship, while Evanston Community Bank and Trust has become a new sponsoring partner.
“Small business is BIG!” reports the U.S. Census Bureau's Statistics of U.S. Businesses (USCBS). The small business sector is growing rapidly. While corporate America has been “downsizing”, the rate of small business “start-ups” has increased, and the rate for small business failures has declined. U.S small businesses employed 58.9 million people, or 47.5% of the private workforce in 2015. (Source: USCBS) Black-owned businesses located in Evanston and on the North Shore reflect this trend. In 2018, there are more than 100 Black-owned businesses, many of which have been operating for 10 to 40 years: Executive Studio, Hecky's, Kingston Grill, Jim Lee Insurance and Ashley Lauren. The Church Street Barbershop was established more than 65 years ago. This longevity, according to the 2011 U. S. Census Bureau, is one sure measure of success as most small businesses have a life of five years or less. Entrepreneurship is on the rise throughout Evanston's south east, north and west communities, with several new businesses having started up over the last 12-36 months, including Taste of Jamaica, Fresh Prints of Evanston, Eye Boutique Kloset and Evanston Live TV.

The USCBS reports that there are 28 million small businesses in America accounting for 54% of all U.S. Sales. Small businesses provide 55% of all jobs and 66% of all new jobs since the 1970s. These numbers suggest that Black-owned businesses add to both the Evanston and U.S. workforce and economy.

Jason Nazar, Co-Founder and CEO of Docstoc, writes about Small Businesses and entrepreneurship, and bases his data on information from the U.S. Census Bureau, and data his firm collects from documents and resources collected about small businesses. Nazar says that the Small Business Association (SBA) defines a small business as an enterprise having fewer than 500 employees.

Data from Nazar, as well as the U.S. Census Bureau, report that there are almost 28 million small businesses in the U.S. of which over 22 million are self-employed. They further report that over 50% of the working population (120 million individuals) works in a small business. This means that the more than 100 Black-owned businesses in and around Evanston are contributing to both the U.S. and Evanston economy and workforce.

“Starting a business is a big achievement for many entrepreneurs,” says Andrew Beattie, a former managing editor and longtime contributor to Investopedia (a source of financial content information on the web), “but maintaining one is the larger challenge!”
**Expo Speakers**

**Meleika Gardner**, a Chicago native, studied Communications at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and transferred to Columbia College Chicago to study Entertainment Management. Her subsequent work experiences revealed her knack for promoting and connecting people. Currently Meleika is the owner and Producer of *Evanston Live TV*, the information center for the residents of Evanston, Illinois, which she started when she discovered that Evanston did not have a video platform where residents could be promoted and voice their concerns on community issues. Meleika says her God-given purpose is to promote people, products, and brands and to provide a platform for those who feel they aren't being heard.

**Dr. Nick Mendez**, born and raised in the Evanston area, graduated from Excelsior College in Albany, New York, with a Bachelor of Science and then from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. As a chiropractor with experience freeing people from pain, he is committed to promoting optimal health and the well-being of patients. He uses a "whole person approach", which looks for underlying causes of any symptoms and makes interventions and lifestyle adjustments that optimize the conditions for normal function. This approach allows Dr. Mendez to help accelerate and/or maintain the journey to good health.

**Carl Parker** has been at the helm of Parker and Sons Carpet Cleaning for 30 years. He grew up working in the family business that his late father, Calvin Jr, started in 1960, which specializes in cleaning carpets, rugs, hardwood floors, as well as marble and granite. Every day, he demonstrates the strong work ethic, pride in a job well done, and great customer service that his father instilled in him, and he expects the same from his employees. Carl graduated from Eastern Illinois University and sold life insurance for two years before he decided it was important to keep the family business open as his father’s health declined. The company’s services have expanded to include residential, commercial and institutional services.
2019 Business Honorees

**Milestone Award**
(Awarded to entrepreneurs that have been in business more than 20 years)

Parker and Sons Carpet Cleaning

Betty Ruffin, KoenigRubloff Realty Group

**Small Business, Big Impact Award**
(Awarded to entrepreneurs who responded creatively to economic & business trends)

We R Beautiful, Nikki Jones & Anthony Jones, Co-Owner

**Up and Coming Award**
(Awarded to a young entrepreneur)

Da Jerk Pit, Okine Dacres, Owner

**Community Service Award**
(Awarded to businesses or organizations that make ongoing contributions to other business owners and the community)

Dental Art Specialists, Drs. Jazmine & Melvin Dillard III

Officer and Gentleman, Adam Howard, Director
2019 Directory

**ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS**

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Building bridges to better health, better education and better communities. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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Evanston 60201  
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Email: naacpev@aol.com  
The branch meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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**African American History and Genealogical Study Group of Evanston**  
Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave. Evanston 60202  
Mattie Amaker, Discussion Facilitator  
Meets twice monthly to discuss African-American history and genealogy on the second Tuesday (day) and fourth Tuesday (evening).

**Color Me Africa Fine Arts**  
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A group of black business owners that share resources, network, discuss common concerns and support each other.

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### FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

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Website: [www.facebook.com/evanstonhaitiancommunityfestival/](http://www.facebook.com/evanstonhaitiancommunityfestival/)  
Email: geralddaye@yahoo.com
Held annually on July 4 in James Park (Oakton Street and Dodge Avenue), the 2019 event will be the 31st year of providing food, fun, sports and live entertainment for the whole family! A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

**Evanston Remembrance Reunion Picnic**  
(E-Fam)  
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Brief History of Black-owned Businesses in Evanston, Illinois

After the Civil War, a number of black individuals and families came to the Chicagoland area. By 1870, several had moved to the Village of Evanston, and the census that year cited three black barbers and a boot maker. The Evanston Index and subsequent local newspapers provide data about black people who parlayed their trades into a variety of businesses. Among them are Nathan Branch (expressman), Madame Josephine Harper (caterer and hair dresser), Daniel F. Garnett (boot maker), John Smith (grocer) and Andrew Scott (market gardener). Some, including William Ender (laundry) and Richard Day (lawn cutting, stove blacking, carpet cleaning and laying) ran classified ads for their businesses in the Evanston Directory.

Day’s successful carpet business operated out of his home at the northeast corner of Judson Avenue and Dempster Street. Customers gave glowing testimonials and often recommended that households hire him instead of companies based in Chicago.

In 1889, Rev. J. S. Woods, an early pastor of Ebenezer A. M. E. church, established The Afro American Budget, a literary and religious magazine, for “the upbuilding and enlightenment of the colored people of America.” The publisher, William H. Twiggs, was his roommate at Northwestern University (NU). A barber and printer, Twiggs also edited and published the Lyceum Echo (1890), The North Shore Colored American (1904) and Reporter and Directory (1909). William H. Gill, known as “Editor Gill”, published the Evanston Advertiser, Evanston Weekly and the North Shore Guide (the latter with future alderman, Edwin B. Jourdain). Gill, who also worked in real estate and insurance, compiled and published the first Church and Business Directory in 1947.

Henry Butler, whose large interracial family came to Evanston from Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, in 1878, became the coachman for several prominent families. In 1892, he established a livery business that, by 1906, employed 40 men and four office staff in two locations. When he retired in 1922, Butler gave the company to a group of his drivers, who called the firm Blue Cab. His father Cornelius, and many of his siblings, were also business owners.

Other coachmen and taxi drivers distinguished themselves by providing excellent service. Joseph Ivester received a gold coin for being designated the “friendliest cabbie” in 1900. Lois Mae “Peaches” Davis, who became a cab driver during World War II, was the first woman to receive a chauffeur’s license in the State of Illinois. She was featured in a 1942 Chicago Defender article. With family members and other partners, she established the Better Cab Association in 1948.
Several Chicago-educated medical professionals moved their practices to Evanston. William F. Garnett graduated from the Northwestern University Dental School in 1892. Thomas H. Cotton, a coachman, became the first chiropodist of any race to work in Evanston and started his practice in the late 1890s. Thomas M. Doram briefly practiced veterinary medicine in the early 1900s. Isabella M. Garnett, William’s sister, grew up with a desire to own her own hospital. She took up nursing to pay her way through medical school and graduated in 1901. With her husband, Dr. Arthur D. Butler, she established the Evanston Sanitarium in 1914, which became Community Hospital in 1930. Other local doctors included Charles B. Scruggs, A. Rudolph Penn, Roy M. Young, Elizabeth W. Hill and E. T. Beck. William H. “Doc” Morrison established a pharmacy during the 1930s.

John Smith relocated his grocery store to Wilmette. William H. Bowser operated a restaurant in the early 1900s that for a time was located in the (white) Y.M.C.A. building at 1611 Orrington. W. T. Mason owned a restaurant at 1617 Benson during the 1910s. D. W. Richardson briefly had a grocery store in the early 1910s, which was taken over by Clarence and Marie Marr. John and Carrie Fleming and John H. Bryant Sr. established successful grocery stores around 1925. A graduate from NU’s Music School, Thurman F. Charleston, opened a music school. LeJeune Jones Fisher, who also studied at Northwestern, was a renowned coloratura soprano who taught voice and keyboard. Martha Searles Harris (Fizer) taught piano.

Others with home-based or storefront businesses over the years include Alexander Irvin (carpenter); Amos Wisher (tailor and dyer); Alice Scruggs (corsetière); Helen Branch and Alberta Frye Stewart (dressmakers); Bonus Thompson (hardware store); Carrie C. Smith (employment agency); James T. Gordon and Edwin C. Bailey (bicycle sales and repairs); William H. Dixon and DeWitt Richardson (real estate); the Cannon Brothers and Naaman N. Wimberly (barbers); and Margaret Palmers, Loma Beck and Ruby Manson (beauticians).

Many of early businesses were located at addresses such as the 300 block of Dempster, 1300 block of Judson, 1300-1700 blocks of Sherman, 2500 block of Isabella, 900 block of Chicago, 900-1100 blocks of Clark and University, 800-1000 blocks of Davis, and 1500-1700 blocks of Maple, Oak and Benson/Elmwood. Owners lived in or near the same building as their businesses or resided in different neighborhoods throughout Evanston.

Local businesses continued to proliferate in the 1950s. The Evanston Newsette, a weekly paper published by Melvin S. Smith throughout most of the 1940s, sadly ended in late 1950. John H. Bryant Sr. continued his entrepreneurship by opening what might be the first black-owned currency exchange in the state of Illinois in 1952. The following year, he and his son went into the construction and remodeling business, which focused on improving properties on Evanston’s West Side.
Leon and Roy Robinson opened a Socony Mobil station at Emerson and Wesley in 1956. This enterprise expanded over the years to include the Robinson Bus Company; their school buses transported students during the early days of school desegregation in Evanston. Later, coach buses were added to the fleet. The Robinsons also began a property rental business and various other companies.

Parker’s Moving Service began in 1960 and later expanded to include carpet cleaning. In 1961, Albert Gaskin opened a realty firm primarily to serve the housing needs of local blacks. Gaskin applied to join the Evanston-North Shore Board of Realtors in 1969 and became its first black member.

The House of Thompson, operated by John H. Thompson, Samuel Haith and Richard Gilbert, opened in 1963, and in 1975, the Evanston location of A. A. Rayner and Sons became the Haliburton Chapel, operated by Nathan Haliburton Jr.

In the late 1960s, there was a call to boycott white businesses when there seemed to be a lack of concern for the quality of education for black children in District 65. A list of nearly 150 black-owned businesses was created, which included accountants (William Pyant), auto radio repair (William Woolridge), dry cleaners (including Kenneth Williams, who had a plant in his location at Dempster and Elmwood), an exterminator (George Wallace), several gas stations (Lincoln Anderson, Thomas Gibbs), optometrists (Avery Hill), taxi companies (Sam McKinley, Best Taxi) photographers (Sanders Hicks), radio and TV repair (Loyal Moss), a record shop (Powell’s), attorneys (Charles May), restaurants (C & W Barbeque: Casey Robinson and Warren Howlett), electricians (Leroy Young) and many more.

The North Shore Examiner, a bimonthly newspaper, began publication in 1968. Melvin Smith resumed a weekly newsletter, the CCC Newsette, in 1971. Brothers Thomas and Vincent Garnett had a print shop on Simpson Street.

Hecky’s Barbeque opened in 1983, and Bobby Hilliard, who had worked for many years at Lincolnwood Service, took over as its owner.

After working in insurance sales, Carl Davis opened Aarynn/Allyssa Trucking, a North Shore Courier in 1986, Design Mortgage in 1993, Davis Transportation in 1999 and Davis Environmental Labs in the 2010s.

Space restrictions will not allow an exhaustive list of every black-owned business that is a part of Evanston’s history. Needless to say, many pioneer entrepreneurs and professionals paved the way for hundreds of subsequent businesses.

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