



A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum

CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICANS IN US LABOR HISTORY

2006 Gentle Warrior Awards

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10th Annual Honoring the Brotherhood Celebration

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Enthusiastically but reluctantly, the decision has been made to change the venue for the 10th Annual Honoring the Brotherhood Celebration, featuring the 2006 A. Philip Randolph Gentle Warrior Awards.

The 10th Annual Honoring the Brotherhood Celebration will be held on the grounds of the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, 104th Street between Corliss and Maryland Avenue from 4:30p.m. - 7:00p.m. The 2006 A. Philip Randolph Gentle Warrior Awards honorees; Eula Cleveland, an International Brotherhood of Teamsters Historic Figure, Stella Foster, Columnist, Chicago Sun-Times, Verlene Jones, President of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, and Jawanza Kunjufu, Education Consultant and guests will enjoy an elegant afternoon of music, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres. Keynote remarks by the Honorable Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court. WVON'S Cliff Kelley, Master of Ceremonies.

The A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum is a small museum and must make the best use of limited resources. For the past few years, the two most important efforts for the museum have been the annual Honoring the Brotherhood awards banquet, and the Living History Museum Project, an authentic Pullman Dining Car (circa 1945) affectionately called The Train Car.

Just today, an exciting development has occurred for the museum related to The Living History Museum Project (The Train Car). This development will require the use of resources to produce a second event in April; the launch of a capital campaign for the renovation and programming associated with The Train Car. It was purchased for the museum to be transformed into an extension of the museum; giving visitors a glimpse of life aboard a real train, as well as provide an added educational experience for youth who visit the museum.

Lyn Hughes, founder of the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum said, "This development is particularly important at this time. There is an active search underway to relocate the museum to a larger facility. A larger facility will enable us to expand the focus of the museum to incorporate other areas of labor in addition to railroad labor history. When the museum was founded in 1995, it began with a focus on the Pullman Porters and Black labor. That focus will always be a very important part of the museum. The addition of The Train Car will insure that focus is permanent where ever we relocate."

The event launching the capital campaign, will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2007 in the Marmon Grand Ballroom, 2230 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. All individuals who have confirmed reservations for the September 3, 2006, 10th Annual Honoring the Brotherhood Celebration will receive complimentary reservations for the April 21, 2007 event. Guests attending the 10th Annual Honoring the Brotherhood Celebration are encouraged to make reservations for the April 21, 2007 event at \$150.00 per person. Guests are also encouraged to make a tax-deductible donation to the general operating fund of the museum. For additional information, call: Joslyn DiPasalegne at 312-952-1766. Press my contact Bob Storman 773-562-0586