



# New Kemet Harambe Chapter

*“New land of the black skinned people pulling together.”*

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## Membership

The New Kemet Harambe Chapter (NKHC) had a membership drive during the National Membership Drive in the month of May. We set up tables in the food court of the Metcalfe Federal building during the core hours of 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. We have 45 members which consist of 17 Life Members and 6 Gold Plus Members. We thank our Membership Chair, Cheryl Simpson, for her outstanding efforts in maintaining current members as well as to recruiting new members. Our goal is to reach a 100+ plus membership by the end of the 2006 year.

## Programs & Activities

### Building Partnerships while Building a Playground

The NKHC partnered with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Chicago Family Foundation, Black Youth in Action and KaBoom, in building a playground in the Englewood community. The playground was built at 6401 South Eggleston Avenue in Chicago on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. The day began at 7:00 a.m. and finished at approximately 4:00 p.m.

This project provided our Chapter an opportunity to give back to the community and visibly support playground safety by helping with the construction of a safe and wheelchair-accessible play structure for the children of Chicago. Also, it gave the Chapter visibility in the Englewood community where we are members of the Englewood Black Chamber of Commerce. A high-five salute to President Deena Sheppard, Second Vice President Donna Coleman and their daughters who actively participated in this community project from beginning and finish. Let's give them a round of applause!



The Beginning



The Finished Project



The New Beginning

## 5<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary and Awards Ceremony



The New Kemet Harambe Chapter celebrated **"Five Years of Excellence"** in honor of our 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We put on the "Ritz" and really enjoyed each other on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the Ramada Inn Lake Shore, 4900 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

The guest speaker for this event (pictured left) was Mr. Bill "Dock" Walls, Director, Committee for a Better Chicago, whose keynote remarks were **"Looking at the Next Five Years - Challenges and Goals."** There was a delicious dinner buffet, cash bar, raffle and door prizes, along with great DJ music and dancing.



Donna Coleman, Member of the Year Award recipient, along with other Officers of NKHC Executive Board



NKHC President, her Mother, Speaker and Guests



William Burch  
Community Service Award Recipient



Cecilia Moore  
Supervisor/Manager Award Recipient

We also presented several awards during our event. Donna Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, was awarded the **"Member of the Year Award"** for her hard work in the past years with the Information Superhighway Student Competition; Mr. William Burch, founder of the Chicago Family Foundation and Vice President of Black



Youth in Action, was awarded the “**Community Service Award**” for his continued commitment to our African American youth; and Mrs. Cecelia Moore, Chief of the Contracts and Assistance Agreements Section, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, was awarded the “**Supervisor/Manager Award**” for her exceptional support of one of our Chapter member’s participation in monthly meetings and chapter activities during working hours.

We also recognized the first, elected “pioneer officers” of New Kemet Harambe Chapter. They were Vincent E. Saunders, III, (President), Brian C. Bell (Vice President), Stephanie A. Kimble (Secretary, pictured), and Ethel L. Crisp (Parliamentarian). Patricia L. Handy served as our first Treasurer and has since passed away. In commemoration of Pat’s excellent service to the Chapter, President Sheppard announced the development of our first educational student scholarship for New Kemet Harambe Chapter. This educational scholarship will be named the “*Patricia Loyd-Handy Students of Excellence Scholarship.*”

Pat always exhibited a spirit of excellence and pride in everything she touched. Most of all, Pat was a mentor to every young person she came in contact with. She always took them under her wings and showed them the way to success. Pat worked hard for this Chapter and left a memory of love, pride, and excellence with all of us. By a unanimous vote of the New Kemet Harambe Chapter’s membership, this scholarship program will bear her name. This was indeed an evening to remember... “*Oh, What a Night!*”

We also extend a BIG thank you to Region 5’s family for your monetary contribution in support of our fifth year anniversary souvenir booklet. The Region’s continued commitment to support our Chapter is greatly appreciated. Kudos to Ethel Crisp and her committee on the coordination of this historical event for NKHC!

### **Information Superhighway Student Competition (ISSC) Winner**

The New Kemet Harambe Chapter hosted the Information Superhighway Student Competition at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building in Chicago, Illinois on April 19, 2006. There were two high school contestants representing the 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> category in developing projects on the topic “**Harnessing the Internet to Raise Educational Standards.**” Both students gave excellent website presentations.

Our first place winner was Jarvis Reid, an honor roll student at King College Preparatory High School. He is a senior with his major focus on information technology. Jarvis will proceed to the Regional Competition in Cleveland, Ohio on June 10, 2006.

Cornelius Freeman, also a senior from Whitney Young Magnet High School, placed second in the competition. The Chapter President, Deena Sheppard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Donna Coleman and Immediate Past President Brian Bell, made plaque award presentations at both high schools. Congratulations to Donna and her committee for another outstanding coordination of the Chapter’s ISSC annual event.

### **Upcoming Activity**

New Kemet Harambe Chapter will be volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) on behalf of the Matthew House on Saturday, July 15, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This outreach activity is being coordinated by the Chapter’s Assistant Chaplain Gwendolyn Massenburg. We look forward to making a BIG impression at the GCFD next month!

Respectfully submitted by,

***Deena M. Sheppard***

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