

Garrett Becomes Tabor's First Woman President



Garrett

By Victor M. Andino
Tabor Journal Editor

Members named **Ollie Garrett** to be the next leader of Tabor 100 at the last general membership meeting, making her the first woman to hold the position.

Garrett has already shown leadership while serving as chair of Tabor's Economic Development Committee and spearheading a series of successful meet-and-greet lunches with the City of Seattle. The meetings have led to contracts for Tabor members and spun off to similar sessions with other agencies, such as the Port of Seattle and Puget Sound Energy.

Garrett is President and CEO of PMT Solutions, a collection agency based in Bellevue.

Agenda

JUNE 28 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monthly meeting will begin at 10 a.m., at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1604 19th Ave. at Madison St.

Our guest speakers will be

- Cynthia Cooper, director of the state Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE)
- Linda Villegas Bremer, director of the state office of General Administration.

The May membership meeting also saw the selection of **Lewis Rudd** as vice president, **Angela Tarah** as secretary and **Glenn Gregory** was reelected treasurer. All officers will serve two-year terms that will end in May 2010. The installation of officers will take place at the June 28 general membership meeting.

"I am honored to be given this opportunity to serve as president of Tabor 100 and to work with our board and our members on our mission to bring educational excellence, social equity and economic empowerment to the people of our region," Garrett said. "I will be standing on the shoulders of past presidents who have done an incredible job and brought our organization forward.

"During my term as president, I will work even harder to see more of us making profitable business connections. Let's do business among ourselves and let's help each other grow in the larger community," she said.

She sees her first 100 days in office as a critical period to start the process of building relationships with other organizations that share similar goals and objectives. In Garrett's view, "Understanding and sharing agendas among the minority economic development organizations around the region will help us better coordinate our activities and advocacy."

Garrett will seek to fill the following committee chairs: Communications &



Rudd



Tarah



Gregory

Technology, the ad hoc International Affairs Committee, Gala and Economic Development.

She also wants to update the names of the committees to better reflect their purpose. For example, "ComTech" might better be called "Public Affairs," and "Business and Legislative" might better be termed "Legislative Affairs." Rather than an ad hoc Fund Development Committee, she envisions an ad hoc "Finance Committee" that is led by the treasurer.

Garrett plans to make accessibility one of her hallmarks, and has set up an e-mail address members can use to reach her: president@tabor100.org.

"I'm very interested in positioning more of our younger members and women members into leadership roles to build our bench strength," said Garrett. "It's important that we get our members prepared to take on key positions.

"I look forward to presenting the full plan for moving forward to the membership at the June meeting."

Reception in July to recognize new government officials Harrell, Ko and Quinn

Tabor 100 will host a welcoming reception for Seattle City Councilmember Bruce Harrell, Tukwila City Councilmember De'Sean Quinn and Elaine Ko, director of Social Responsibility at the Port of Seattle.

This celebration will recognize these officials. This event will include food, networking, and international jazz trumpeter Kamal Abdul-Alim. Members and guests are invited to attend.

Date: July 16, 2008
Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Place: DKA, 106 Lenora St., Seattle.

Please RSVP for this event by July 2, to Marcus Roberts at 206-658-2990 or send an e-mail to mroberts@utechsystems.com.

Tabor Gives College-bound Student a Boost

By Kevin Washington

Education Committee Chair

There's nothing quite like a room full of people supporting and celebrating a good cause, and the May 22nd, 2008 Scholarship Awards and Recognition Banquet proved to be yet another in a long line of such events.

Held at the University of Washington's Don James Event Center, almost 200 people dined, celebrated and recognized a combination of Seattle area high school students, 24 Achiever program volunteers, plus almost 20 corporate and program sponsors. More than a table full of Tabor members attended the affair.

Seven scholarships

totaling \$12,000 were awarded to students bound for college. Tabor 100 sponsored a \$1,000



Ethiopia Berta

scholarship in the name of late Seattle area architect Mel Streeter, a Tabor 100 member and past Chair of the Education

Committee. This scholarship was won by Ethiopia Berta, who will be graduating from Garfield and is planning to attend the University of Washington in the fall. There, she will study International Relations and Politics, with further plans to pursue a graduate degree at Georgetown University in International Relations / Foreign Affairs. Ethiopia participated in the Black Achievers Program throughout her four years of high school. The other six scholarship recipients were equally as accomplished and will be attending colleges across the country.

The keynote address was given by the President and CEO of Casey Family Programs, William C. Bell. Other dignitaries in the room included State Rep. Eric Pettigrew; Greater Seattle YMCA President & CEO Robert B. Gilbertson; Juvenile Court Judge LeRoy McCullough; and former King County Superior Court Judge Michael Spearman.

A partner program of Tabor 100, housed at the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, The Black Achievers offers high school youth opportunities to explore career options, develop leadership skills, prepare for college and participate in service learning and social activities.

Through caring relationships with African American professionals and high quality programming, Black Achievers learn to set educational goals, understand professional standards and strengthen developmental assets.

Every year more than 250 students are supported by the Black Achievers Program within the region.

Did You Know...

Tabor 100 has provided \$46,140 in scholarships through the Bradford Scholarship Fund since its inception.

Total charitable gifts have amounted to \$62,980.

Education Committee Projects

Project No. 1 African-American Youth Legislative Project (AAYLP)

Purpose: Educate and involve students (middle school, junior high and/or high school) in the legislative process. Format: Small groups of students to discuss proposed legislation in advance of African-American Legislative Day and prepare presentations for Legislative members. Classes would be moderated and occur over three consecutive months. Budget: Estimated \$15,000-\$20,000. It is believed the materials could be obtained at no or little cost. Transportation costs might be covered by the existing African-American Legislative Day sponsors.

Project No. 2: Career & Business Expo

Purpose: Reach students in advance of college to educate them regarding employment options and the necessary preparation to pursue those options. Format: Single-day event with tables for employers to discuss job opportunities. Possible presentations for parents, students and community regarding role of education in making employment opportunities available. Budget: none discussed. This project would involve significant costs as the event would likely require a large site and significant outreach.

Project No. 3: Vendor Education Day

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for Seattle purchasing departments to meet minority businesses in a setting similar to a "Meet-and-Greet," but on a larger scale. Presentation booths and possibly workshops would be held during the day. The event would be held at Mt. Zion Church on Sept. 17, 2008. Our role will be to help staff the event and work on increasing the participation of businesses from additional ethnic groups. Budget: Perhaps \$1,500 shared among several groups.

Your Turn Get Involved

Help the Education Committee with its work assuring educational excellence reaches our members and the community.

The next Education Committee Meeting will be Saturday, June 28, immediately following the Tabor General Meeting at Mt. Zion.

Gala Auction Relies on Donations; Fund-raiser Supports Scholarship Fund

By *Janie L. Hendrix*
Gala Committee

It's that time again, and we are calling on Tabor 100 members to help make the annual Captains of Industry Gala an event to remember this year.

Each year the business community comes together for the annual celebration, which honors individuals who are making strides in the community. The event also provides a networking opportunity for people interested in building relationships with other professionals. This year's event takes place Sept. 13, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle.

As a member of the Gala Committee, I have been asked to gather donations from friends for the silent auction to be held that evening. Proceeds from the fundraising effort will go toward scholarships for youth who show promise.

Please be a part of this event by making a contribution toward the success of our future leaders. We are interested in receiving goods or services that have a value of \$200 or more. Items that seem to have mass appeal are weekend vacation or golf packages, dinners, artwork, antiques, collectibles and other valuables. Your donation is tax deductible.

For anyone willing to participate, we need your commitment now. Please send an e-mail to gala@tabor100.org about your planned contribution. Donations should be dropped off at the Ezell's Headquarters, 5703 S. Fletcher Street, Seattle, on or before July 17.

Thank you in advance for your support. We also look forward to seeing you at the event and celebrating its success with you.

You are cordially invited to support education through the Tabor 100 Annual Gala



Saturday, September 13, 2008

Reception and Silent Auction 5-7 p.m.
(light refreshments served)
Dinner & Program 7-9 p.m.
Dancing & Entertainment 9 - until

Washington State Convention and Trade Center
Downtown Seattle

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Sgt. Monica Hunter
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Keynote Introduction
Scott Carson
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Girma Wake
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This is a Semi Formal Event

To reserve your seat or become a sponsor
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Its efforts focus on elevating dialogue regarding how people of color can be full participants in the Washington State economy.

Members Invest in Knowledge



Derrick Crummy, a loan consultant with Washington Financial Group in Seattle, speaks at the May General Membership Meeting. He described the current loan market during a presentation. Members also heard a presentation from the Keiretsu Forum, an organization of angel investors.

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Each of the committees shown in the list on the left needs volunteers. Contact the committee chairs to find out how you can help.

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