

EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Performing Arts Center Groundbreaking

East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City recently held the official Groundbreaking Ceremony for the EACC Center for Fine and Performing Arts. The Center will be located just west of the Learning Resource Center and will be the first building seen as students and visitors enter the campus.

Award-winning Fennell Purifoy Hammock Architects, based in Little Rock, designed the 33,700 square foot building that will be designated a Class A performance center. The Center will include a 1000-seat state-of-the-art theater with sophisticated lighting, sound, stage rigging, mechanical systems and orchestra pit; a fly loft and black box theater; two classrooms that will double as dressing areas for performances; and a Presentation Gallery and Reception area for exhibits and gatherings. Nabholz Construction of Conway has been selected as the construction firm for the project.



“This day has been a long time in coming,” said Dr. Coy Grace, EACC President. “This project has been a major focus for the College, its Board of Trustees and the EACC Foundation for some time. This Center will

have a major impact on Forrest City and the surrounding service area. We’ll be able to offer events on a scope that we have not been able to accommodate in the past.”

For additional information, contact Elizabeth Loeb, EACC Director of Public Relations, at 870-633-4480 ext. 214.

CROSSROADS CALENDAR

PILLAR GROUP MEETINGS

Wednesday, Feb. 18
at the Technology Center
for the Delta
in Wynne



9:00 am - 10:00 am

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10:00 am - 11:00 am

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

11:00 pm – 12:00 pm

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT



APAC WORKSHOP

1:00 - 3:00 pm Managing Change

3:00 - 4:30 pm Office hours

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by
Melissa Rivers

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the Crossroads
Coalition*

One of the strongest impressions I ever received was in Mrs. Douglas' eleventh grade AP English class. The unit on transcendentalism stays with me today...especially the part focusing on Henry David Thoreau.

While Thoreau lived at Walden Pond, he intentionally took a different path to the pond every day. He believed that if he took the same path he would create a rut. If there was a rut there, he would follow the same path every day and miss out on everything else around the pond.

For some reason, I've always held on to this even though I'm very much a creature of habit and routine. I'm taking steps to change my routine a bit. I'm training for my first 5K. I've tried to start exercise routine several times over the past couple of years with great disappointment. I usually find different distractions or excuses not to exercise and stop.

What makes me think I can stick to it this time? This time, I've developed a strategy with a specific goal. This is the piece I've been missing every time.

I'm actively working a nine week training program with specific workouts and outcomes. My goal is to run my first 5K on March 15th and I hope to progress to a 10K before the end of the year. The point is that I'm taking an active role in changing my path to the pond everyday. The same idea can be applied to the Crossroads Coalition region.

In January, we started a strategic planning process with the nationally recognized consulting firm Boyette Levy.

The outcome of this process will be a well defined plan for how we can collectively develop our region to be stronger and more competitive than it ever has been.

This is a continuation of the work that you have already done over the past several years. As a participant or supporter of Crossroads you have help to lay a strong foundation on which to build this region. Now it's time for us to take the next step.

Just like my newly adopted running program, this plan will be built on specific goals and outcomes that generate the ability to progress to the next level. We need your participation and input as we develop this plan.

In January, we hosted a series of group sessions that were structured like focus groups. With more than 65 participants, we gathered a lot of great information but we still need more.

On February 9 you should have received an e-mail to you asking you to participate in a short online survey. This is your chance to share your thoughts on the direction and development of the Crossroads Coalition. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey.

Together we can change the path of the Crossroads Coalition region. It's going to take each one of us developing the plan, working the plan, measuring our progress, and keeping the goal in sight. There is no question that when we accomplish this; like Thoreau we will experience the full measure of our potential.

Managing Changes

ECONOMIC

**Wednesday, Feb. 18
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
at the Technology Center for the Delta in Wynne**

The Arkansas Procurement Assistance Center (APAC) will present a two-hour workshop, "Managing Changes," from 1:00 - 3:00 pm followed by Office Hours. The Instructor will be available until 3:00 - 4:30 pm to counsel anyone on any topic related to selling products or services to federal, state, or local governments. The workshop, which is free and open to the public. Register in advance by calling 501-337-5355 or registering online at <https://www.sbassist.com/services/register.php?id=D66AD25401>.

APAC is an economic development program operated by the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. Its mission is to provide training and resources that help Arkansas businesses generate revenues and thereby create or retain jobs for Arkansans through effective government contracting.

Although APAC does not provide direct funding or grants or endorsements, it does provide a variety of free services including:

- counseling and consulting to Arkansas businesses only, on any issue related to selling goods or services to public agencies, including solicitation analysis and proposal scrubdown;
- bid opportunity notices for federal and out-of-state jobs related to the client's line of work;
- bid opportunity notices for state and local opportunities on a password-protected website;
- weekly notices containing technical information, announcements of events, and reports on items related to government contracting in Arkansas;
- assistance with certifications and registrations to qualify for agencies the client wishes to approach;
- access to government specifications, drawings, procurement history, and other difficult-to-find data; and
- assistance to agencies and large prime contractors to find small business suppliers and contractors.



APAC COURSES

In addition to conducting workshops and seminars in various locations throughout the state on a variety of government contracting topics, APAC delivers a comprehensive 30-hour Government Contracting Course, accredited for CEU, with modest tuition, to prepare for complex contracting programs such as GSA Schedules, Corps of Engineers, etc.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY

APAC also has extensive virtual Library online at <http://www.arcommunities.org/APAC>

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There are four things to consider when an organization strives to meet its goals:

- First, hope is not a strategy.
- Second, planning is not a substitute for doing.
- Third, implementation is where hope and planning meet reality, and
- Fourth, success is in the eyes of the beholder.

It is these four interlinking keys – hope, planning, implementation and success – that eventually shape an organization's future. In the “big picture” of things, they represent a spiral of activity and perception, not a single path towards a single destination for a single moment in time.

The Crossroads Coalition is now engaged in one of these four elements, strategic planning. The timing of this activity is perfect in my opinion, and the Coalition should thank its Executive Director, Melissa Rivers, for her leadership in moving this initiative forward. The firm that is putting together the plan is Boyette Levy out of Atlanta who has strong Arkansas connections. In fact, the January 14 information-gathering session held on the EACC campus in Forrest City was moderated by Mr. Del Boyette, a former director of what is now the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

As I reflect on this EACC session along with the recent 4th Annual Crossroads Meeting, I offer the following assessment of the Coalition with regard to hope, planning, implementation and success.

- **HOPE:** In general, the people of the Crossroads are afraid of becoming too hopeful. History has inflicted considerable wounds through natural and economic disasters and the social conflicts that have eroded trust. With good cause, the people question whether the future can be better than the past.
- **PLANNING:** There have been no shortages of planning initiatives in the Delta, usually introduced and financed by well-intentioned entities from outside the region with limited success. People rightly question whether the Crossroads Coalition, a true grassroots local initiative, can be any more successful.
- **IMPLEMENTATION:** The Coalition has experienced considerable success since the first detailed plans were formulated in early 2005, ironically in the very same room where the January 14 strategic planning sessions were held. One need only to look over the last three years at ADTEC (Arkansas Delta

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Training and Education Consortium), pillar group participation, national awards, federal grants, a resource/asset library, student projects, job fairs, business-to-business events, a newsletter, a website, a legislative agenda, creation of a foundation and the hiring of an executive director to see the fruits that earlier planning have generated.

- **SUCCESS:** To some, the success of the Crossroads Coalition to date has been truly amazing, far exceeding their expectations. To others, so much remains to be done in the face of huge obstacles that even the possibility for greater prosperity and well-being seems unobtainable.

So, the choices for those of us with a vested interest in the Crossroads are twofold:

- To hope that greater prosperity and well-being will come by accident;
- Or, to have hope couched in the belief that greater prosperity and wellbeing will more likely result from becoming fully engaged in planning and implementation.

For me, I choose the latter. Melissa has us moving in the right direction through this strategic planning effort. Let's all join with her in the levels of encouragement, belief and engagement required for planning and implementation to be successful in the Crossroads. I'm hopeful from what I've seen thus far. I hope that you are as well.

ARE YOU A SYNTHETE?

Synesthesia literally means to combine the senses. It is a neurologically based phenomenon in which stimulation of one sense leads to automatic, involuntary experiences in a different sense – sounds may be perceived as colors or spoken words as tastes.

- Synesthesia may affect 1 in 20 people.
- Synesthesia can occur between nearly any two senses; there are six common forms.
- Synesthesia is inherited, but the precise mode isn't known.
- Functional MRIs show differences in patterns of brain activation in synesthetes.
- Synesthesia does not generally interfere with normal daily function. In fact, most synesthetes say that their experiences are neutral or pleasant and some even consider it a gift.

Famous synesthetes include composers Duke Ellington, Franz Liszt and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and scientist Richard Feynman.

Learn more at: <http://web.mit.edu/synesthesia/www/>

Hearing Voices at the Ken

W*e All Hear Voices* will be performed at the Ken Theatre in McCrory on Feb. 14 and 15. *We All Hear Voices* is an original play by Dr. Sam Taggart, based on his 2007 novel by the same name. Taggart has practiced medicine in rural Arkansas for 30 years and currently lives in Hot Springs.

Billed as a tale of quirky characters and unlikely friendships, it is the story of Jack, the troubled cook at Moon's Bar and Grill. Jack has the gift of synesthesia -- he hears colors and tastes shapes. His passion for flavors and smells turns even the most ordinary dishes into magnificent creations and soon Moon's is the hottest eatery in the Mississippi Delta.

For more information or to reserve seats for either the matinee or evening performances call The Ken at 1-870-731-0300.



by
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Going into the fourth week of the legislative session, it's been relatively quiet so far, with the trauma center/cigarette tax, the lottery legislation, and the animal cruelty bill getting the lion's share of attention so far.

While shell bills have been filed in both the House and Senate for the lottery regulations, the details haven't been filled in yet as jockeying for position goes on. Two things remain very important for the Crossroads Coalition, and those are:

- ▶ TELL YOUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE that you want to see significant provisions in the bill for **scholarships for non-traditional students** – older students, students returning to the workforce, students looking to upgrade their skills, which will upgrade OUR workforce.
- ▶ TELL YOUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE that it's absolutely critical that a significant portion of the lottery **scholarships be set aside for students entering community colleges**, either for general education or for technical education programs.

Here's a round-up of what else is out there so far that touches items on our legislative agenda:

HB 1060, Pennartz, Creates an income tax credit for 20% of up to

the first \$2 million of rehabilitation expenses for central business improvement districts, limiting the total state expenditure in a fiscal year to \$20 million. Has passed committee and placed on House calendar for vote. **CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND ASK HIM OR HER TO SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

HB 1002 and SB 26 – Shell bills for implementation of the state lottery. More information to come as it's available.

HB 1034, Cook and Broadway. Creates the School Leadership Coordinating Council to recommend a system to coordinate and monitor leadership development efforts, assist in developing model evaluation tools for school boards, and assist stakeholders in school support efforts. Has passed committee and is on House calendar. This bill has potential to be a positive force for Crossroads schools. **CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND ASK HIM OR HER TO SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

SB 249, Teague and Stewart. Provides a reprieve and grace period from consolidation for school districts falling beneath minimum student requirement if the school has at least 350 students on Oct. 1 of the year the consolidation list is published. In Senate Education Committee.

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Legislative Activity Update *(continued)*

ECONOMIC

This bill may have some potential for keeping endangered school districts open, which may or may not be a good thing, and it's not on our agenda. But it IS of great interest to many in our region, so I include it just for your information.

SB8, *Altes*. Creates an income tax credit for purchases of systems and components that use a renewable resource as a source of energy or that offset the consumption of traditional energy. Passed committee, on Senate calendar. This is within the realm of the Progress Arkansas agenda, and as such within the realm of ours. **CALL YOUR SENATOR AND ASK HIM OR HER TO SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

SB 9, *Altes*. Creates the Arkansas Historic Structures Rehabilitation Tax Credit Act, providing an income tax credit for 25% of the rehabilitation expense incurred by the owner of an eligible property. In Senate Revenue and Tax. This is a significant point on the community development portion of our agenda. **CALL YOUR SENATOR AND ASK HIM OR HER TO SUPPORT THIS BILL.**

SB 7, *Altes*. Creates a sales and use tax exemption for the retail sale of systems and components

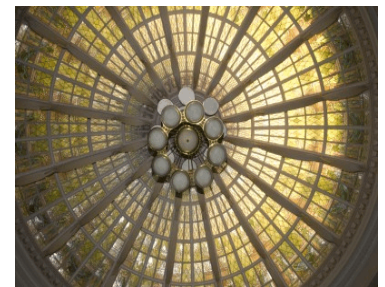
that use a renewable resource as a source of energy or that offset the consumption of traditional energy. Passed committee, on Senate floor. **See SB 8.**

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS

To contact your Senator or Representative, the simplest thing is to call the main phone numbers of either the House [(501) 682-6211] or the Senate [(501) 682-2902] and leave a message. E-mails often get lost in the chaos, as do voice mails, but getting a fistful of those pink message slips from the switchboard that all say "Vote for..." or "Vote against..." – now THAT gets their attention. We can make an impact in this session!

Another good way to keep pounding our point home is by asking a local entity – a school, a church, a Chamber of Commerce, a Rotary Club – to host a Saturday morning information session where you can ask your legislators to come and update their constituents on what's going on in Little Rock. Push that in your community, if it's not already taking place. Invite the public; announce it in the paper, put a PSA on the radio, put up a few dozen flyers. And take the

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Finding Current Information

- ▶ To view a list of all the bills being tracked by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, which includes the bills of interest to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and Progress Arkansas, both of whose legislative agendas we support, see <http://www.arkansasstatechamber.com/legupdate/allbills.php>.
- ▶ To access all the bills that have been filed to date, or other legislative information go to the state's legislative website: <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2009/R/Pages/Home.aspx>.

list of bullet point issues from our agenda (in last month's newsletter) and pin them down, point by point, on each one; ask for their support of each one.

I still need legislative coordinators in most of our counties. Thanks to Soozie Williams for volunteering in Poinsett County. I **WILL** be drafting some of you in those other counties if I don't hear from you by next week. I know your names, and I know your e-mail addresses, and I know your phone numbers!

You may well start getting interim legislative reports from me, as well. I suspect the pace will begin to pick up in the next couple of weeks.

Meanwhile – **PARTICIPATE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT!!** Make those calls! Help set up those information sessions! **GO** to those information sessions!



A last-minute tidbit from *The Political Buzz* blog:

HB 1294. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission's appropriations bill was filed Feb. 3. It seeks to authorize \$29.81 million to fund financial incentives to companies that locate or expand in Arkansas. Also, the bill would give Gov. Mike Beebe \$40.76 million for a quick-action closing fund that had a \$50 million appropriation in the previous biennium. There is also a \$100 million line-item for Amendment 82, the state's superproject amendment.

AEDC's economic infrastructure project fund would be allowed to spend up to \$10.86 million. Another \$40 million is appropriated for the state's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fund managed by the AEDC. And there is \$5 million for workforce training, a tool used more frequently by AEDC to recruit jobs to the state.

This appropriation is, essentially identical to the existing one. We're for it. It's in Joint Budget.

Meeting the Challenges of the New Economy

University of Arkansas – Little Rock
March 16-19, 2009

The Mid-South Basic Economic Development Course (MBEDC) is a general survey of community economic development focuses on strategies and practices. It is an intensive introduction to the fundamentals of economic development, preparing participants to help their communities meet the competitive challenges they face in fostering economic advancement.

The early-bird cost for the MBEDC is \$525. The deadline for early-bird registration, which includes a completed registration form and arrangement of full payment, is Feb. 27. Registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis after Feb. 27, but the registration fee will be \$575. Registration forms can be completed online or downloaded at <http://www.iea.ualr.edu/econdev/basic/register.php>.

The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Little Rock, 201 S. Shackleford Road. For reservations, contact the Crowne Plaza at (888) 303-1753 (toll-free) or visit their website at www.crowneplazalittlerock.com. Mention the MBEDC to get the special rate of \$109. Registration deadline is Feb. 23 for the special rate. There will be shuttle service to and from the Crowne Plaza as needed.

Some MBEDC sponsors offer scholarships for Arkansas residents to attend the Course.

Applications for scholarships may be submitted for the MBEDC by mail, e-mail, or fax and must be received

by Feb. 27 at the address shown on the application form. Completed Scholarship applications require a \$75 application fee. Scholarship applications can be downloaded at <http://www.iea.ualr.edu/econdev/basic/docs/ScholarshipApplication.pdf>.



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Visit the MBEDC website
www.iea.ualr.edu/econdev/
- ▶ Contact the IEA-Center for Economic Development Education at (501) 683-7347
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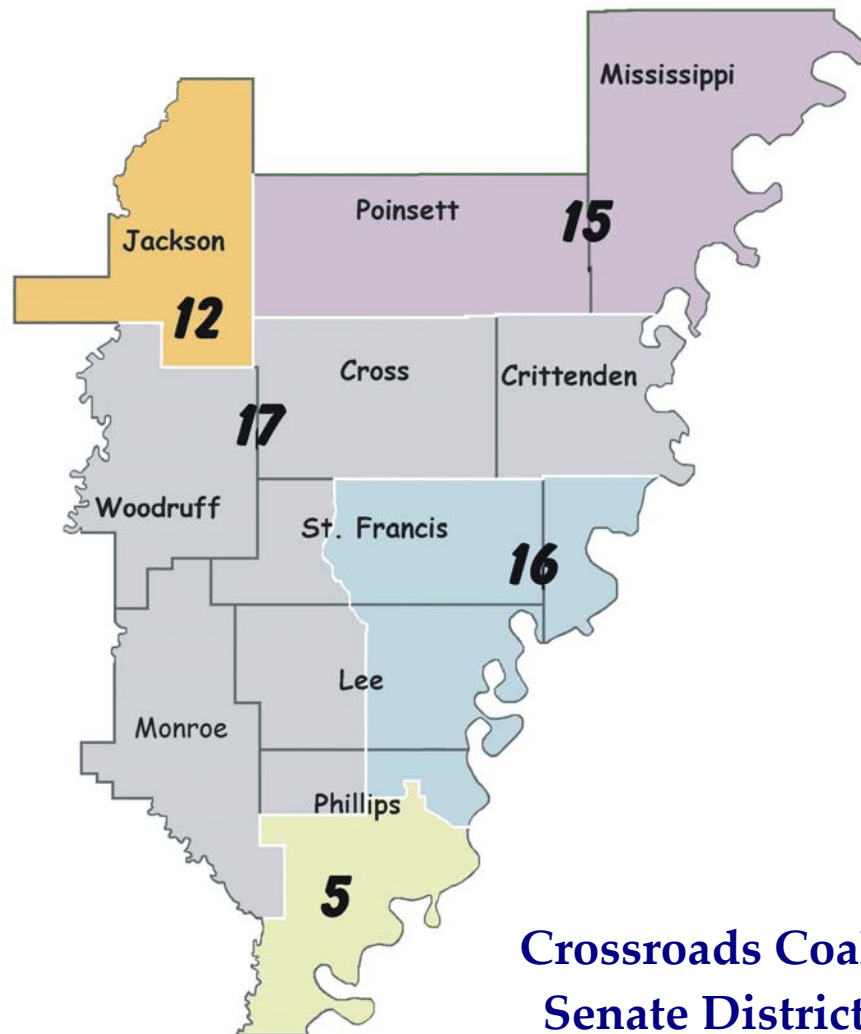
Meet the Crossroads Coalition Legislators

DID YOU KNOW ...

- ★ Each House district has an average population of 26,734 and each Senate district has about 76,383 people.
- ★ The state Senate in Little Rock has 35 members -- eight Republicans and 27 Democrats.
- ★ The state Senate has seven women members, the most in Arkansas history, and four African-Americans.
- ★ Of the 35 senators, 29 have served previously in the state House of Representatives. Two are former Speakers of the House.

The Arkansas 87th General Assembly convened on January 12. Of the 35 Senators and 100 Representatives in the Assembly, 5 Senators and 10 Representatives represent counties in the Crossroads Coalition. In a democracy it is critical that citizens are involved with their government.

On occasion, we will ask that you speak with your representatives on behalf of a specific piece of legislation, and you are strongly encouraged to do so. These legislators work very hard to ensure that government works for all of us. Please help them represent you by letting them know what you think and how government impacts your community and your family. And please let them know that you appreciate their service.



**Crossroads Coalition
Senate District Map**

Crossroads Coalition Senators

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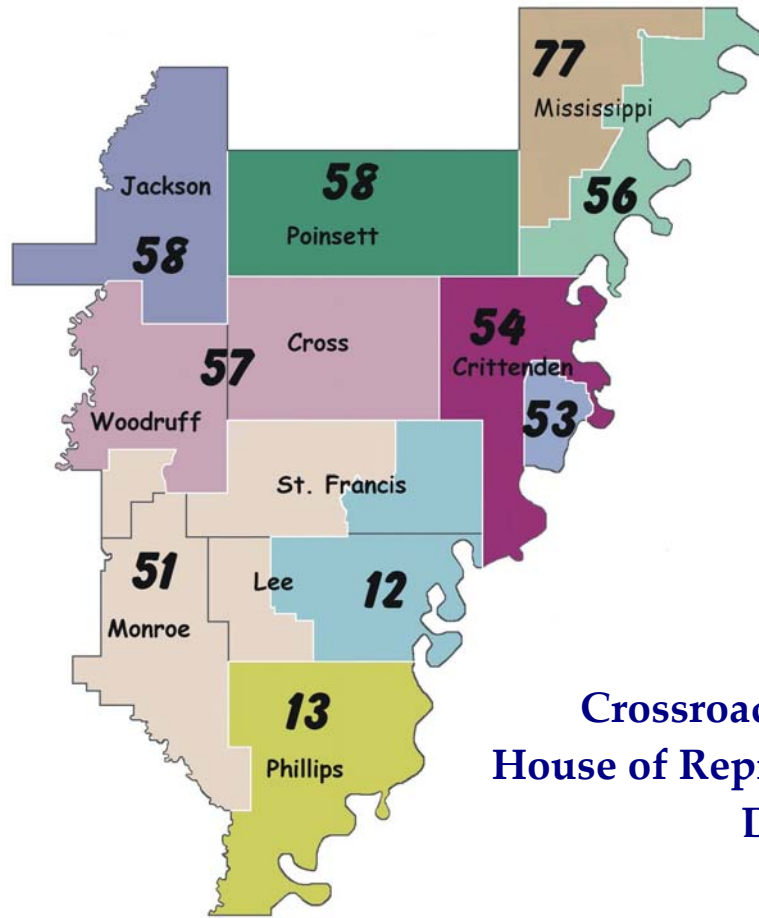
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Crossroads Coalition
House of Representatives
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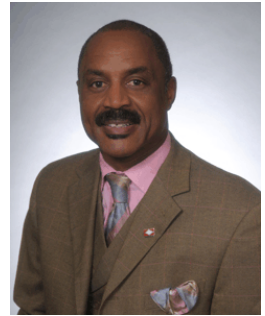
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DID YOU KNOW....

- ★ The House of the 87th General Assembly comprises 75 men and 25 women; 71 Democrats, 28 Republicans and one Green Party member.
- ★ A House member must be at least 21 years old, a resident of Arkansas for two years and a resident of his or her district for one year.
- ★ Members of the House serve two-year terms and since 1993, under Amendment 73 to the state's Constitution, may serve no more than three terms in office.
- ★ The House has 10 Standing Committees. Each Representative serves on two Standing Committees, and each committee has 20 members.

EDUCATION

Community Development Institute

**Aug. 3-7
at the
University of
Central Arkansas
in
Conway**

The 2009 class is the first year of a three-year program that meets one week per year. The program leads to certification in community development through a comprehensive curriculum of professional knowledge and skills in community and economic development and capacity building.

Cost for attending the Institute is \$600 per individual until June 14. After June 14, 2009, the late registration fee is \$650. The fee covers the entire week of institute sessions, materials, refreshments, and special event. CDI will be held in the Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Check-in will be from 7:00 am-8:00 am, on Monday, Aug. 3. CDI sessions will begin at 8:00 am on Monday, Aug. 3, and will end following the luncheon at noon, Friday, Aug. 7.

To register for the institute, complete the online registration form at <http://www.uca.edu/AOEP/cdi/CDIregistration.htm>. Payment is due by July 11, unless prior arrangements are made. All registration fees can be paid by check, credit card, or purchase order. Scholarships may be available. An application can be downloaded from <http://www.uca.edu/AOEP/cdi/billmillerscholarshipapp.pdf>

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