



Cleveland Chapter

# Update

## 2001 NTA CLEVELAND CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## Message From The President



**Shanton Bland**

As president of the National Technical Association, Cleveland Chapter, I look forward to working with so many professional, technical, skillful African Americans here in the Cleveland area. My primary focus as president is to bring the Cleveland chapter up to speed with today's technology via the Internet, by establishing a website for the NTA, Cleveland Chapter. This will be a great vehicle to use to publish our monthly newsletters, to get information out to past, present and prospective members. Our goal is to keep members motivated, by providing members with current information on what's happening, what's upcoming, and just who's who; which in return will get the Cleveland chapter more active and

recognized nationally. One of NTA's national goals is to increase membership and they have a special \$25 membership fee for 2001 that will help us achieve this goal. We need your technical skills, knowledge and financial support to help the NTA Cleveland Chapter be the best that we can be.

## Greetings from Your Regional Director : Al Johns

**Membership:** Hello NTA Members. As you know, we are celebrating the 75th year since our seven Founding Fathers established The National Technical Association. So, in honor of *S.R. Cheaver, F.C. Downs, C.S. Duke, L. Gough, H.D. Shaw, Dr. A.D. Watson, and A.T. Weathers*, this year, we are offering three (3) memberships for the price of one. This is a golden time to give a membership to a relative, friend, family member or someone else you would like to see involved with the organization. Let's plan to actively recruit good hardworking people to our organization.

**Conference:** The theme for the September 2001 conference in Atlanta, Georgia is: **The Legacy of NTA: Scientists, Engineers, Architects, Technologists, and Educators - 75 Years of Turning Dreams Into Reality.** This is going to be a dynamic event, so do plan to attend. We are adding several new workshops, a little entertainment, and many creative/innovative and informative displays. Beginning next month we will be surveying members to find out how dreams turn into reality. Stay tuned!

NTA recognizes the importance of teamwork especially when members have common talents. We would like to encourage you to work within your local NTA organization or with members from other NTA chapters on common projects for the NTA national conference. Illustration: A chapter has members who choose to do Conference Registration. Another example: the national web site will be maintained by four NTA members, three of whom are from the same chapter, and who have agreed to work as a team to maintain the site. If a chapter (or some members) have expertise in an area and would like to work as a team in performing a function or utilizing their expertise, please contact me.

We are actively searching for corporate sponsors for the NTA conference. If you have a corporate sponsor in

mind that NTA can solicit support for the conference, please forward the information to the Executive Director; Gilbert A. Haynes: [Gahaynes@erols.com](mailto:Gahaynes@erols.com). We encourage you to solicit your workplace to be a sponsor.

**Board Meeting:** NTA Detroit Chapter hosted the past Board Meeting at the Hotel St. Regis. Committee reports were made dealing with policy and planning. They were excellent hosts (Such was also the case last quarter in Baltimore.) - Thank You - and participation was also excellent. The pre and post Board Meeting events sponsored by the chapter were great. It was a good experience meeting members of various chapters across the country. The next Board meeting will be in Atlanta, Georgia.

## EVENTS

### NTA Sponsors "The Story of Eugene"



Struggling in the South in the 40s and 50s was difficult for Eugene Wilson. "If I had it to do all over again, I would not change anything in my life. The experiences I had have made me a better person. I have learned, shared, and experienced the highs and lows of my life." Eugene grew up as a black man in a time period and generation where the black race had little or no advantages. Because of his perseverance, he overcame the odds.

The play is based on a book written by Eugene's daughter Barbara Cotton. Please come and join NTA at

The Forest Hill Church Recreation Center  
3031 Monticello (corner of Lee Rd & Monticello)  
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118

June 30, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

\$15.00 tickets includes reception @ 4:30 p.m.

Proceeds will go towards a NTA scholarship in the name of Eugene Wilson and refreshments for the reception. Please hurry and get your tickets to reserve your spot. Please contact any NTA officer for tickets or Shanton Bland at 433-5157. Sit back and live Eugene's life as it is portrayed on stage. It will be like going back home for some of you. Watch cry, laugh, and enjoy.

### The Book

Eugene – A Biography of a Sad Lonely Boy Growing Up in the Country (Cuba, Alabama) Written by: Barbara J. Wilson

Publisher: iUniverse.com, Inc

For information address:

iUniverse.com, Inc.  
5220 S 16<sup>th</sup>, Ste. 200  
Lincoln, NE 68512  
[www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com)

ISBN: 0-595-18533-9

### Charles Drew Blood Drive in Partnership with American Red Cross and Sickle Cell Anemia

Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-4pm  
Cleveland Browns Stadium  
National City Enclosure

One of every twelve African Americans has the sickle cell trait and one in every 375 African-American newborns has sickle cell disease.

Over half of those with sickle cell disease require a blood transfusion during their lifetime. The majority require multiple transfusions. Some patients with very severe sickle cell disease receive blood transfusions every month. It could take 30,000 donations to find a match for one patient to have a monthly transfusion. To prevent blood from being rejected, patients need to receive blood that is closely matched. Donors are more likely to be a good match for a patient if they are the same ethnic background. You can assist the Red Cross in providing a good match by circling your race on the blood donor record you complete when donating.

The goal of the region's American Red Cross is to increase the percentage of African American donors to 8 percent and to have 100 percent of those donors noting their race on the blood donor form. By indicating race, donors are helping the Red Cross to focus their search to donors with a higher probability of matching the sickle cell patient's blood.

NTA urges you to come out and support the July 21<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive.

## MEMBERS

### Member Profile: Quelina Jordan

After spending a lot of time in Washington DC and some in Ghana Quelina Jordan has moved back to the Cleveland area and brought her business skills with her.

Quelina earned an MBA in Management of Global Information Technology from American University in 1998 and a BS in Mathematics from Central State University (OH) in 1993. She is a member of the National Black MBA Association, National Black Data Processing Associates, and has served on the board of directors for the National Technical Association. Her aspirations and commitment to building wealth and personal development have been the key drivers of her success.

Quelina served in a number of positions in the federal government. She was a program analyst with the U.S. Department of Energy. While working for the U.S. Department of State, she held staff assignments in the Office of the Chief Information Officer, served as an account liaison for embassies in the Western Hemisphere, developed an Intranet site, and provided systems administration and computer help-desk support in Accra, Ghana. Additional federal work included managing international content for the International Trade Administration U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service web site ([www.usatrade.gov](http://www.usatrade.gov)).

Today Quelina applies her managerial skills and technical expertise as president of Centralian Consulting Services. She is on a mission to aid small businesses and organizations in the adoption of information technology. Quelina has worked as a consultant since in September 1997 and assists companies in making the necessary transitions to the Internet and achieving their respective missions and business goals. She provides Internet/Intranet design, hosting, maintenance, strategic planning, and training services. Clients include governmental agencies, local and national not-for-profit organizations, online information services firms, and other management/ technology businesses.

Centralian Consulting Services  
<http://www.centralian.com>  
DC - 202.297.9828  
OH - 216.591.2164

### Kudos

Judy Montfort, Cleveland Federal Executive Board Director, received the "Wings of Excellence" award.

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Judy has spent 11 years in FEB leadership and dedicates much of her personal time and talent to worthwhile community projects. Recently she inspired over 200 Federal employees to collect \$50,000 and volunteer hundreds of hours sponsoring a Habitat for

Humanity home. A single mother and five children now have a home. Congratulations Judy and keep up the good work. You motivate us all.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### N.A.S.A. Project

Applications have been disseminated and interviews have begun for the 2001 session of the New Approach to Self Achievement (N.A.S.A.) Project. N.A.S.A. Project Manager and Paragon Tec president, Gail Dolman Smith is looking forward to a challenging and rewarding summer of working with young people.

Studies have shown a decline in academic performance during the transition from elementary school to middle school. Students who previously made the honor roll, suddenly begin to bring home Cs. We with the N.A.S.A. Project do not believe that this reflects a lack of ability on the part of our students. Students at this time are changing both emotionally and physically due to the onset of adolescence. The teaching style used for middle school is different from that of elementary school. Parents also have to employ a different set of skills to provide the support and guidance needed during this transition. The N.A.S.A. Projects want to reach this population and seeks promising students with a GPA between 2.0 and 3.0.

### Call for N.A.S.A. Project Volunteers

We always need mentors and role models, so please feel free to volunteer and participate in any of our activities. To volunteer, you may contact the CAP chair, Barbara Cotton (216-433-8629), Gail Dolman-Smith (216-991-2000) or any of the NTA board members. The following opportunities are available:

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Lab Sessions (9am to 1pm)  
Cuyahoga Community College (Metro  
Campus)

Saturday June 23, 2001  
Saturday June 30, 2001  
Saturday July 7, 2001  
Saturday July 14, 2001  
Saturday July 21, 2001

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Orientation  
Cuyahoga Community College (Metro  
Campus)

Saturday June 16, 2001  
9:00 to Noon

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NASA Project Culminating Program  
NASA Glenn Research Center  
Saturday July 28, 2001

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### NASA Professional Development

NASA recognizes the importance of life-long learning through the many degree and non-degree programs that meet the continuing education and professional development needs of the workforce.

Today, NASA and GRC extend their educational mission through a number of continuing education and executive education programs.

This is your opportunity to meet, greet, and learn more about these exceptional programs. Come and meet, the Fellowship Program Managers, Past Participants and GRC Human Resources Panel.

Date: June 25, 2001  
Time: 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Ohio Aerospace Institute  
22800 Cedar Point Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44142

For more information contact:  
Jeannette Owens (216) 433-2990  
To apply for a fellowship or to gain some knowledge, visit, OD&TO WEB SITE at:  
<http://www.lerc.nasa.gov/www/ODT/devprog.htm>

## NTA MEETINGS

### April Meeting



(Frank Robinson, Kevin Carter, Shanton Bland at April meeting)

Kevin Carter was the guest speaker at the April 20, 2001 NTA meeting. Kevin spoke to the group about his time as Bureau Chief of the Cleveland – Ninth Street Project, which is an off-shoot of Rev. Jesse Jackson's Wall Street

Project. The Ninth Street Project purchased \$2,000 worth of stock in each of Cleveland's largest publicly traded corporations to promote inclusion, capital formation and economic literacy.

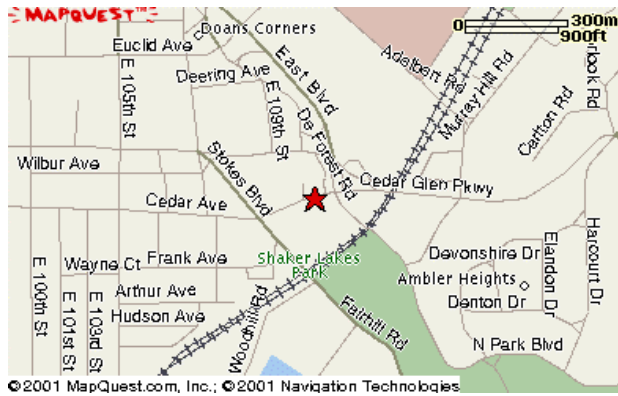
### **Mark Your Calendars for June Meeting!!**

This month we will have a special meeting which will be held at the headquarters of the Consortium of African American Organizations (CAAO). The CAAO Headquarters is housed at Enterprise Development, 11000 Cedar Ave (behind Vel's on the Circle, see map). So mark your calendars for Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7:30pm.

Connie Atkins, Executive Director for the Consortium of African American Organizations (CAAO), will be our Speaker/Host and can be reached at 216-795-1602.

Ms. Atkins will discuss the EDI business incubator, how to partner with other potential business owners, as also ways that NTA prospective entrepreneurs can use the facility to help get their business started. She will also discuss the goals and objectives of CAAO and future plans.

RSVP Frank Robinson ([Frank.Robinson@grc.nasa.gov](mailto:Frank.Robinson@grc.nasa.gov)) with your intentions to attend. Refreshments will be served.



## About NTA Meetings

The NTA -Cleveland Chapter meets on the second Friday of each month. Our monthly meetings are held at the Downtown YMCA, 2200 Prospect Avenue in the Executive Board room (Robinson Room).

In addition to our business itinerary, NTA-Cleveland has special topics and speakers attending this year's meetings. Some of our recent Guests and Topics include Dr. Darryl Tufuku (Development of the African American Child), Mr. Kevin Carter, Ms. Connie Atkins.

If you know of a speaker or topic that would be useful to our audience, please contact our secretary to make arrangements.

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## Membership Application

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Business Title

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Business Name

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Business Address

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Business Phone

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Home Phone

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Email

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### JOB DESCRIPTION

- Research/Development
- Production/Operations
- Design/Testing
- Marketing Sales
- Management/Administration
- Professor/Teacher

### ANNUAL DUES \$75

Corporate memberships available. Details sent upon request.

Please make checks payable to National Technical Association, Inc.

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Cleveland, OH 44101-3934

## About the NTA

### The NTA Mission

A minority voice for excellence in mathematics, science, engineering and technology. Our challenge is to ensure that minorities, women, and youth in particular, will be skilled enough in the sciences to be architects of the technology required today and in the future.

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## Newsletter Submissions

Articles for the newsletter may be submitted to members of the executive board. Articles need not be NTA related. They only need to contain information that may be of interest to our readers.

Newsletter editors

*Terri Rodgers*

*Carolyn Coles-Hamilton*