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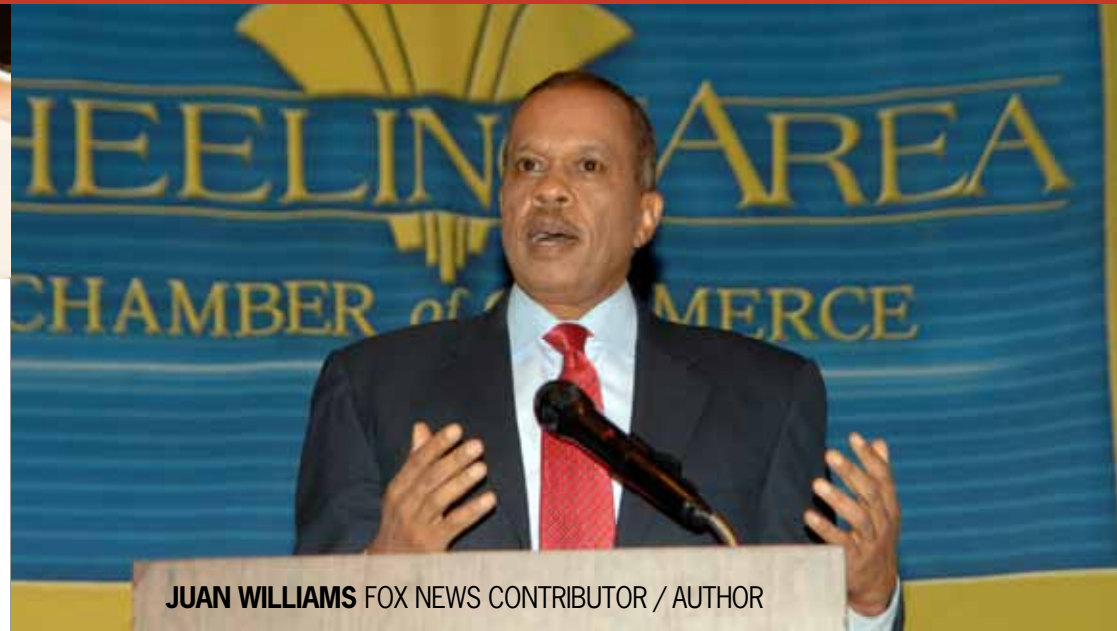
From The President's Desk

As we all look forward to summer, the Chamber has been working for several months on various FALL events. Bill Bryson, Chairman of the Perkins restaurant and Bakery Fantasy of Lights Parade Committee, has put together several new ideas and entry concepts for the 2011 event. I am certain they will be great additions.

Also, the Chamber will be working on a summer ending event in mid-August. Details to follow in a few weeks.

Over the next few months, the Chamber Board of Directors will be meeting with Wheeling City Council and the Ohio County Commission to address several areas of mutual concern. I will report on the specific plans and details in the coming weeks.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer. Be sure to attend some of the many activities at Heritage Port!



JUAN WILLIAMS FOX NEWS CONTRIBUTOR / AUTHOR

JUAN WILLIAMS AT THE CHAMBER DINNER

Juan Williams is one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. Most recently a senior correspondent for NPR, he is currently a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist for Fox News Sunday. In addition to prize-winning columns and editorial writing for The Washington Post, he has also authored six books.

With the release of his sixth book, *Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America and What We Can Do About It*, Williams has created a national furor and ignited debate everywhere with his point blank analysis of black leadership in this country. He combines a bold, perceptive, solution-based look at African American life, culture, and politics with an impassioned clarion call to do the right thing now and not lose sight of the true values of the Civil Rights Movement.

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His previous book, *My Soul Looks Back in Wonder*, presents stirring, eyewitness accounts of history-making movements for black, Hispanic, and women's rights, as well as other successes at creating a better America. Previous books include the nonfiction bestseller *Eyes on the Prize* and the critically acclaimed biography *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary*, which *The New York Times* selected as a notable book of the year. *Time* magazine described *American Revolutionary* as a "magisterial" work of American history, and the book was reissued in 2004 with a new epilogue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic *Board vs. Brown* decision. His other books include *I'll Find a Way or Make One*, *A History of Historically Black Colleges and Universities*, and *This Far By Faith*, a history of the black religious experience in America which was accompanied by a six-part PBS series.

As one of the nation's most influential journalists, Williams is in constant contact with American political leaders from the President to members of Congress and the Supreme Court. His understanding of American history and his inside access to Washington politics gives him a unique and informed voice as an analyst of current events. In 2000, NPR selected Williams to host their afternoon talk show, "Talk of The Nation," and in two years he brought the show's ratings to record heights. His daring perspectives on American politics, race, and culture are based on his historical understanding, political expertise, and knowledge of diversity. Prior to writing bestsellers, Williams was a political columnist and national correspondent for *The Washington Post*. Over the course of his 21-year career at *The Post* he served as an editorial writer, op-ed columnist, and White House correspondent. He won several journalism awards for his writing and investigative reporting. He also won an Emmy Award for TV documentary writing. He was given widespread, critical acclaim for a series of documentaries including *Politics: The New Black Power*. His documentary on A. Phillip Randolph was featured on PBS.

Because of Williams' expertise, the President's commission chose him as the keynote speaker at the start of the Smithsonian Museum's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown decision. Williams was also selected as the first speaker in 2003 for CSPAN's nationally televised series, *Students and Leaders*. Williams is renowned as an expert moderator. His even-handed views of American politics, diversity in the workplace, and changing American demographics have made him an ideal host for debates and seminars.

As a political analyst for Fox News, Williams is at the cutting edge of America's culture and politics.



Partner's in Education Luncheon

The Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Partners In Education Luncheon, on Friday April 8th at West Virginia Northern Community College's Education Building. The luncheon brought together local businesses and community schools to celebrate the working relationship during the past school year. The Chamber's Education Committee nominated the teachers for this award. Not only did each winner receive a gift certificate from the Teacher's Store and a recognition plaque, but they will also have the honor to serve as Grand Marshals in the 2011 Perkins Restaurant and Bakery Fantasy in Lights Parade.

Also honored at the Luncheon was Erika Allen, a senior at Wheeling Park, she received the \$1000 Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Williams Lea Scholarship. The Chamber will present a \$1000 check to West Virginia University in the fall, to help with expenses.



From Left to Right: Terry Sterling, Ann Coleman, Kenneth Sexton, Amy Dlesk, Mark Lindsay, Stacy Greer, and John Culler



Vocational/Technical Fair

The Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce held its 1st Annual Vocational/Technical Fair at Belmont Technical College. The fair brought in over 23 technical schools and 10 apprentices to meet and discuss opportunities with about 10 high schools from WV & OH.



Calendar of Events 2011

June 22 – Chamber Executive
Committee Meeting

June 23 – Business After Hours, UOVB&CTC

July 27 – Chamber Board Meeting

August 24 – Chamber Executive
Committee Meeting

September 12 – Chamber University Legal
Series # 3, WVNCC

September 15 – Business After Hours,
Ye Olde Alpha

September 28 – Chamber Board Meeting

October 3 – College Fair

October 13 – Bizfest, Wheeling Island Racetrack

October 26 – Chamber Executive
Committee Meeting

November 17 – Business After Hours, TJ's

November 18 – Fantasy In Lights Parade

November 23 – Chamber Board Meeting

December – Business After Hours, TBD

December 28 – Chamber Executive
Committee Meeting

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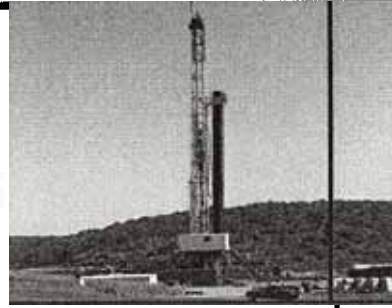
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