Jim McCuller is executive director. It was the largest annual dinner ABC has had in its fifteen years of existence. Mr. Tony Brown, a nationally known figure in the world of communications, was the guest speaker, who kept the audience spellbound with every word he spoke. His message covered many areas that needed to be said to Black Americans. He stressed the importance of economies which we need to deal with, the importance of self-esteem. He said that President Reagan spoke at the NAACP Convention and stated that Blacks should start doing for themselves and stop looking forward to government funded grants etc. He also said that we are not a minority because over two-thirds of the world is black. He said only people in their own locality can help in all fields of bettering their conditions by being involved and doing something about it themselves. ABC awarded many who had performed excellently on their jobs. One of the special awards went to Ms. Desrey Nunley, who started at ABC as a reception clerk and is now head of the personnel staff. She is to be highly congratulated because of her dedication and hard work over the years. Those who were unable to attend missed a treat. The Black Seeds performed in their usual outstanding manner. Mrs. Esthyer Manhertz is now a member of the ABC personnel staff, which shows the quality of personnel ABC seeks to improve its functions. We congratulate the committee for a job well done and look forward to another successful year of endeavors.

We are glad to report that Rochester did have one person interested in going to the NAACP Convention in Denver, Colorado this past month. Mr. Jim Detherage of New Castle Rd., attended the convention and found it very interesting. Mr. Detherage is the father of Kim, who I wrote about in the last issue, who will be writing for the Voice in the near future. Mrs. Detherage is a professor at Boston College, where Kim is now a senior. Rochester is fortunate to have such a fine family become members of our community. We welcome them to our city.

The closing of Madison was of deep concern to me because when I was a student, Madison was a Junior High School and there were about fifteen Black students. I did enjoy my three years there before going to West High School. In my last column I wrote about a Terry Moore Fund should be established for the benefit of little Terry Moore who lost his mother in the bank tragedy last month. The Security Trust Bank has set up a trust fund with ten thousand dollars. I do hope the churches of our community will donate to this worthy fund. Also that concerned people donate by giving something in the jars at various places for this fund.

Send a check to the Security Trust branch at 504 Thurston Rd. for the Terry Moore Fund.

At long last the City Council has decided to do something about the most blighted area on West Main Street, the area between King Street and Canal Street. That area has been plagued with prostitution and gambling, which makes it difficult to have a viable business in this area. I have had a building up there for over four years, but have not had funds to fix up the building. I am now moving my office to that location from the Powers Bldg. The address is: 442 West Main Street. I do hope the people who met with the City Council members will keep up the interest and moving to improve the face of this area so that we can be proud of it and not ashamed of how it looks.
The Urban League Has Openings

The Urban League of Rochester still has limited openings in its Older Worker Employment Program, a one-year project to secure permanent unsubsidized employment for persons 55 and over. In addition to the age qualification, applicants must have incomes which fall within CETA eligibility limits, and the physical capacity to work and participate in training activities. Modest compensation will be provided during the training phase.

Persons interested in participating in the program should call Betty Lou at 225-6238, extension 316.

The Older Worker Employment Program is being operated with a grant from the National Urban League, which is administering older worker programs in two U.S. cities. Coordinator of the Rochester program is Tina Anderson.

HUD Approves Grant For CCI

Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, Jr., today announced that an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) of $1.5 million has been approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help fund a $9 million expansion project by Computer Consoles, Inc., 97 Humboldt Street.

Computer Consoles, which has become the leading supplier of computerized directory assistance systems for domestic telephone companies since it was founded here in 1968, plans to add 77,000 square feet and more than 200 new jobs within three years.

The firm now leases 120,000 square feet and employs 450 persons at Humboldt Street. The UDAG funds will combine with $500,000 in company equity and $7 million in loans being provided by Lincoln First Bank and Continental Illinois of Chicago to allow the firm to purchase and renovate the 197,000 square foot Humboldt Street facility, which is located on a 5.4 acre parcel.

Property acquisition costs are estimated at $2 million, with the remaining $7 million underwriting the costs of renovating the structure and making site improvements.

The UDAG funds are granted to the City and then provided to the firm as a loan, which after repayment will be made available for other eligible economic development activities. The City will retain 450 existing jobs at Humboldt Street as well as gain at least 200 new jobs created by the expansion as a result of UDAG funding.

The firm was assisted in preparing its grant application to HUD by the City's Economic Development Administration staff.

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Committee Created to Study City’s Fiscal Problems

Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, Jr., today announced the membership of a committee consisting of four local public officials and four business leaders to review Rochester’s ongoing fiscal problems and recommend solutions. The creation of the committee was stipulated in state legislation which appropriated $55 million to help the City refund property taxes as required by a court ruling.

Under the terms of the legislation, the committee must submit its final report by February 1, 1982.

The committee created by the legislation includes the Mayor, the City Manager, the County Manager and the President of the Monroe County Legislature, three members of the Industrial Management Council (IMC) and two members of the Rochester area Chamber of Commerce, one of whom must be president of the Rochester Downtown Development Corporation (RDDC).

The business sector members announced today by Mayor Ryan are: representing the IMC, Richard Turner, Chairman of Schlegel Corporation and the IMC, Robert Sherman, Eastman Kodak senior vice president and IMC President Jack Hostutler; and representing the Chamber of Commerce, Angelo Costanza, President of Central Trust Company and the RDDC, and Chamber President Thomas Mooney.

Manhattan Sq. Concert Series

The “Dancing in the Park” concert series continues to present easy listening and dancing music on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Manhattan Square Park, until August 25, 1981. Senior Citizens are especially invited to attend.

The concert schedule for the month of August is:

August 4 — Nat King Cole Big Band
August 11 — Gene Harold Quartet
August 18 — Charlie Cameron Dixieland Band
August 25 — Harold Taush and the Royal Bavarians

These concerts are free to the public, sponsored by the City of Rochester and the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry.

For more information, contact Gail Hammett, Cultural Program Specialist, at 428-6693, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Handicapped Youth Dance Program

“A Summer’s Eve,” a dance program for developmentally disabled individuals 18 to 30 years old, was held on Tuesday, July 28, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Edgerton Recreation Center, Bless and Backus Streets. Recorded music, refreshments and dancing were offered.

There was no charge for this event, but attendance was limited to 150 people. This program is part of a series of activities especially designed for disabled individuals during the International Year of the Disabled.

This event was sponsored by the City’s Department of Recreation and Community Services.

The final two concerts in the Brown Square Concert Series will present the jazz group Cabo Frio on August 4 and the Dixieland music of the Charlie Cameron All Stars on August 17. Both concerts, free to the public, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Brown Square Park.

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Guidelines to Assist Youth Serving Agencies in NY Published

ALBANY, NEW YORK — Frank A. Hall, Director of the New York State Division for Youth, has announced publication guidelines to assist youth serving agencies throughout the State in applying for $13 million in Special Delinquency Prevention Program funds, for 1981-82.

The funds have been provided under joint initiatives of Governor Hugh L. Carey and the New York State Legislature, to support special programs for members of the youth population whose behavior has indicated that there is a high potential risk of their becoming involved in delinquent activity. Programs also are provided for communities where there are high concentrations of economically disadvantaged or unemployed youth or demonstrated rates of crime and delinquency that are disproportionately high.

Mr. Hall noted that continuation of the Special Delinquency Prevention Program, since its inception in 1979, not only attests to the effectiveness of the program but to the State’s commitment to providing alternatives for its troubled youth, as well.

“In the approximately three years since this program was initiated,” said Mr. Hall, “more than five hundred different projects have been initiated, to help trouble prone youth both in rural and urban areas around New York State.

“As our experience in this significant funding endeavor has grown,” said the DFY Director, “our administrative and evaluative machinery also has improved and become more effective.” This is reflected, he pointed out, not only in such basics as the detailed format of the guidelines to help funding applicants but even more importantly, in the high success rate recorded by those programs which have been funded.

“Continued evolution of the program,” said Mr. Hall, “has seen increased and effective involvement of county government structures. It is expected that they will play an even greater role in program review, monitoring, and administration, in 1981-82.”

The Division for Youth Director noted that the 1981-82 Special Delinquency Prevention Program funding process provides for two types of eligibility. The first (Type-A) is for private non-profit community-based organizations outside of New York City, with significant commitments to working with at-risk youth.

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Even after assisting thousands of people and hundreds of businesses, RJI is still probably better recognized for its programs than for itself. Programs like WOW (World-of-Work), OJT (On-the-Job-Training), and TOP (Teens on Patrol), which have helped make Greater Rochester an even greater place. And, RJI continues seeking ways to help lower the community's unemployment rate while helping to raise the productivity of local enterprises.

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the capacity to implement necessary programs, Mr. Hall explained, special exceptions may be made to the Type-A restriction. In that case, he said, consideration could be given to public youth serving agencies.

Type-B proposals are being sought from private non-profit organizations working with targeted youth in New York City. Applications for these will be accepted, the Director said, from individual organizations or consortiums. Regional or statewide organizations which are capable of improving youth service systems also are eligible to apply in this category. Deadline for initial concept papers, for new Type-B proposals is September 1. Type-A proposals must be submitted in accordance with deadlines established by County Youth Bureaus.

Mr. Hall pointed out that a number of concept papers already had been received from organizations which had learned of the funding opportunity through the offices of State legislators and local youth bureaus. Whatever the informational source, the most important factor to keep in mind is that the necessary information gets into the hands of the people most capable of responding with effective proposals," said Mr. Hall. "To date, the Special Delinquency Prevention Program has had a significant impact on thousands of New York State youngsters who might otherwise be lost to delinquency and crime. That’s the bottom line and that’s what we’re all working for.”

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