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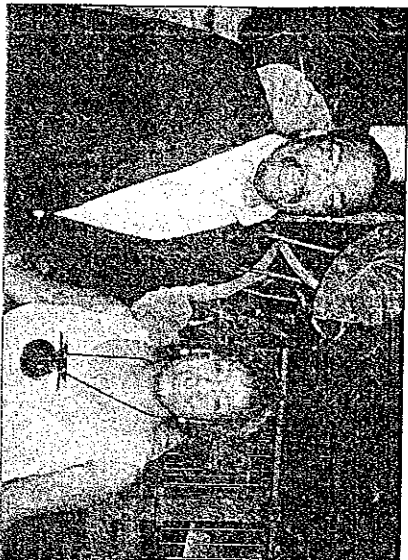
### THE CHAMBER AND CHIMULY

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IN THE MIX—From left: Roosevelt Dalton (Pittsburgh Business Times) with event sponsors Cynthia Cavallucci and Steve Marzullo (Prudential Financial).



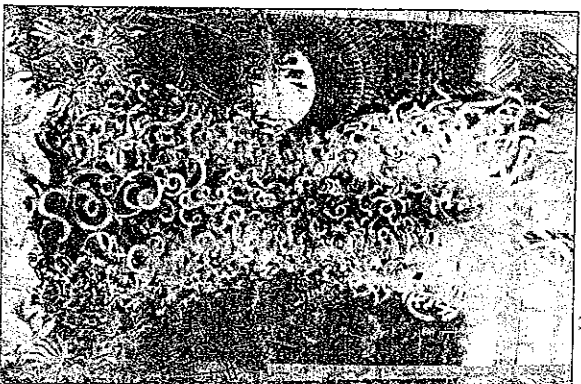
NET WORKING IS OUR THING—Bill Strickland (event sponsor) with Doris Carson Williams (AACCP president and CEO).

On a recent Thursday night more than 100 joined the members of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania at the Phipps Conservatory for a networking mixer. Doris Carson Williams, AACCP president and CEO, and Prudential Financial hosted the evening.

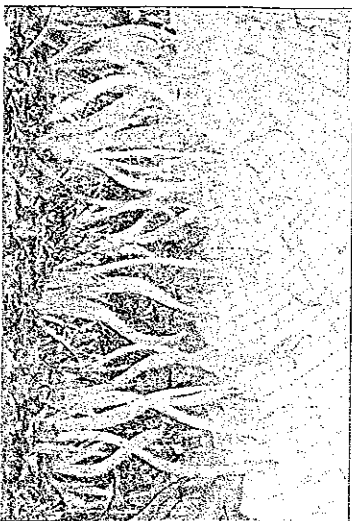
While chamber members and guests dined on carved turkey and nosed on pasta and vegetables, the Sounds of Steel from North Side Urban Pathways Charter School provided the soundtrack. Once the dining and networking were complete many took a self-guided tour of the magnificent Chimuly sculptures at the Phipps exhibit, "Gardens & Glass."

In the midst of the Phipps' lush gardens is a magical and monumental display featuring the works of Dale Chimuly, an artist famous for his vibrant, dynamic and colorful glass forms.

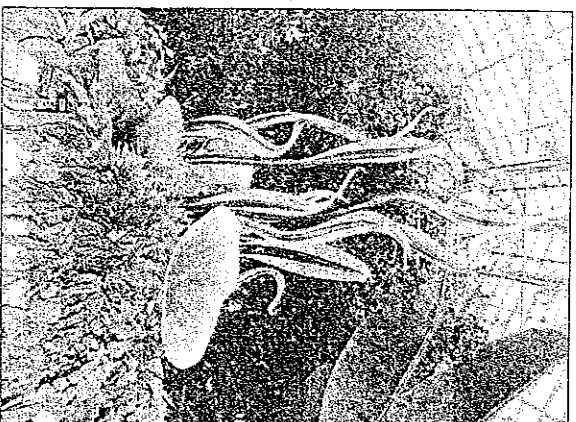
There are 20 major installations of glass, created from thousands of individual pieces. As you tour the conservatory's



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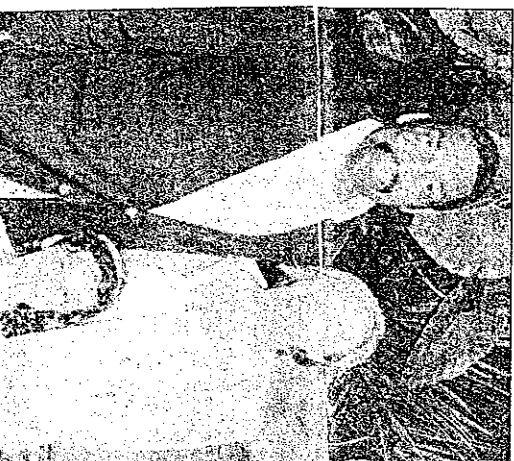
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many rooms, the glass seems to blend effortlessly with the lush green plants the Phipps is famous for.

As chamber guests toured from room to room, you could hear the "goats" and "sheep" as they looked at the various installations. Many said it seemed like the glass exhibits had been there all along.

"This evening was fabulous," said Williams. "It was the perfect mix of members and families enjoying an extraordinary exhibit that everyone should see."

The mission of the AACCP is to promote access and business opportunities for African-American business owners and professionals throughout the region.

Spotted at the Phipps: Bernice and Chauncey Smith, Cheryl and Charlene McBee, Esther Bush, Jennifer Cash, Wade Fulton Meachem and family, William and Gretchen General, with son William, Stephanie Ciprani with Dan, Joe Williams and Darryl Ford Williams, Oscar Worley with Althea, Robert Hill, Yao Kaplan and Jim Mercet.

See Gardens and Glass until Nov. 11.