

Greater Durham Black Chamber Honors Peggy Tapp, Isaac Green



Mrs. Peggy Tapp, center



Isaac Green, left.



Mrs. Peggy Tapp and son.



On Feb., the Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce hosted its Annual Black Business Gala as "we celebrate the outstanding and continuous history of black business achievement in Durham."

The Black Business Gala honored two deserving individuals that have made a significant improvement to the community as business leaders, Mrs. Peggy Johnson Tapp of the Chicken Hut and Isaac Green of Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC, as well as award three businesses that have been exemplary in the black business community.

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**Peggy Johnson Tapp
Owner/Operator, The Chicken Hut**

Mrs. Peggy Johnson Tapp has been involved in the restaurant business since 1957, the year she started her first job at the Chicken Box concession stand. Almost 60 years later, Mrs. Tapp remains committed to the business, having provided many years of leadership, hope, food service, community service, and love to the Durham community. A Durham native, Mrs. Tapp was born in Durham's West End community to Albert and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson. The oldest of 6 children (3 girls and 3 boys), Peggy attended Durham's Public Schools. She is a graduate of Hillside High School, where she served as Parliamentarian of her senior class and was crowned Miss Hillside.

After Hillside, Peggy enrolled at North Carolina College. Meanwhile, Clarence Tapp, Jr. and his sister Julia Tapp had opened the Chicken Box nearby. Peggy's involvement with the Chicken Box started shortly thereafter, working the Chicken Box concession stands at the Michaux drive-in theater on Highway 55. Peggy continued her work with The Chicken Box when the business opened on Pine Street in 1956. In 1960, the Chicken Box relocated to its present location at 3019 Fayetteville Street, changing the business name to The Chicken Hut.

The Chicken Hut has been a vital part of the Durham community, in large part because of Peggy's outstanding leadership and service. Her pride in the business extends beyond her service to her clients, but also in her collaborative works with many churches, schools, organizations, nonprofits, etc.

**Isaac Green
Founder/CEO, Piedmont Investment Advisors**

Isaac Green is the Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC. For more than 30 years, Isaac has provided solid investment management portfolio counsel including small, mid and large cap institutional products, quantitative research and securities analysis.

At Piedmont, Isaac oversees the strategic direction of the firm and serves as the chair of the Board of Managers. As Chief Investment Officer, he works closely with the Co-CIO of Fixed Income to develop and monitor the investment activity of the firm. He is also the Portfolio Manager for Piedmont's flagship Strategic Core large cap equity product. This product has outperformed the S&P 500 since its launch in Oct 2000.

Prior to founding Piedmont in 2000, Isaac was appointed as Executive Vice President of Loomis, Sayles' Value Equity Management Division, assuming management responsibility for 25 investment professionals, seven products and over \$10 billion in assets. During his tenure, he served as the Managing Partner at the Bloomfield office and managed Loomis' second largest profit center which grew from \$3.5-\$78 in assets under management under his leadership from 1995 until he left the firm in 2000.

Earlier, Isaac was a Senior Vice President and Director of Investments at NCM Capital Management, where he had management responsibility for all investment activities and investment staff. Prior to joining NCM as a Director of Research, he began his career as a Securities Analyst with NCNB National Bank.

Throughout the course of his investment career, Isaac has been a guest on television programs such as CNBC and Bloomberg Television, and most recently UNC-TV's North Carolina People. He has also been featured in several investment publications, including Institutional Investor, Pensions & Investments, Triangle Business Journal and Black Enterprise. In 2010, he was honored with the Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr. Award, an award given annually by the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP) to the financial services industry professional who best exemplifies entrepreneurial achievement, community service, and high moral standards.

A native of North Carolina, Isaac received his AB in Economics and History from Duke University, and his MBA in Finance and Business Economics from Columbia University. Additionally, he holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. Isaac has served as a board member for the UNC School of the Arts Board of Trustees (Finance and Endowment Committees), Durham Academy Board of Trustees (Finance and Diversity Committees), Uplift Project, Inc. Board of Directors (Building Committee) and Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church USA (Investment Committee).

