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**MEMBER PROFILE: Kirk Sykes, President, *Primary Group, Inc.***

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Kirk Sykes serves as president of Primary Group, Inc., an architecture and urban planning firm. Primary Corporation is a separate company engaged in real estate related activities such as development and development consulting.

Primary Corporation is a partner in the development of the \$130 million Crosstown Center Project on Massachusetts Avenue in Boston. Consisting of two phases, the first phase of the project, a 10-story, 175-room Hampton Inn & Suites hotel, 22,000 sq. ft. of restaurant and retail space and a 650-space parking garage is scheduled to open June 1, 2004. The second phase of the project will consist of a 282,000 sq. ft. office building, 33,000 sq. ft. of retail space and 600 additional parking spaces.

Kirk is the principal of the team designated to develop a 35 acre parcel of the Boston State Hospital site in Mattapan. Developer Lena New Boston intends to build 200 townhouses and 100 apartments as well as a variety of businesses. The development, Olmstead Green, will result in the creation of approximately 500 jobs.

Primary Group is currently engaged in the design of a new headquarters for Central Boston Elder Services. Central Boston Elder Services is a nonprofit corporation that enables local senior citizens to maintain their homes by providing short and long-term care. Their new headquarters will be located on Washington Street in Dudley Square.

In addition to his corporate commitments, Kirk serves on the Federal Reserve New England Advisory Board, WGBH Board of Overseers, and Dimock & YWCA Board of Visitors. He is also a director of Massachusetts Taxpayers' Foundation and Fleet Community Bank.

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### **BLACK & WHITE BOSTON ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON**

On Monday, May 10, 2004, Black and White Boston will hold its Annual Business Luncheon at Boston's JFK Library. Mayor Thomas Menino will serve as Honorary Chairman and State Treasurer Timothy Cahill will be the featured guest speaker.

The Program will highlight two unique initiatives:

**A Comprehensive Minority Business Study:** a first-of-its-kind examination of minority business in our area with recommendations for its future growth and development. The results of this study will provide much need information and guidelines that will affect the success of minority business here and in cities across America. The Boston Consulting Group and Babson College, in partnership with The Business Collaborative and the Burroughs Group, along with state, city and corporate support are conducting this groundbreaking study.

**One Lincoln Street:** the compelling story behind the development of Boston's newest skyscraper: the multiracial partnerships, the 15-year journey to completion and the unprecedented profit sharing with the community. This project is an outstanding example of what can and did happen when communities work together and when the commitment of business leadership extends beyond a personal bottom line.

The focus of this perennially sold-out event will be to present, both through video and commentary, Boston's black business community as the vibrant and increasingly successful sector of Boston's economy that it is and its growing impact on the economic growth of the city and beyond, now and in the future.

To RSVP or for further information regarding sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sharon Bohan at 617.247.9300 or [Sharon@bwboston.com](mailto:Sharon@bwboston.com). Your support enables Black & White Boston to continue to promote positive racial interaction in our community.

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### **“PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF COLOR: PATTERNS IN THE TAPESTRY OF DIFFERENCE”**

On Thursday, May 6, 2004 Working Mother Magazine and the Simmons School of Management will host “*Professional Women of Color: Patterns in the Tapestry of Difference*,” a New England Town Hall Meeting. The event will be held from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Simmons College, 300 the Fenway, Boston, MA.

This event will be a convocation of diverse professional women from the corporate, public policy, and academic sectors. Its purpose is to promote a deeper dialogue among women both within and across racial and ethnic groups in order to identify barriers and helpful strategies for working across differences for increased organizational excellence.

Presenters include Callie Crossley, Emmy Award-winning media commentator featured on “Beat the Pres” and former producer of ABC’s 20/20 News; Evangelina Holvino, Director and Senior Research Faculty, Center for Gender in Organizations, Simmons School of Management; Aida Sabo, Senior Operations Manager, Corporate Diversity, EMC Corporation; Gail Snowden, Executive Vice President, FleetBoston Financial; and Benaree P. Wiley, President and CEO, The Partnership, Inc.

For further information or to register, please visit [http://www.simmons.edu/som/email/cgo/working\\_mother.html](http://www.simmons.edu/som/email/cgo/working_mother.html).

## EVENTS

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Thursday through Sunday, April 22-25  
Social Venture Network Spring Conference  
Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY  
For further information, visit [www.svn.org](http://www.svn.org).

Tuesday through Wednesday, April 27-28  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Crossroads Venture Fair  
Omni Hotel at Yale, New Haven, CT  
For further information contact 203.256.5955 or visit [www.Crossroads-CVG.org](http://www.Crossroads-CVG.org).

Wednesday, April 28  
The Black-Jewish Economic RoundTable Spring 2004 Networking Breakfast  
Law Offices of Holland & Knight, Boston, MA  
For further information, contact 617.457.8700 or [boston@ajc.org](mailto:boston@ajc.org).

Wednesday, April 28  
Investors' Circle One Day Venture Fair: Investing in Underserved Markets  
Oakland City Hall, Oakland, CA  
For further information, contact 617.566.2600 or visit [www.investorscircle.net](http://www.investorscircle.net).

Wednesday, April 28  
African Presidential Dinner 2004  
Four Seasons Hotel, Boston, MA  
For further information, contact Julia Kenna at 617.353.5452 or [jkenna@bu.edu](mailto:jkenna@bu.edu).

Wednesday, April 28  
National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner  
New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York, NY  
For further information, contact Carmy Calve Events at 212.218.4080.

Thursday, May 6  
The Fireman Family, "Kitchen Table for Tea: A Celebration of Mothers of Inspiration"  
Hyatt Regency, Boston, MA  
For further information, contact Jennifer Sharkey at 617.423.0504 or [jsharkey@onefamilycampaign.org](mailto:jsharkey@onefamilycampaign.org).

Monday, May 10  
Black & White Boston Annual Business Luncheon  
Featured guest speaker: Timothy P. Cahill, Massachusetts State Treasurer  
John F. Kennedy Library, Boston, MA  
For further information, 617.247.9300 or visit [www.bwboston.com](http://www.bwboston.com).

Wednesday, May 12  
The National Conference for Community and Justice Celebration of Democracy & Justice  
World Trade Center, Boston, MA  
For further information, contact Denella Clark at 617.451.5010 x11 or [dclark@nccj.org](mailto:dclark@nccj.org).

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Wednesday, May 12

Discovering Justice & Citizens Schools 11<sup>th</sup> Evening of Mock Trials

John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, Boston, MA

To participate as a celebrity juror, contact Lauren Nash at 617.748.4125 or [lnash@discoveringjustice.org](mailto:lnash@discoveringjustice.org).

Wednesday through Sunday, May 12-16

Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference

Wyndham Anatole, Dallas, TX

For further information, visit [www.blackenterprise.com](http://www.blackenterprise.com).

Thursday, May 13

Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Dinner

Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA

For further information, visit [www.bostonchamber.com](http://www.bostonchamber.com).

Friday, May 14

The Commonwealth Institute's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast for Champions

Featured speaker: Ann Fudge, Chair and CEO, Young & Rubican, Inc.

Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA

For further information, contact 617.859.0080 or visit [www.commonwealthinstitute.org](http://www.commonwealthinstitute.org).

Thursday, May 20

Freedom House's Champions of Freedom Awards Gala

Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA

For further information, contact 617.445.3700 or visit [www.freedomhouse.com](http://www.freedomhouse.com).

Tuesday, May 25

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy "Party In the Park," the Justine Liff Fund Luncheon

Under tents in Back Bay Fens, Boston, MA

For further information, contact 617.232.5374 or visit [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org).

Thursday, May 27

National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)

Youth Business Plan Competition (3:00-5:30pm)

Amphitheatre, World Trade Center, Boston, MA

Entrepreneurial Spirit Celebration & Expo (6:00-9:00pm)

Plaza Ballroom, Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA

For further information, contact Carol at 781.925.3459 or [carolevents@msn.com](mailto:carolevents@msn.com).

Friday, June 4

YWCA Women's Leadership Event, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Academy of Women Achievers

Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA

For further information, contact 617.585.5503 or [jsilverman@ywcaboston.org](mailto:jsilverman@ywcaboston.org).

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Tuesday through Thursday, June 8-10

EDA 2004 National Economic Development Conference, *“The Innovation Imperative: Translating Ideas into Regional Prosperity”*

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

For further information, visit [www.edanationalconference.com](http://www.edanationalconference.com).

Wednesday, June 9

Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly Celebration 2004, “All That Jazz”

Regis College Fine Arts Center, Weston, MA

Saturday, June 12

The Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run for ALS

5 Mile Run and 2.5 Mile Walk

Veteran’s Memorial Stadium, Quincy, MA

For further information, contact Richard at 781.383.6008 or [tytaylin@aol.com](mailto:tytaylin@aol.com).

Saturday, July 24

The Partnership, Inc. Annual Summer Conference

John F. Kennedy Library, Boston, MA

For further information, visit [www.thepartnership.org](http://www.thepartnership.org).

Saturday through Sunday, September 18-19

Green Festival

Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

For further information, visit [www.greenfestivals.com](http://www.greenfestivals.com).