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Femme Continentals, Inc. and their 'spring thing'

By Marie P. Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

An organization doing fine things in the community is Femme Continentals. The group isn't new to the area — next year members will mark their 25th year.

It was only a couple of weeks ago when 300 partygoers and members did their 'spring thing' at Le Fontaine Bleu. And, townsfolk weren't the only ones there. Seen during the evening were members of the D.C. chapter and their friends, too.

Pink was the setting and the women carried out the theme in their dress, candies and tablecloths.

As mentioned, Femme Continentals works in this town. Provident Hospital and the Anna Mae Hunter Foundation are just two of the organzation's pet charities. Proceeds from this past fund-raiser will go to the Kidney Foundation in memory of Mrs. Geneva Bell, a member of the group who died in 1972.

Heading the Baltimore chapter is Mrs. Cornelia Lowe. Other officers are: Mrs. Alverta Stewart, vice president; Miss Doris Johnson, recording secretary; Mrs. Zelma Parker, financial secretary; Mrs. Susie Graham, treasurer, and Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, business manager.

Members include: Mrs. Agatha P[illegible]on, Mrs. Ada Armstrong, Mrs. Edna Weldon and Mrs. Beatrice Carter.

Surprise Birthday

Mrs. Helena Thom was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party given recently by her brother, Christian Kolom at his Ruscomb Lane home.

The honoree didn't have the slightest inkling that so many of her friends and relatives would be there. Several came from other points. Among them were:

Hilton Thom, Lennon Thom, Lloyd Bedeau, Patrick Redman, Michael Davis and Mrs. Esla Stewart, all of New York.

Miss Shirley Ford, Magolia Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Collins and Robert Baylor, Washington, D.C.;

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Upshur Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grant, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. Garnetta Watkins, Mrs. Gloria Dowell, Mrs. Agnes Davis, Baltimore;

Mrs. Joyce Russell, Mrs. Katherine Jackson, Mrs. Barbara Berry, Mrs. Dorothy Young, Miss Audrey Holley, Lorenzo Evans, Richard Lee, Mrs. JoAnna Phillips, Mrs. Johnnie Reddick, and Eddie Lock, Baltimore.

Still Another Party

It wasn't long ago when the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees, Local 202 held Steelworkers Hall.

Miss Alliance Contest at the Steelworkers Hall.

Folks say the music was lively and guests had a good time.

There from the national office was the president, Robert L. White, and his aide, John W. White.

From the Philadelphia Mutual Branch in attendance was the district president, Walter Hinton and local president, Logan Carter. Also, general service administration officials, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lburd and Mr. and Mrs. William Harris.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of Miss Alliance '74.

Miss Delmus Simmons was crowned queen, Barbara Terry, second runner-up; Carlene Hall third; Agnes Parham fourth; Faye Bridgeforth fifth place; Margaret Kimble sixth; Evelyn Braxton seventh; Mary Harris, eighth; Marjorie Lewis ninth and Jenifer Jones tenth.

Shown here are the presidents of the two chapters of Femme Continentals, Inc. From left: Viola Roscoe of Washington, D.C. and Connie Lowe, Baltimore.

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

The U.S. Office of Equal Educational Opportunity Deputy Commission for School Systems with the U.S. Office of Education in Washington, has an annual award ceremony each year for an outsanding employee. This award ceremony took place recently in the NASA auditorium in D.C.

Receiving the '74 service award was a Columbia resident, Mrs. Suzanne D. Price. The citation was for exceptional dedication and productivity in implementing federal desegregation assistance programs and in developing new management concepts which benefit the entire Office of Education.

The charming Mrs. Price is the director of the Division of Program Development.

According to Mrs. Lois E. Hartman, director, Personnel and Training Division, Mrs. Price has consistently performed at extraordinarily high levels of quality and productivity. There are times when Ms. Price almost works single-handed. She has made a major contribution to the management of the school desegregation program, and OE discretionary grant program in general.

As Director of Program Development, Mrs. Price has been responsible for the formulation of program plans and management systems for a $270 million discretionary grant activity. The lovely lady is concerned with all aspects of designing, implementing, and monitoring new OE initiatives in the area of program development for federal desegregation assistance. Her duties can be categorized into two interrelated fields of concern: program design and management systems.

Ms. Price's responsibilities in the field of program design include identifying specific needs, setting objectives for overcoming needs, and formulating detailed strategies for achieving objectives.

In the field of management systems, Mrs. Price's responsibilities deal primarily with the development of administrative procedures and training materials to ensure that established policies are effectively pursued by both the OEEO staff in Washington and the 10 regional offices.

Mrs. Price has developed a highly complex administrative system embracing all aspects of the program both in Washington and in the ten regional offices.

It can most certainly be accurately claimed, then, that this charming and diligent lady has performed an invaluable service not only for the school desegregation program, but certainly for the entire Office of Education.

In acknowledgement of this conluable service not only for the school desegegation program, but certainly for the entire Office of Education.

In acknowledgement of this contribution, she received a substantial cash award and merits further recognition through the recommended superior service award.

Mrs. Price is a native of Baltimore, received her degrees from Howard University where she was employed for several years before accepting her present position. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Mrs. Price has been on her present job over 27 years and says after retirement, she plans to take it very easy and perhaps teach at a local two-year college part-time. She is the wife of Charles Price.

Mrs. Suzanne D. Price, director, Division of Program Development, Office of Equal Educational Opportunity, is pictured receiving a service award from Dr. Herman R. Goldberg, left, associate commissioner for Equal Educational Opportunity and Dr. R. Ottina, U.S. Commissioner of Education.

New Women-New Directions '74 will be the theme of Flair Studio's fashion show-luncheon to be held on June 2 at the Baltimore Sheraton Inn. Students who will receive certificates from the charm-finishing schools are from left front: Denise Brunson, Leslie Young and Ave Mania Byrd. Second row: Sheila Brown, Amelia Tylor, Balinda Peach, Sheila Carr, Shawan Patterson and Ernestine Jennings. Standing: Cheryl Branch, Leatrics Jones, Renee Henderson, Deldre Patterson, Ernestine Bynum, Laurietta Barr, Tablyn Watson, Charlene Lee, Vanessa McCoy and Candice Gibson.

MICHELLE WRITES

Local club notes

By Michele L. McRae
AFRO staff writer

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. — The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter will host an informal reception for secondary school honor students, June 2, 1:30 p.m.4 p.m.

The reception will be held in the library of Western High School. Ms. Maria Broom, head of the Public Defender Unit of WJZ-TV will be the guest speaker.

The scholars are students in the Baltimore City Public Schools. This is the third Honors Day sponsored by the sorority.

Soror Ernestine Jolivet is chairing the event. Members of the Honor's Day Committee are: Sorors Annette Hall, Emma Sembly, Martha Bradford, Sousonia Jefferson, Delores Jessup, Sue Miles, Marsha Moore, [illegible]jola Priest, Miriam Winborne, Jerri Steward, Mattie Galloway, Eshe Williams, Sylvia Wooden Muriel McDonald, and Grace White.

Concern for Children of Maryland — Members of the group are planning fund-raising activities to send underprivileged children of Maryland to summer camps.

The group theme for the year is "Chip-In for a Child." A showcase of talent will be sponsored by the group in the Poly-Western auditorium, May 31 and June 1 at 8 p.m.

Diector of the group is Mrs. Ann McAllister; Joseph Johnson is secretary; Esther Torris, publicity chairman; Singleston McAllister, treasurer; Gwendolyn Tister, bookkeeper; Louis Pinkney, television advisor; Mary Hall, Dept. Social Services advisor and Ann West, Annapolis advisor.

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IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. — The Kappa Chapter recently met for its monthly meeting at the Madison Aye. YWCA and made final plans for Saturday, Founders' Day on June 1.

Members will dine at the Sheraton-Baltimore Inn, in celebration of the 34th anniversary of Kappa Chapter. Five sorors will be honored for 25 years of dedicated and meritorious service to the chapter. They are sorors Mary E. Crump, Hazel E. Hyman, Isabel H. MConnell, Fannie B. Poulson and Mable C. Waters.

Nationally, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority was organized 45 years ago by Lola Mercedes Parker, in Chicago to unite in a sisterhood qualified women in related fields of business for the promotion of business education among high school and college girls through planned programs and scholarships; and to encourage development of personalities for all areas of leadership and further intellectual development of its members through higher education.

Locally, Kappa chapter makes two awards to high school students and two awards to students attending Lester W. Peters Business School. Members continue with additional awards to recipients who are attending college when they maintain good performance and request need for aid.

Miss Leslie Grice, student of Douglass High School, will receive this year's award and will also be a candidate in the National Iota Scholarship Contest. Miss Griffin will be vying for $15,000 scholarship.

Soror Sylvia Cooke Martin, dean of pledges, recently invited the chapter

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When the Baltimore Chapter of Silhouettes (Kappas Wives) got together a couple of weeks back for their spring-formal (L'Affaire African), townsfolk came dressed for the occasion. Here are just a few of the guests seen that night: From left: James Johnson and Melvin; center, Ms. Betty Davis, and at right, Donald Matthews and Mrs. Iris Jones. Mrs. Elva Edwards is president of the local chapter.

(AFRO Staff Photo by Benjamin Murphy Phillips IV)

Mayor's Ball II

The Mayor's Ball II to be held on June 22 at the Maryland Jockey Club, Pimlico Race Course, is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Those interested in ticket information are asked to call 338-0611, or to write to Mayor's Ball II, Baltimore Arts Tower, 318 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

For the Ball, the clubhouse will be decorated in the spirit of the Jazz Age, with a "Great Gatsby" feeling as the principal theme. A spectacular light show, visible from the clubhouse, will be set up in the racetrack infield.

There will be dancing on all three levels of the Jockey Club, with four orchestras playing: Gene Walker, Buddy Voelker, the Majestics and The Buster Brown Orchestra.

An elaborate buffet supper will be served throughout the evening, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. At midnight, the lights will be dimmed, as flaming crepe suzette are served by the Bull chefs. Champagne will be served all evening without charge; there will also be several cash bars.

Prior to the Ball, at 8:30 p.m. the Buster Brown Orchestra will play outside the clubhouse. As guests arrive, they will be greeted by hostesses serving champagne.

An art auction, which will include works of about 125 prominent local artists, sculptors and craftsmen, as well as the professional services of various performing artist and arts personalities, will be held during the Ball.

Proceeds from Mayor's Ball II will be used largely for FAN (Funds For Arts In Neighborhoods), a program designed to stimulate community involvement and participation in the arts. A number of neighborhood arts projects have been funded as a result of last year's Ball.

Mrs. David F. Albright is chairperson for Mayor's Ball II. Committee chairpersons and co-chairpersons include: Richard L. Michereinski and Tom L. Freudenheim, Art Auction; Jim David and Larry Shugarman, Community Involvement; Glenn Wilson, Creatinve Writing and Entertainment; Merrill Lee, decorations; Mrs. Charles Moylan, food; David Lausch and Robert Olsen, graphics; and Mrs. John Weidemuller and Mrs. Hugh McCormick, hostesses.

Other chairpersons and co-chairpersons for the Ball are: Mesdames, Leroy Applefeld and Leonard Jed, invitations; Lyn Hebden, Miss Stephanie Sodaro and Dr. Donald Reiter, music; Warren Seipp and Hugh Hicks, patrons; Howard Head, John Copanos, Joseph Sherbow and Bradford McE. Jacobs, Pre-Ball parties; Robert Urch and Maurice Friedlander, program; Miss Francia Feiken and Thomas Massey J., publicity; Thomas Jewell, service. Harold White, special assignments; and Marie Henderson, tickets.

Fashionettes

Remember ankle strap platform shoes with medium to high heels? Word is they're back in style. Along with silky shirt-dresses.

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Wedged heels and moccasin styles are popular sports shoe styles this season for women.

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Would you believe cheesecloth tops for jeans? Plain or hand-embroidered by the wearer, says one fashion source.

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Light-colored clothes provide better visibility at night than dark ones. If you insist on dressing children in dark colors for fall and winter, consider reflective fabric trim that can be sewed on to outerwear. It is highly visible in auto headlights at night.

Local club notes

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to attend a Rush Party at her home in Columbia. This is a party for persons wishing to become members of Iota.

The following members were present: Sorors Blanche Pettiford, president; Isabel H. McConnell, Doris Browning, Florence P. James, Evelyn Faulk, Catherine Blackmon, Evelyne D. Wilsky, Mary B. Ames, Mary L. Ervin, Aliceteen Magnum.

Also Sorors Mildred A. Ayers, Mildred G. Noel, Yovonda H. Brooks Helen Weatherford, Ethel Poindexter, Marion A. Ransom, Gladys Bell, Fannie B. Poulson, Lillie M. Johnson, Bertha Green.

And Sorors Geraldine Hooper, Phoebe C. Webster, Forence Williams, Christine Frazier, Delores Davenport, Sylvia Cooke Martin, Eloise E. Johnson and Vivian W. Young.

Recently Miss Alicia Maggie Dennis, the daughter of Mrs. Grace Dennis, was crowned "Miss Iota 1974 at the Annual luncehon of the Kappa Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority at the Sheraton Inn.

Miss Dennis is a 7th grade student at Greenspring Junior High School. She is member of Concord Baptist Church and is affiliated with the Youth Choir and Usher Board. Her hobbies are reading and bowling.

Her sister, Miss Angela Dennis was the 1971 "Miss Iota." She will graduate this year from Walbrook Senior High School and will enter the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in the fall.

She and her sister, Alicia were both sponsored by Soror Ethel Poindexter.

When does your club meet? Let this column know about your programs and meetings. Send news releases to: Michele L. McRae, c/o Club Notes, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

JUNE 21

City College and Eastern High School classes of 1969 Reunion: National Maritime Union Hall, 8 N. Broadway, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Reports available

Six new reports on women workers, by state based on 1970 Census data, are also available from the Women's Bureau. The latest reports, which bring the total issue to 40, are for Indiana, Maine, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, and Utah.

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"Marital and Family Characteristics of the Labor Force in March 1973" is a special labor force report in the April issue of Monthly Labor Review. The study shows continued increase in the labor force participation rates of married women with young children and a continued decline in the rates for married men. The article explores the trends of husbands' and wives' labor force participation, as well as labor force activity of women heads of households and single persons. Data by race and by family income are also presented.

Single copies of the Monthly Labor Review are available at $1.40 each from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Afro-Deslac Productions

Nu Xi Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Chi Pi Omega Sorority, a Greek-letter beauticians organization, will present an evening of education and entertainment to raise funds for the Afro-Deslac Productions of Baltimore and Brooklyn, N.Y., who primary function is to produce culturally researched fashion shows with music and dance.

The affair will be held at the Emmanuel Center, 1210 W. Lanvale St. on Sunday, June 2, 2 p.m. The afternoon will include the show and luncheon.

Mrs. Claudine "Deen" Kinard Brown, president, a 1967 graduate of Douglass High School and a graduate of Pratt Institute, School of Fashions, of Brooklyn, saw the need to get blacks with potential in the fashion and cultural art world to exhibit their talents.

Mrs. Brown was responsible for the writing and submitting of a proposal in the summer of 1970 which enabled Pratt to have a Tutorial Progam for young high school students with low averages, but possesed great talents in the fashion and art fields. This program is now a regular part of Pratt's curriculum with students working toward a college degree.

This show will include many designs from Baltimore and Nwe York, original hats, jewelry, paintings, floral designs and African dances, and a make-up artist. The Afro-Deslac Production not only coordinate fashion shows, but weddings, banquets, dinner parties, dances and especially children's parties.

Mrs. Benice E. Thompson, administrative assistant of the Ralph Young Junior High School, is the Baltimore coordinator. Mrs. Gladys Burte and Mrs. Willa Mae Baily, co-chairmen.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS — Richard H. Hall and Miss Patrice A. Hall have been presented $1,000 college scholarship each by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company through the National Achievement Scholarship program. Richard is a recent graduate of Baltimore City College and Miss Hall, a graduate of Western High School.

Army concert

June 5

The 229th Army Band, of the Maryland Army National Guard, will perform in concert at Hopkins Plaza on Wednesday, June 5 at 12 noon.

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Woodlawn highlights

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education has made available for the 1974-75 academic year a Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Award.

The federally funded grant program is a source of financial aid available to students to help defray the costs of post-high school educational institutions. The grant program also permits the student in some instances to receive additional aid from other sources in order to meet the full costs of education.

Since the students financial needs are approved on the basis of a formula developed by the Office of Education and reviewed by Congress, the BEOG Award does not have to be repaid.

Another unique feature of the program is that eligibility is determined on the basis of financial needs rather than scholastic abilities. Interested students who began their post-high school education after April 1, 1973 should contact their school financial aid office or guidance counselor for additional information.

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Mrs. Elzuma Tilford, claims investigation clerk retired early this month. She had been employed 33 years at the Social Security Headquarters building.

At this writing, Mrs. Tilford has not made any definite plans for the future except to become more active in church work after a few months of quiet relaxation.

She is a member of Union Baptist Church.

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The Social Security Chorus will present its annual spring concert on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of the Incarnation, St. Paul at University Pkwy.

The Small North Choir and the full chorus will share the program. The public is cordially invited to attend the concert that will feature anthems, spirituals and show tunes.

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Last Friday evening, SSA's the Rev. Mr. J. Marion Bradley, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, delivered the closing sermon for the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

The week-long convention was held at New Shiloh Baptist Church and attracted more than two thousand Baptists representing over one hundred churches in the state of Maryland.

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