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Big Boys added another plus in black history, achievement

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

Hardly a day passes that at least one person does not ask me if I like my job. (Many say they wouldn't trade jobs with me for anything.)

My reply is yes, with a capital Y — I like my job.

That's why, I guess, I spent part of my only day off, Sunday, in East Baltimore with the Big Boys, Inc. and their guests at the Central Social Hall East.

The occasion was the group's first annual appreciation banquet, a three and one-half hour gathering, which cited individuals and organizations for jobs well done. The couple of hundred supporters were there to witness the presentations while sharing in the merriment.

STANLEY SANTOS

Stanley Santos, Big Boys president, businessman and community worker said it took a lot of work getting the "thing" (affair) together. Well, he certainly reaped what he had sewn — the banquet added another plus in black history and achievement.

Big Boys was organized in 1965 when five childhood pals realized they had grown up. No longer were they little boys. So the five-some, Leon Thompson, Elmer Matthews, Mike Johnson, Richard Burley and Brother Williams decided to form a social club which would also work within the community.

Today, some 10 years later, the group has had some 3,000 financial members. Twenty-three members make up the executive body of the club.

Now back to the affair. The T and T Baltimore Steel Orchestra, under the direction of Palsey Graham and Richard H. Semper set the pace with their Caribbean-style music. Their music is the kind you can either dance to or just sit back and "dig."

A buffet dinner was served, followed by dancing and some more socializing. The formal part of the program began when Mary Ross took her place at the podium.

Following the invocation by Lee Douglas, Jr., welcoming address by Richard Scott and the history of the club, plaques and citations were presented.

The recipients were:

Big Boy of the Year: Richard and Ronald Donaldson; Man of the Year: Walter Jenkins; Outstanding Support in the Social Area, Leadership and support in the Community: The Late-Comers Social Club;

Honest value Award; Harris Grocery Store (600 Abbotton St.); Individual support and service: Lee Douglas, Jr.; Outstanding Support: American Legion No. 283; Big Boys Ebony Woman Award: Deanna Foster (president of Ebony Ladies, the auxiliary of Big Boys);

Special Awards: Pernell Fair, Clarence Tunstal, Richard Scott, Sanford Winder, Kelly Ruffin, James Matthews and Elmer Matthews, the Father of the club.

Mr. Santos is president of Big Boys, Inc. Other officers and mambers are Richard Scott, vice-president; Sanford Winder, secretary; William Jacobs, corresponding secretary; Furnell Fair, financial secretary; Elmer Matthews, secretary;

James Matthews, business manager, Bernard Mills, sergeant-at-arms; Denver Mills, chaplain; William Dean, David Holman Bernard Brooks, Isaac Brown, Lee White; William Jacobs, Charles Dickerson, Jr., Raymond Watts, Kelly Ruffin, Robert Goode, Thomas Hurtt, Robert McFarland, John Moore, John Saunders, Reuben McClain, Walter Harris, Joe Smithers.

The group meets twice a month at its 1661 Abbotson St. Clubhouse. Membership is open.

Members of the auxiliary, Big Boys Ebony Ladies are:

Deanna Foster, president; Faye Burden, vice-president; Carolyn Hill, secretary; Carolyn Wallace, financial secretary, Brenda Dudley, business manager, Shirley Parker, treasurer, and Elaine Grant, sergeant-at-arms.

Cotillion is soonn

The Tri Elks Association of Md., Del. and District of Columbia will hold its annual debutante ball on March 22 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

This year some 22 young women will be presented beginning at 9:30 p.m.

The debutantes, their parents and sponsors of the organization gathered at the hotel this past Sunday where they were entertained at a tea. Greetings were by state president Amy Warden, Ethel T. Harris and Nikki Randolph.

This year's debs are:

Sharon Marie Anderson, Catonsville; Vera C. Whye, Sparks, Md.; Germaine M. Belton, Washington, D.C.; Beverly K. Branch, Baltimore;

Gwendolyn Chestnut, Baltimore; Denise G. Christopher, Baltimore; Yvonne Del Carla, Edwards, Cambridge; Bernatte Holt Height, Cambridge;

Twana R. Hooper, Washington, D.C.; Romona L. Hudson, Salisbury; Babetta Lorrie Johnson, Chestertown, Md.;

Marie L. Junior, Seat Pleasant; Annette W. Knight, Baltimore; Darlene Leslie, Baltimore;

Cassandra F. Ledwell, Davidstown; Denise D. McCleary, Baltimore; Mary Y. Platt, Baltimore; Yvonne J. Radcliff, Catonsville;

Lynn C. Roberts, Worton, Md.; Michelle D. Savage, Washington; Lynn K Talbot; Catonsville; Teressa Woodford, Cambridge.

The Late-Comers Social and Charity Club were among the recipients of the Big Boys, Inc. awards. Pictured from L to R: Lenore Venable, president; Patricia Pierce, sergeant-at-arms; Rachel Dodd, vice president; Lillian Christian, recording secretary; Clara Barksdale, treasurer; Bernce Collier, business manager, and Shirley Robinson, secretary.

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie R. Green
AFRO Columnist

Thd telephone rang late Sunday evening and the pleasant voice of a dear friend, Mrs. Mildred Ranson, wife of the Rev. Shirley Ranson was inviting me to attend the annual Friends Day celebration at Galilee Baptist Church on March 9.

Her enthusiasm was so great as she vividly described their candlelight service that I soon found myself leaving the telephone to circle the date on the calender. It sounds like a must for everyone who loves a beautiful afternoon service.

As an added treat Galilee's 75 voice choir consisting of singers from all age groups will be rendering the music that has made them one of the cities finest choirs.

In addition to being an excellent pianist and organist, Galilee's First Lady works for the Social Security Administration.

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It was a privilege for this writer to be SSA's Tour Escort on duty Monday morning when Yaw Ofori and Joseph Kwane Otu-Anobah arrived at central headquarters from Washington D.C.

The distinguished International Government officials are both with the Social Security and National Insurance Trust of Ghana. They will be residing in

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(Reflections photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

Easter
MARCH 30TH
The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN on Friday, March 28th will help you pay tribute to the memory of your loved ones with a special "Easter In Memoriam Page". With this thought in mind, we are taking this opportunity to suggest the publication of an In Memoriam.
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More local club notes

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter held its 23rd annual semnar recently. Pictured from L to R: Lorraine Strange, chairperson of Teach-A-Rama; Katherine McEachern, Eastern Regional Directress of the sorority; Lucille Johnson, basileus, Gamma Chapter. See: More Local Club Notes for details of the event.

Phi Delta Kappa

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter held its 23rd annual seminar on Feb. 8 at the Jenkins Building at Morgan State College. The seminar was an educational service sponsored by the sorority for prospective teachers who are now Morgan students.

This year, students heard Dale Robinson, inquiry specialist and educational investigator for the National Educational Association, give the keynote speech.

He covered these subjects: Zero Population Growth, the Involvement of the Community in Schools and Economics and the Politics of Education. These topics were related to the sorority's theme: Strengthening a Sorority in Conflict Through Relevant Education. Dale Robinson also attended many of the group sessions giving some 200 studnts pertinent information on today's education.

Some 15 consultants, all former Baltimore educators, volunteered their expertise in planning, scheduling and curriculum. Elementary consultants were: Mrs. Jennie Bennett, Mrs. Hattie M. Seward and Mrs. Joan Stevenson. In addition to these persons, two sorors, Mrs. Mildred Barkley and Mrs. Ardena Dixon were consultants.

Educators acting as consultants for students on the secondary level were: Art, William Jessup; Business Education, Gwendolyn Hall; English, Beatrice Myers; Health and Physical Education, John Crooms; Home Economics, Edwin Mann Burke and Sandra Hayes; Mathematics, Barbara G. Weaver; Music, Donald Hix; Physical Education, Harry Bruce and Science and Social Studies, Louise Jackson.

Lorine Strange was the chairperson; Lucille Johnson is basileus of Gamma. Charles A. Talbert is the director of laboratory and field experiences.

Lampados Club

The Lampados Club of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Mu Rho Chapter of Annapolis) is currently conducting a donation drive to aid Crownsville State Hospital. The group has pledged clothing to the residents on a continuing basis.

The club, which is service-oriented, gave baskets of food to needy residents in Annapolis during the holidays.

Goucher Women's Center

The Goucher College Women's Center has planned an afternoon program on Sat., March 8 in celebration of International Women's Day.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. with a talk by Dean Jacquelyn A. Mattfeld of Brown University. After a reception a concert by the Women's Center Chorus will begin about 4:30 p.m. The program will be held in Hafner Memorial Chapel and is open to the public without charge.

Dr. Mattfeld is dean of faculty and academic affairs at Brown and professor of music. She also has been a member of the faculties of Sarah Lawrence College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harvard University. Her topic March 8 will be centered on International Women's Day. This fall Dr. Mattfeld, a Goucher graduate, took part in the events surrounding the inauguration of Dr. Rhoda M. Dorsey as president of Goucher.

Business League of Baltimore

At the Jan. meeting of the Business League of Baltimore, the officers for 1975 were installed. The selected officers are: Dr. Cleveland Chandler, president; Acknell M. Mulgrew II, first vice president; Frederick Nunley, second vice president; Lester D. Parker, treasurer; Theresa Carter, executive secretary; George King, recording secretary; and Bernard Lacewell, sergeant-at-arms.

The Board of Directors will be led by George Carroll, chairman; Daniel Spaulding and Leonard Blackshear, vice chairmen. The Business League is an association of minority business persons concerned with economic and community development in the Greater Baltimore Area.

The keynote speaker for the meeting was Gloria Luster, purchasing agent for the City of Baltimore.

Contractors Association

The Maryland Association of Contractors held its installation of officers on Jan. 16. Following dinner, members and their guests assembled in the meeting room of Andy's Key Club, where new officers were sworn in.

They are: Willie H. Scott, president; Howard Griswald, vice president; Peter Cullotta, treasurer; Donna Griswald, secretary, The Hon. John Douglass, Delegate to the Md. General Assembly conducted the ceremony.

The meeting was further highlighted by the presence of special guests who spoke on the functions of their prospective agencies.

They were: Shirley Harrison, Community Enterprise Development Assoc., Inc.; John Burley, Director of EEO (Department of Housing and Community Development); Gene Pasieka, National Federation of Independent Business, Inc.; Mr. Hobbs, Federal Housing Administration and Mr. John Douglass.

The Maryland Association of Contractors held its installation of officers recently. Pictured here from L to R: John Burley, director of EOO, Department of Housing and Community Development, special guest; Willie H. Scott, president, and Del. John Douglass, who conducted the installation ceremony. See More Local Club notes for more details.

GLORIA LUSTER spoke at the Jan. meeting of the Business League of Baltimore.

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