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The Women's Auxiliary to the Monumental City Medical Society recently donated $1,000 to the Arena Players' "Impossible Dream" project. Pictured here from L to R: Mrs. H. Garland Chissell, president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Jessie Holmes, ticket chairperson; Camilla Sherrod, board chairman, Arena Players, Inc.; Mrs. Maurice Adams and Mrs. Simon Carter, co-chairpersons of the benefit performance. Details in R.S.V.P.

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R.S.V.P. WITH MARIE

Your love is a natural thing

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

Around this town one can always find groups of black women doing something. No matter how hard times are, Baltimore women keep on pushing.

Like a Saturday ago, for example, I was among the 50 or more women who were the luncheon guests of the Companions. Members had invited their friends to their bi-annual Buddy Luncheon at Meushaws Motor Inn out Security Blvd. way.

Although spring had not officially arrived, anyone could have easily thought it had . . . the members saw to that. Love was in the air; in fact, it was the afternoon's theme. They called it: "Your Love Is Super Natural."

Pastel colored placecards printed with friendship verses lined the tables; one for each of the guests. And, there were gifts . . . daisies in various shades of pink, yellow and blue and green, love tokens from the club.

Champagne benefit

The Women's Auxiliary to the Monumental City Medical Society sponsored a black tie Champagne Benefit performance of the Arena Players, Inc. in "Veronica's Room" at the playhouse on March 15.

It was a smashing success says Robbie Chissell, group president. A full house of beautifully dressed women and their male counter parts filled the house. The floral arrangements of yellow and green were furnished by Dr. Theodore Patterson, husband of the chairperson, Sylvia Patterson.

Highlight of the affair was the presentation made to the Arena Players. The group gave a check for $1,000 to board chairperson, Camilla Sherrod for the "Impossible Dream" project. Irma Holmes, (Mrs. Jessie) made the presentation.

Others who helped make the affair the success it was were: hostesses, Mabel Grant, Julia McDaniels, Dorothy Clinton, Carolyn Chissell, Bernice Robinson, Kay Carter and Catherine Adams.

Mrs. Chissell expressed appreciation on behalf of the WAMCMS for supporting and Enhancing the Cultural Activities of Baltimore City project, part of the Five-Point Program of the National Medical Auxiliary.

(NOTE: Following the performance, Mrs. Chissell took one of the floral decorations to her longtime friend and auxiliary member, Mrs. M. L. Barksdale (Edna).

Out of town guests included: Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Hedgepath and Dr. and Mrs. Victor Hancock, of Washington, D.C., guests of Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Moore.

There were no formal speeches, however the luncheon chairperson, Twilah Scaraborough did the welcoming and introduced the club members.

They are: Alice Payne, Ellen Johns, Lucille Cephas, Elaine Wright, who received a special award; Margaret Mallory; Geneive Mason, Margaret Simms, president; Laura Brown, June Brown, June Ross, Gladys Patterson and Vivian Moody. Mrs. Brown was also cited.

Robert Lewis Stevenson once said: "A friend is a present you give to yourself, — the Companions have certainly proved that to be true.

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The Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society held its Black American Ball last Saturday at the Kittamaqundi Room in Columbia. The formal affair included a program entitled Historian on Parade. In conjunction with International Women's Year, members of the Society portrayed noted black women. Pictured at top from L to R: Eleanor Anderson as Phillis Wheatley; Kevin Garner, Walbrook High School student who designed the costumes and Bernice S. White, Society president; Mary Carter Smith as Harriet Tubman.

Black American ball held; members portray women

By Kathleen B. Newsome
Publicity Chairperson
Herbert M. Frisby Society

The theme of International Women's Year was exemplified by the ladies of the Herbert M. Frisby, Historical Society at the first Black American Ball held Saturday evening at the Kittmanqundi Room in Columbia.

Miss Phyllis Eley, chairperson, welcomed the guests.

Members of the Society portrayed the six dedicated women: Eleanor Anderson, the co-chairperson as Phyllis Wheatley Queene Lane as Sojourner Truth; Mary Carter Smith as Harriet Tuxman; Shirley Strothers as Mary Eliza Mahoney; Anethia Williams as Sarah C. Fernandez, and Louise Mapp as Mary McLeod Bethune.

As the pageant progressed, the audience was so enntranced with the portrayals that a dedicated silence encompassed the room. At the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" — it was a togetherness rarely felt which held every one in its grasp.

Bernice S. White, president, narrated "Historians on parade." The directors of the pageant were: Reba Lewie, and Shirley Strothers.

Original consumes for the models were created by Kevin Garner, a student of design at Walbrook High School. Lifesize sketches of the honored women created by instructors and art students from Dunbar Community High School were also featured. They will continue to be used by the Society in emphasizing projects for late 1975.

The program booklet compiled by the Historical Research Committee was also an important feaure of the evening. Printing of this book'et was by Jarmello Jordon of Dunbar High.

The aim of the Herbert Frisby Historical Society is to research, publicize and distribute various biographies of dedicated black Americans and to continue varied means of portraying this history.

The inspiration for this Society was due to the dedicated life of Dr. Herbert M. Frisby in perpetuating the name of Matthew A. Henson, co-discoverer of the North Pole in 1909. Preserving black accomplishment is being accomplished through this inspiration.

A highlight of the evening was the appearance of an honored guest, Eubie Blake who performed in inimitable style with the orchestra. Coordinated with the wonderful style music of Carl H. Thompson's Orchestra, made this an evening to remember.

Phyllis Eley was in charge of Saturday's ball, who with her committee and members have drawn great appreciation for the dignity, elegance, inspiration and enjoyment of this affair.

The continuing and extravagant buffet served all evening, was delight to everyone.

Committee members were: Reva Lewie, Louise Mapp, Marguerite Wilkins, Mildred Williams, and Shirley Strothers.

Hostesses for Saturday's Black American Ball were: Palestine Anderson, Evelyn Burrell, Naomi Camper, Gwendolyn D. Cicilo, Phyllis Eley, Sarah Elias, Alice Ford, Catherine Howard, Queene Lane, Reva Lewie, Louise V. Mapp;

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IN CALVERT COUNTY

Mrs. Laura S. Jones, long Peters member

By Melvina Edwards

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura E. Spriggs Jones were held Sunday at Peters United Methodist Church, Dunkirk, Md.

Mrs. Jones died Tuesday, March 18.

Born in Calvert County she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Louise) Spriggs.

Mrs. Jones was a longtime member of Peters Church where she served as vice president of the United Methodist Women, and secretary of the Senior Choir

The Rev. John R. White gave the eulogy.

The Rev. Charles N. Bournes read passages from both the Old and New Testament. Other ministers participating were the Rev. William Edwards and Elder Raymond Wills.

Msr. Rebecca Booze read the obituary and a tribute from The Rose of Sharon.

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Mrs. Mary Wills was soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Charles N. Bourne.

Mrs. Jones's survivors include her husband, Russell S. Jones; three sons, Russell, Earl and Milton; four daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. Isabell Bowie, Miss Helen Jones, Mrs. Mildred Nick.

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Also, 14 grandchildren; two brothers, Percy and Charles Spriggs; five sisters, Mrs. Louise Young, Mrs. Rosie Creek, Mrs. Roberta Watkins, Mrs. Carrie Hall, Mrs. Hattie Evans;

And two uncles, James and Mordie Spriggs; four aunts, Mrs. Cornelia Heigh, Mrs. Laura Holt, Mrs. Carrie Whittington; Mrs. Carrie Watkins.

Pallbearers were Warren Evans, Leroy Evans, Thomas Hurley, Russell Wallace, Melvin Wallace, Roland Hawkins, Alvin Boardley.

Burial is in Moses Cemetery. Arrangements were by Spencer Sewell and Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cosby and Mr. and Mrs. Delma Berry and daughter, Sylvia, were here for the services.

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Belated birthday greetings to Vernon Marsh, husband of Mrs. Peggy Marsh of Carrollton Ave., in Baltimore.

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At the recent funeral services of the Rev. Joseph S. Gray, the name of his only brother, the Rev. Everett Gray, was omitted. The writer regrets the error. The Rev. Mr. Gray is confined to a nursing home and could not attend the funeral.

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Spencer Sewell, mortician of Prince Frederick, is a new subscriber of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

The Mount Hope Volunteer Chorus celebrated its anniversary Sunday. Many groups attended. The Rev. John R. White is pastor.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rayfield (Alberta) Jones of Huntington on their 11th wedding anni-

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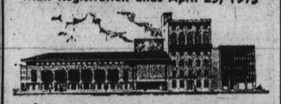

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