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WO-BE-CO fetes Judge Howard

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On Sunday, June 24, the members of Women Behind the Community (WO-BE-CO) really put it together for Judge Joseph P. Howard.

Judge Howard, presently an associate judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, was recently appointed a Federal District Court Judge, Circuit 4.

In the Constellation Room on the 21st floor of the World Trade Center in the Inner Harbor, WO-BE-CO presented "An Evening with Joe Howard."

And what an evening it was. Some 300 of the judge's friends, family members, neighbors and associates, both in the field of law and other fields as well, gathered to pay glowing tributes to him and to enjoy warmth and fellowship with him and his family.

With a panoramic view of the Baltimore metropolitan area as a backdrop and with sparkling champagne punch and hors d'oeuvres to tempt the palates of the judge and his guests, the verbal accolades flowed continuously throughout the evening.

Welcoming remarks were given by Mrs. Regina Bernard, mistress of ceremonies and a WO-BE-CO member.

Mrs. Ellen Gonzales, toastmistress and incoming business manager and public relations officer for WO-BE-CO, spoke of Judge Howard as a sincere, dedicated human being who has always aimed for and achieved excellence.

She stated that Judge Howard got his philosophy and drive early in life by heeding the advice of his father who instilled in him the fact that anything he did would reflect on the black community.

Joseph Howard Jr., the judge's son, spoke of his father's willingness to sit down and talk to him as he grew up, and praised him as a good father who had instilled his own philosophy in him.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard, the judge's wife and the outgoing WO-BE-CO vice president, gave the judge glowing praise for being a kind, helpful and understanding husband.

Mrs. Cardrienne Griffin, incoming president of WO-BE-CO, paid tribute to his warmth, friendliness, helpfulness and generosity toward his neighbors in the Fairmont neighborhood.

He and his wife were especially praised for making their swimming pool, replete with lifeguards, (himself, his son or someone else reliable) available to the children and others in their neighborhood. In addition, they were both praised for hosting the annual Fairmont Neighborhood Picnic, which takes place at their home at the end of every August.

Judge Howard was cited as a man who has pride in his neighborhood and participates in its activities.

He was also warmly lauded for encouraging children to be proud achievers.

Warm words of love and pride in him were expressed for his role as a black activist who helped to stimp out inequality.

It was noted that he was instrumental in helping to get the law established in 1976 which stated that for every white hired in the Federal Court system a black would be hired also.

It was further noted that in 1978, he led the fight which caused the defeat of the bill which would have made the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas an appointive office.

Gus Adair, a member of the "Goon Squad," (a group of men led by Judge Howard who get involved with complaints about our city and

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JUDGE HOWARD EXPRESSES THANKS — Judge Joseph P. Howard, recently appointed Federal District Court judge and honoree at WO-BE-CO's "Evening With Joe Howard" expresses his gratitude as Mrs. Eugenia Britt, chairperson for the affair; Mrs. Joan Case, member; Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard and Mrs. Cadrienne Griffin, incoming WO-BE-CO president (L to R) look on. Judge Howard was presented the painting "On the Front Line" by local artist, Robert McQuern.

FLOWER TRIBUTE — Mrs. Gwendolyn Howard (L) wife of Judge Joseph Howard, receives a red rose from Mrs. Essie Sutton, a fellow member of WO-BE-CO, at a recent tribute to Judge Howard held at the World Trade Center. Mrs. Howard received a long-stemmed rose from each Wo-Be-Co member.

FULL HOUSE—Some 300 Baltimoreans turned out to honor Federal District Court Judge Joseph Howard at the World Trade Center. The honoree is shown at far left. Delegate Wendell Phillips, is shown at center.

Jacqueline Ross, Louis Stevenson wed in beautiful ceremony

Jacqueline Harriette Ross of the 3300 block of Alto Road, daughter of Mrs. Jacqueline Mary Ross, was united in marriage to Louis Reginald Stevenson of Washington, D.C., son of Mrs. Ernestine R. Stevenson on Saturday, June 23.

The lovely double-ring rites were performed at St. Mary's Church of the Virgin at Walbrook Avenue and Ellamont Street at 1 p.m.

The Rev. Lloyd V. George officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, James D. Williams, formerly assistant manager of the Baltimore and Washington AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Best man was Glennwood Branche of Tacoma Park, Md. Matron of honor was Mrs. Deidra Bishop of this city. Maid of honor was Miss Lisa Granberry of Los Angeles, Calif. Bridemaids was Miss Virginia H. Moore of this city.

Flower girl was Miss Shyra Reynolds, also of this city.

Ushers were: Dwight Pearman of Baltimore; Dr. Richard Holland of Washington, D.C.; Robert Williams Jr. of Upper Marlboro, Md., and Arthur Scott of Hyattsville, Md. The latter three are cousins of the bride.

The church was beautifully decorated with white carnations and roses, with white candles at the alter.

Organist for the wedding was Allen Spangler.

ROSS-STEVENSON RITES

Prior to the ceremony, Miss Wanda Queen, soloist, performed "Ave Maria."

During the ceremony the Rev. George said special prayers of blessings for the couple and asked the congregation to vow to help in the upholding of their marriage.

The bride was resplendent and radiant. She wore an original Bianchi design which had been made by her mother from the Vogue book of patterns. It was white, with French lace over white satin, with a jewel neckline, long, full sleeves and a gored skirt edged with lace. For her headdress she wore a Juliette cap of seed pearls, and a full length veil edged in French lace. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and white sweetheart roses.

The matron of honor, maid of honor and bridesmaid wore floral print chiffon over eggshell taffeta. They carried nosegays of green carnations, daisies and baby's breath, and wore headdresses of baby's breath.

The flower girl wore coral dotted swiss, with a fitted bodice and a full skirt. She carried a basket of dotted swiss, with a fitted bodice and a full skirt. She carried a basket of assorted coral and green spring flowers, and wore a headdress made of the same.

The best man and ushers wore coral tuxedos with white ruffled shirts and coral bow ties.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Rosa wore a mauve butterfly print blouson floor length gown, which she also made.

The groom's mother, Mrs. Stevenson, wore apricot chiffon in a floor length gown with an empire waistline with a ruffled bodice.

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NEWLYWEDS AND FAMILY — The new Mr. and Mrs. L. Reginald Stevenson (C) are flanked by (L to R): James D. Williams, uncle; Mrs. Lillian Williams, bride's grandmother; Mrs. Jacqueline Ross, bride's mother; Mrs. Earnestine Stevenson, bridegroom's mother and Mrs. Josephine Reaves, bridegroom's grandmother.

WEDDING PARTY — Members of the Ross-Stevenson wedding party are (L to R): Miss Virginia Moore, bridesmaid; Miss Lisa Granberry, maid of honor; Shyra Reynolds, flower girl; Mrs. Deidra Bishop, matron of honor; the bride and bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. L. Reggie Stevenson; Glennwood Branche, best man; Dwight Pearman and Dr. Richard Holland, ushers.

NEWLYWEDS CUT THE CAKE — Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reginald Stevenson prepare to cut their wedding cake at the lovely lawn reception at the bride's Alto Road home.

Elementary school teacher retires in style

Thursday night, June 14, was "Bessie Richardson Night" at La Fontaine Rouge on Belair Road.

The occasion was the celebration of Mrs. Richardson's retirement from the Baltimore City Public Schools, this month, June 1979.

The lovely affair, which lasted from 6 until 10 p.m., was planned and executed by Ms. Myra Mondie, Mrs. Richardson's niece, with the assistance of Mrs. Virginia Backmon, a teacher at Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School No. 102, the school from which Mrs. Richardson is retiring.

Of the more than 100 guests who came to celebrate with Mrs. Richardson, many were from Thomas G. Hayes.

Mrs. Richardson and her guests enjoyed a scrumptious dinner of tossed salad, roast capon with stuffing, green beans almondine, potatoes a la Fontaine, (delicious whipped potatoes with cheese), apple pie, coffee, tea and continuous free open bar.

The piece - de - resistance during dinner was fruit flambe. This dish consisted of flaming rum surrounded by all kinds of fruit balls and chunks, which could be put on a stick and dipped into the rum.

The fruit would flame, warm enough to be super delectable and then self - extinguish before it was eaten. Out of sight!

Ms. Angela Fleming, Mrs. Richardson's niece, gave the welcome address.

Warren Sears, principal of School 102, gave a heartwarming speech about Mrs. Richardson's humane and sterling qualities.

Myra Mondie read a touching letter of appreciation and love for her aunt.

Tom Miller, art resource teacher at School 102, presented Mrs. Richardson with a humorous caricature portrait, which captured her true spirit.

Mrs. Juanita Carrington presented her with a money apron from the family, which contained $100 in dollar bills. Mrs. Carrington is also a niece.

RETIREMENT GIFTS — Retiring school teacher Mrs. Bessie Richardson wears money apron consisting of $100 in dollar bills which she received from her family as Tom Miller, artist and art resource teacher at School No. 102, holds portrait of her which he did.

Mrs. Virginia Backmon presented the gift from School 102—a lovely brown leather bag and a check for $100.

Disco and other types of music was provided by William Venable, a friend of Mrs. Richardson's—family and Clauzell Mondie, her nephew.

Everyone had a beautiful time, especally Mrs. Richardson, who graciously said her thank yous after she received all of her presentations.

She received many warm congratulations from relatives, friends and co - workers who attended.

Mrs. Richardson was born and reared in Turner Station. She attended Sparrows Point Elementary and Turner Elementary School, Booker T. Washington Jr. High and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School.

She received a bachelor of education degree from Morgan State, and subsequently got her Master's Equivalency (A.P.C.) from that same institution.

Mrs. Richardson substituted in Baltimore County schools and then came into the Baltimore City System in 1961. She taught for six years at School No. 135 and for 11 years at School No. 102.

Mrs. Richardson has always taught fifth and sixth graders.

She is married to Frank Richardson and they reside on Chestnut Street in Turner Station with their son, Gerard.

Members of the school No. 102 family who came to help her celebrate and to enjoy themselves were:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones, (her's assistant principal), Warren Sears, principal, Mrs. Leone Lee, Mrs. Marion Bardley, Mrs. Aetna Blackwell, Mrs. Ernestine Hill; Mrs. Shirley Cartwright, Mrs. Fannie Mathias, Mrs. J. Oshein, Mrs. Dolores Flynn, Miss Kathy O'Neill, Mrs. Leach White, Mrs. Kathy Fitzgerald, Mrs. Ida Simms, Miss Elsie Hackett, Mrs. Shirley Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gillard, Mrs. Lenora Clay, Ms. M. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Elam, Mrs. Shirley Cooper.

Mrs. Virginia Backmon, who received a gift of appreciation from Betamily for her assistance with the affair; Miss Sylvia Hill, Darryl Anderson, Miss Rhonda Spence, Martin Hales, Mrs. Dolores Cornick, Tom Miller, Mrs. Varnisce Howard, Ms. G. Bailey, Ms. Debbie Burgess, Mrs. Geraldine Cox, Mrs. Annie Thompson, Mrs. L. Conaway, Mrs. Winifred Schmitz, Milton Stanley, Mrs. Mary Gordon, Mrs. Anna Flowers, educational specialist for Region 2; Mrs. B. Washington, and James Mc Donald, former principal.

Other family members and friends who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. William Adams, Mrs. Mary Riddick, Mrs. Gertrude Cooper, Mrs. Catherine Byrd, Ms. Maurice Byrd, Mrs. Ethel Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. William Cornish, Reginald Cornish, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edmonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Patterson, Mrs. Christine Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming Jr., Frank Richardson, honoree's husband, Gerard Richardson, honoree's son; Ms. Margaret Adams, Mrs. Mary Lee Rice, Leon Richardson and daughters, Ms. Diana Powellses, Mrs. Margaret Hackaday, Mrs. Mary Adams, Mrs. Marjorie Adams, Ms. Clarita Adams, Mrs. Alice Mondie, Brian Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. Clauzell Mondie Sr., Ms. Cheryl Mondie.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming, Ms. Adrian Carrington, Ms. Leslie Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilyard, Mrs. Dorothy Chambers, Mrs. Thelma Smith, Ms. Angela Fleming, Mr. Willie Richardson and daughters, Howard Flournoy, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson Jr., and Cedrick Johnson — HODGES.

The Pacesetters

Alvin Thornton

Alvin Thornton, associate professor of political science, is the newly-elected president of the Faculty Senate at Morgan State University.

The Faculty Senate is the representative body of the faculty and authorizes approval of all new academic programs, majors, course requirements and changes, all degree granting programs, as well as general academic policies of the institution.

Dr. Thornton joined the Morgan faculty in 1974 as an assistant professor of political science. His activities and involvement with the university and community includes memberships on the McKeldin Center Advisory Board, the Faculty Research Committee, the Faculty and Student Grievance Committee, the Departmental Search Committee, the African Liberation Support Committee and the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association.

Dr. Thornton serves in an advisory capacity to the State Affairs Concern Team, the Political Union and the Henry McNeil Turner Society Committee on Southern Africa.

He was chairperson of the Baltimore Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision and he organized the Baltimore representation to the national demonstration to protest the Bakke decision.

Dr. Thornton is a member of the Association of Black Political Scientists, the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, the American Political Science Association and the American Association of University Professors.

Alvin Thornton

Sarah Dildy

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Sarah Dildy has been appointed to the new management level position of director of safety and security, Provident Hospital Inc. The appointment was made by president, Thomas W. Chapman.

Mrs. Dildy, formerly in the personnel office at Provident, will assume the responsibilities of coordinating and communicating directly with all levels of supervision and employment within the hospital complex as regards safety and security.

Mrs. Dildy will also serve as the chairperson of the Provident Hospital Safety-Security Committee. Her objectives and those of the hospital are to substantially reduce the level of accidents and injuries within the complex and to provide a safe, accident-free environment for patients, employees and visitors.

Althea Handy

Althea M. Handy, a resident of Odenton, Md., is currently studying historical economics at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

She received her BA degree in social science from St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, in June 1979.

Miss Handy was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for the academic years 1978-79 and 1977-78.

She was also a member of the executive council of the St. Mary's College Black Student Union which included leading meetings and coordinating special events on campus.

In 1977-78, Miss Handy was treasurer of the Student Government Association. She also participated in dormitory council representation and intramural sports.

Miss Handy was senior resident assistant in 1978-79.

She is the daughter of Rufus and Mary Delores Handy.

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Clifton Morris

Clifton Morris Jr., CLU, has been promoted to manager of the Prudential Insurance Company's Franklin Centre Agency, 4 E. 4 E. Franklin St., Baltimore.

A native of Milwaukee, Morris joined Prudential as agent at the Wisconsin Shores Agency in Milwaukee in 1968 after serving in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam.

He was promoted to development manager at the Wisconsin Shores Agency in 1973 and to associate manager in 1976. In 1978 he moved to the company's corporate headquarters in Newark, N.J., to become manager of Management Development Standards. He was serving in that post when named to his new position.

Morris, who sold more than one million dollars' worth of insurance during three of his years as an agent, has received numerous awards from Prudential and the insurance industry both as an agent and as a manager. These have included the President's Citation, awarded to top managers and agents in the company, and the Prudential Community Service Award, given to those who devote their personal time to community service and leadership.

His community activities have included membership in the Milwaukee Chapter of the NAACP, the Urban League, the steering committee of the Afro-Urban Institute and other organizations involved in community activities.

Morris, who is currently enrolled in a program leading to a master's in Financial Services at the American College of Life Underwriters, did undergraduate work at Wichita State University, the University of Maryland, Nevada Southern University and the University of Wisconsin.

He and his wife, Eretta Marie, have three children, Dawn Nichol, Clifton III and Amiel Yumoni. The family plans to move to the Baltimore area in the near future.

Clifton Morris

SCHOLARSHIP DISCO — The North Carolina Central University Alumni Association, Baltimore Chapter, is presenting a Scholarship Disco at the Beltway Hilton Inn - Preakness Ballroom at 1726 Reisterstown Road (Beltway Exit 20) on Saturday, July 7, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Subscriptions are $7. For more information please call 578-0317 or 466-0207. All contributions are tax deductible.

African series slated at WETA

A "Search For the Past" begins the WETA - 26 series, "The Africa File," (Sundays, beginning July 1 at 7 p.m.) exploring great civilizations of West Africa from 1000 B.C.

"Search For the Past," spans two half - hour programs covering such ancient kingdoms as Ife, Benin, and Dahomey.

Other segments slated for the series include:

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