Bring your workers-bring your flags AFRO's 87th Birthday Party-Flag Ceremony Monday, August 13-12 Noon-War Memorial Plaza

By Ida Peters

The 45th Annual AFRO Clean Block Campaign's final meeting is being held today at Dunbar High School.

Captains, Co - Captains and Advisors are filling out Victory Reports in order to be eligible for winning cash prizes in the 1979 campaign.

Captains not able to obtain the reports can fill one in at the AFRO Office, 628 N. Eutaw St. or call 728-8205.

Those blocks marching in the 87th AFRO Parade should assemble at the AFRO office at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 13. Be sure to bring your AFRO or American flag and prepare a sign with your block identification.

Inspections of all blocks start Aug. 14 through 18 at which time pictures will be taken.

Inspection Sunday is Aug. 19 when judges will determine the best 1979 blocks.

PROCLAMATION

BY

MAYOR WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER

DESIGNATING AUGUST, 1979

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"AFRO-AMERICAN CLEAN BLOCK DAYS" IN BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, the Afro-American Clean Block program is the oldest environmental project in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over the years, this pioneer effort in helping communities take pride in a finer environment has met with outstanding success; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Afro-American Clean Block Campaign involves entire communities, from youngsters through senior citizens, in the work of making Baltimore neighborhoods cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful; and

WHEREAS, this Annual Campaign is of benefit to all citizens, as its participants not only beautify their neighborhoods, but also strengthen community bonds and create a better environment for all residents of Baltimore.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim August, 1979, as "AFRO-AMERICAN CLEAN BLOCK DAYS" IN BALTIMORE and I urge the citizens of Baltimore to give their whole-hearted support to both the campaign itself and the spirit which motivates the Clean Block participants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this eighteen day of July, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine.

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER
MAYOR

Orchids and Onions

By Elizabeth Jacobs

The 500 block of W. Lafayette Ave. held Clean Block activities on Sunday, July 22, from 4 - 9 p.m.

The activities included a bake sale, a rally for support for Agnes Welch who is a candidate for the Fourth Councilmatic Distrct and a Stanley Products Demonstration.

On August 14, this very active block will sponsor a trip to "See Hershey Park at Nite." Buses for the trip will leave at 12 noon and return at 12:00 a.m. Tickets for the trip are $16.50.

The block would also like to extend showers of thanks to the Rat Eradication Program for coming out and setting bait for the rats in the fronts and backs of the houses. Captain for the 500 block of W. Lafayette Ave. is Sharon Middleton; Co - Captain is Carolyn Butler and Advisor is Mrs. Esther Middleton.

Mildred Price, Co Captain for the 600 block of N. Pulaski St. reports that her block had a bake sale and raised $71.00. The block is going to have another bake sale on Aug. 4, and a block party on Aug. 18. Captain for the block is Beverly Carter.

On Friday Afternoon, August 10, from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. the 200 and 300 blocks of N. Carey St. will present models, dancing, disco by Larry Dunham and many more exciting activities.

Guests for this festive occasion will be: Bob Cheeks of Rent Control, Clayton Tucker from Trash Bash, Del. Larry Young, Delegate for District No. 38, Cleve Brister, Teen Center U.S.A., Jackie Kellam of Baltimore Urban Gardens and Walter Stevens will do the remarks.

The Block Committee includes Mrs. Irene Yorker, Mrs. Odessa McKnight, Franklin James, Mrs. L. Wheeler, Mrs. Ruth Kirk, Ms. Alice, Ms. Ethel, Mrs. Mary Watkins, Mrs. Mamie Bright, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. P. Eaton, Ms. Marie and Secretary, Mrs. Verna Lacy.

Clean Blockers of 200 Ballou Ct., Perkins Homes wish to thank a few more people for working with the Clean Block.

They would like to thank the AFRO for their kind write - up about 200 Ballou Ct., Tyrone Jackson age 10 for helping to paint the bricks and watering a few yards; Brown who painted the hopscotch and other games for the small children; Marge Murphy for continuing to help with painting and hosing the court and Mrs. Ethel Robbs, captain, for giving the tickets out for the movies and Colt game.

Nathaniel Evans, advisor for the 800 block of Rutland St., reports the need to have holes in the cement closed located at 808, 812, 811, 806 and 816. The alleys in the block are stopped up and need to be drained. Other problems include broken windows and rats.

Trees bearing beanlike plants falling in the 2000 block of Sinclair Lane reports Lizette Howard.

More cooperation from neighbors, better cleaning of alleys, more trash pick - ups, and large trash bag for Trash Bash can are some of the needs and problems of the 1700 block of E. Chase St. reports Arlene Edison, captain.

Herbert Royster, captain for the 1000 block of Arlington Ave. reports some old houses with dirty basements that need cleaning.

Trash Bash missed a trash pick - up from a garage located at 1927 Appleton St. reports Eva Burgess of the 1900 block of W. Mosher St. They also missed trash at 1001 Monroe St. Now the trash is piling up. 1926 Mosher needs to have windows boarded.

Someone is turning over the flower pots at night in the 1800 block of N. Collington Ave. reports Rhonda Turner. The alley needs to be cleaned in the block also.

Six vacant houses are causing problems for the 1700 block of Druid Hill Ave. reports Delores Tate, captain.

Vanessa Hawkins, captain for the 500 block of N. Fulton Ave. reports three vacant houses that need to be boarded, pigeons at 545 are making conditions unsanitary and rats are some of the problems for this block.

Eagle Regency
BAKER'S Hardware
2229 PENNSYLVANIA AVE
AT BAKER ST.
WHOLESALE PRICES TO CLEAN BLOCK CAPTAIN
SAVE
9X12 LINOLEUM
200 RUGS TO CHOOSE FROM 8.88
FREE PARKING

★ Next movie party Wed., Aug. 15 10 a.m.

★ Inspections start Aug. 14-18

★ Inspection Sunday Aug. 19 All Day

Winners Oriole Baseball games

Aug. 13 — Chicago — 7:30 p.m. Murphy Homes

Aug. 14 — Chicago — 7:30 p.m. Lexington - Poe

Aug. 15 — Chicago — 7:30 p.m. — Mrs. Minnie Williams, Lakeview

Aug. 16 — Kansas City - Fairfield - Mrs. Williams

Aug. 17 — 7:30 p.m. 8 Kansas City - Mrs. Quille, Druid Hill

Aug. 19 — Kansas City 7:30 p.m. - Kansas City 7:30 p.m. - Mrs. Gracie Adams - Payson St.

Aug. 20 — Texas - 7:30 p.m. - Mrs. Farmer - Montford Ave.

Aug. 21 - Texas 7:30 p.m. - Mrs. James, Sinclair Lane

Aug. 23 — Texas, 7:30 p.m. - Latrobe Homes

Aug. 30 - Minnesota — 7:30 p.m. - Mrs. Rose Maisbury Ct.

Aug. 31 — Minnesota — 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Stevens - McCulloh Homes

Sept. 1 — Minnesota — 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Wise - Perkins Homes

Baltimore's shame!

Complaints about the condition of a vacant house with trash in its backyard have been made repeatedly by several residents. Captain for the 1600 block of Edmondson Ave. where the house is located is Alisha Thomas.

1979 AFRO Clean Blocks

1500 N. Carey St. — Captain, Patricia Morris; Co-Captain, Yvonne Clark and Advisor, Dorothy Wood.

Workers: — Barbara Jones, Betty Smith, Deborah Lucas, Jackie Gough, James Lucas, Michael Lucas, David Lucas, May Malachi, Celestine Clark, Deliliere Clark, Rodney Collins, Mary Wiley, Marie Bridges, Mrs. Thelma Phillips, Michael Wilson, Agnes McClain, Mrs. Fannie, Michael McClain, Ann Ray, Robert Morris, R. A. Jackson, India Moore, Sammuel Green, Mrs. Brown, Stanley Morris, Michael Tucker, Annie Tillery, Louise Wilkerson, Barry Harris, Perry Harris, Jeffrey McClain, Pernessia Smith, Appedella McClain, Mrs. Jestine, Riley Smith, Valerie Mason, Renie Wilson, Ronald Gipson, Stephen Morris, Anthony Morris, Alphonso Morris and Joier Pation.

1100 E. Lafayette Ave. — Captain, Mrs. Bernice Allen; Co-Captain, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson and Advisor, Mrs. M. Johnson.

Workers: — Mrs. Nanie Bell, Mrs. Catherine Freeman, Mrs. Martha Webb, Mrs. Bland, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson and Young.

1900 W. Mosher St. — Captain, Derk Winder; Co-Capatin, Billy and Advisor, Mrs. Eva Burgess.

Workers: — Mrs. Dorothy Stanley, Mrs. Ethel Sample, Mrs. Jessie Nicholson, Mary Hauie, Geraldine Griffin, Mary Derton, Gertrude Currin, Margaret William, Grace Little, Dorothy Norton, Gloria Hall, Dorothy Thornton, Geneva Sutton and Magaline.

700 Baker St. — Captain, Laval Bradford; Co-Captain, Robert Cummings and Advisor, Ermine Barnett.

Workers: — Stephen McKnight, Stephanie McKnight, Robert Cummings, Horace McKnight, Ermine Barnett and Laval Bradford.

500 Baker St. — Captain, Thomas Henderson and Advisor, Earl Sykes.

Workers: — Mrs. Mary Madden, Mrs. Hattie Coat, Mrs. Bernetta Randall, Hannah Stuyard, Henry N. Guter, Elaine Thomas and Wilbur.

George Dozier, captain and Clean Block Captain for 45 years shares a moment with Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, candidate for City Council from the 6th District.

Clean Block Fund $7,689.50

Urban Services Agency	$2,500.00
Housing and Community Development	2,000.00
City of Baltimore	1,000.00
M. W. Zerubbabel Oasis Temple No. 1	500.00
M. Goldseker	350.00
Gino's	200.00
C & P Telephone	200.00
V.A.G.'s	100.00
William C. March — Funeral Home	100.00
Rev. Father P. H. Franklin	100.00
M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge	100.00
St. John's Lodge No. 5 PHA	70.00
Councilman Michael B. Mitchell	50.00
United Council of Christian CC Churches	50.00
Continentals	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Myers	50.00
Big Sisters	25.00
Mrs. Marie Murphy	25.00
The School Marms	25.00
Mrs. Robbie Chissell	25.00
Women's Assembly for Community Service	25.00
Herbert L. Alston Jr.	25.00
Dr. and Mrs. Emerson Walden	20.00
Raymond A. C. Young	15.00
Elliha Q. Norris	15.00
Att. DeHaven L. Smith	12.50
Miss Marlene Ford	10.00
Mrs. Marguerite Campbell	10.00
Mrs. Nellie H. Bowie	10.00
Mrs. Blanche Pettiford	10.00
Angie McCullon	5.00
Ellsworth Wilson	5.00
Mrs. Loretta Valentine	[illegible]

Billy Taylor of WINN will participate in the AFRO's Birthday Parde to urge persons to register in the NAACP Marathon. You must register by August 13 in order to vote in the Primary, Sept. 11.

HCD reports on complaintts

Ms. Mereida Goodman of Housing and Community Development (396-1153) reports that the following Clean Block complaints have been taken care of.

300 Block E. Lanvale Street 315, 321, 24, 25, 26, 28: vacants need cleaning - 315: work order issued 7-30 to clean and close - 321: work order issued 7-30 to clean and close - 322: work order issued 7-30 to clean and close - 324: work order issued 7-30 to clean and close - 325: privately owned, request work order 7-30 - 326: request work order 7-30 - 328: vacant house notice issued 8-1; work order issued to clean and close.

1000 Block N. Rutland — 1019, 1024, 1031, -36, -37, - 39: Vacant needs boarding. - 1019 - Under vacant house notice issued 5-31-79. - 1024 - Reinspected 6-8-79 - was clean and boarded on inspection. - 1031 - Privately owned; work order outstanding. - 1036 - Inspected 6-8-79 - was clean and boarded on inspection. - 1039 - Vacant building notice issued 7-17-79.

1000 N. Rutland garage has defective wall, needs cleaning. - referral sent to Special Services.

900 Block N. Rutland Avenue 928, 930, 935, 941: Vacant needs cleaning and boarding in rear. - 928: work order issued 7-6; -930: work order issued 6-1; - 935: work order issued 7-6; - 941: private owner- requested five day final 7-5.

827 Durham Street — Report of a vacant garage that needed cleaning - property sold at tax sale - notice on garage to be reissued and a work order requested.

1700 Block Terrell Place - 1720, 23, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34 - vacant needs cleaning; - 1720: work order to be issued when ownership is confirmed. - 1723: building clean and boarded on inspection 6-7-79. - 1730: property clean on inspection. - 1731: building was clean and boarded on inspection 7-17-79. - 1732: building is occupied. - 1734: building was clean on inspection 7-17-79.

1100 Block Whatcoat Street -1107, 16, 21, 45, 65: vacant; - 1107: notice requested 7-17-79. - 1116: work order issued 7-17-79 to board. - 1121: work order requested 7-17-79. - 1145: occupied.

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M.A.S.S.A.C. Ltd. airs top modeling groups

MIDNITE SPECIAL . . . winners of the M.A.S.S.A.C. Ltd. Top Modeling Group of the Year, 1979 award are pictured (left to right) Aaron Neely, Diane Corbett, Terence Moore, Joyce Johnson, Damon Bibson and Beverly A. Blackwell, director.

On Saturday, July 28, the Modeling Agency, Studio, School Awards Competition Ltd. held its first statewide contest at Eastwind on Pulaski Highway. The purpose was to pick the top modeling group for 1979.

M.A.S.S.A.C. Ltd., headed up by William Allen, director and fashion coordinator and Lloyd Johnson, assistant director and talent coordinator truly came up with an innovative idea.

Their contest was not just based on individual models doing their thing with fashions — it entailed competition between entire modeling studios, with the entire modeling troupe from each participating studio not only airing fashions but being judged in three categories.

The categories of judgment for the contest were group professional modeling ability, style and technique, versatility and creativity and group achievement, the latter being the range of modeling assignments.

Participating modeling groups were: Melody Fashions, Michael Nicholson, director, Mystique Excursion Wendell C. Murray, director and Midnite Special, Ms. Beverly A. Blackwell, director.

Prior to the modeling studio competition, the 200 guests enjoyed a delicious dinner of tossed salad, top sirloin of beef, baked fluffed cheese potatoes, string beans, rolls, coffee, tea and cake. Cocktails were also plentiful.

While tasting and feasting guests were entertained royally by a musical group called "Moon August," with vocalist Ms. Charlene Hatza adding to the musical pleasure of the evening.

Another special highlight of the evening was the high fashion modeling routine done by M.A.S.S.A.C. director William Allen's troupe, Oddysey Studios, who were guest models for the occasion.

Competition was keen as the participating groups began their presentations. All groups had something to offer.

In addition to the fashions, the modeling groups really outdid themselves on their own flair and style for modeling, including dashing and creative entrances, innovative strides and steps for modeling and intricate and artly poses, and modeling techniques. Some even wore their own specially - designed creations. Special disco music for the modeling segment which added to the atmosphere was done by Joe Thomas.

First place winner was the Midnite Special, Ms. Beverly A. Blackwell, director. Other models in the troupe were Aaron Neely, Ms. Diane Corbett, Terence Moore, Ms. Joyce Johnson and Damon Gibson.

Second place winner was Mystique Excursion, Wendell C. Murray, director. Other models were Ms. Cathy Furse, Ms. Daisy Latham, Ms. Carolyn Henry, Jerome Dillard, Ms. Denise Toliver and Howard Nash.

Coming in third place was Melody Fashions, Michael Nicholson, director. Other models were Ms. Brenda Wagstaff, Ms. Sherran Stevans, Ms. Ocquaneeta Hardley and Ms. Tanya McCleary.

Each winning troupe got a beautiful chrome trophy with a marble base. Midnite Special, the first place winner, received, in addition to the trophy, $300 and television promotion spots. Mystique Excursion, second place winner received, in addition to the trophy, television promotion spots.

Judges for the contest were: Eddie Applefeld a local radio entertainment critic, Ms. Lutricia Bridgeforth, editor of Metropolitan Magazine, Mrs. Selena Thomas, vice president of the National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers, Baltimore branch and Ms. Bonnie Butler, assistant to the vice president of Advertising and production coordinator for Dawn Magazine.

M.A.S.S.A.C.'s contest is a first of its kind for this area. It seems a pity that more modeling groups did not participate. It is felt by Mr. Allen that there was not a great representation of modeling studios and troupes because so often in the past decisions on winners in other types of modeling contests have been deemed unfair by many participating in them.

Mr. Allen feels that, according to the comments of those participating in M.A.S.S.A.C.'s contest, the judging was quite fair and that in future contests of this nature, there will be a wider representation of modeling groups and troupes.

M.A.S.S.A.C. is a new organization, founded by Mr. Allen and Mr. Johnson to be a rating system for the performing arts. In addition to modeling studios, they arrange for the rating of modern dance troupes, drama groups and vocal and instrumental groups.

Partyline

About Faces 21 Ltd. hosts super summer disco

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

Members of About Faces 21 Ltd. gave their summer disco recently at the newly renovated gorgeous Belvedere on Chase Street.

In the Belvedere's elegant 12th floor ballroom 300 guests dined on scrumptuous vegetable and cheese platters with delicious dips on the side.

Disco music was provided by the music man from the Backstage Cafe of the Painters Mill theatre, and there was much fun and dancing from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

Special highlights were two door prizes presented to the winners through a ticket stub drawing. Prizes were fifths of good liquor.

About Faces 21 Ltd. is a progressive women's organization which devotes itself to cultural, civic and social activities.

They always have an annual pre - Christmas extravaganza and last Christmas members collected enough food, clothing, toys and money to adequately supply two families through the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project.

Officers of the group are: Ms. Mary Cuffee, president, Mrs. Wilma Janey, vice president, Mrs. Yvonne Mason, secretary, Ms. Teresa Scott, assistant secretary, Mrs. Barbara Lee, treasurer, Mrs. Stella Richardson, sergeant - at - arms and Mrs. Arbia Baker, chairman of the board.

Other members are Ms. Joyce Jordan, Ms. Gertha Smoots and Mrs. Priscilla Mangum; also Ms. Hermia Graham, Mrs. Cora Townes and Ms. Vivian Young; also Ms. Sheila Evans, Ms. Violet Miles, Ms. Sheila Christian, Ms. Muriel Roberts, Ms. Marilyn Bailey and Ms. Dorothy Harvin.

Among those attending this fabulous function were: Dr. and Mrs. Charles Beady, Mrs. Gail Kimani, Ron Bassett of Atlanta, Ga., Ms. Joan Dyer, Harold Watkins of Newport News, Va., Ms. Dawn Bell, Hezzy Sessomes, James Johnson, Ms. Cheryl Dungee, Lee Hackett and Ms. Ida Cox;

Also Mr. and Mrs. Aranzo Milborne, Mrs. Rosalie Fisher, Mrs. Vera Parrish, Byron Parrish, Dr. John Muffin, Dr. Guy Bragg, Dr. Reginald Stallings, Lewis Johnson, Ike Tussell, Michael Carter, and Carroll Carter;

Also Gene and Jocelyn Hentley, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hawks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey and Walter Spriggs, Mrs. Laura Brice, Ms. Barbara Gill and Jay Hasty. Husbands of About Faces members attending were: Paul Lee, James Richardson, Dennis Aquiliaro, Joseph Mangum, Fred Mason, Phil Townes and Henry Baker.

Retirement Parties

Benjamin F. Jones of this city was feted by his co - workers at Armco Steel Co. for 31 years of service at a retirement party held on June 23 at Johnnny's Lounge on Riggs Avenue. It was a beautiful affair, which lasted from 1:30 until 10:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mr. Jones' guests feasted on a delicious smorgasbord and cocktails, enjoyed lively party chatter and reminiscences and danced to pre - taped disco music.

Mr. Jones received a lovely three - piece set of luggage and was told that Armco Steel would be

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MYSTIQUE EXCURSION . . . second place winners in the Top Modeling Group of the Year 1979 contest, sponsored by M.A.S.S.A.C. Ltd. are (left to right) Cathy Furse, Daisy Latham, Wendell Murray, director; Carolyn Henry, Jerome Dillard, Denise Toliver and Howard Nash.

820 attend Meritocrats' marvelous picnic

JOVIAL PICKNICKERS — Checking out the fun and frolic at the July 28th Meritocrats' Picnic held at the scenic Conrad's Ruth Villa are: (L to R) Col. William (Box) Harris, Clarence Harris, Meritocrat secretary; Henderson Neal, club member; Coach Earl Banks, candidate for the City Council for the Fifth D., and Barbara and Merry Mercer.

Photo by Henry Phillips

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

The Meritocrats Inc., that dynamic men's social club which gives fantastic social affairs to promote fellowship and to raise money for worthy causes has done it again.

Their Sixth Annual Scholarship summer picnic, which was held on Saturday, July 28 from 12 noon until 7 p.m. was a kaliedoscope of fun and frolic. 820 guests motored to the Conrad's Ruth Villa in Bengies, Md., (just outside of Chase, Md.) to enjoy a variety of enjoyable activities.

There was something for everyone - swimming, fishing, softball, horseshoes, card games, backgammon — you name it — they had it.

And let's not leave out the food. There was choice bottom round of beef over charcoal, with condiments, cole slaw, potato salad, crab soup, corn - on - the - cob, barbeque, hot dogs, hamburgers, a green table which included spring onions, cubed tomatoes, radishes, celery, green peppers, pickles, and olives, cake and any kind of beverage you could want — including continuously flowing draft beer.

The Villa itself is ideal for a picnic. There was not a picnic table there that did not have the natural umbrella of a shade tree. The beach area was located on one side of the Villa clubhouse and the fishing and boating area on the other. There was shrubbery and flowers throughout the entire picnic area and the view was so lovely that anyone who felt like it could have enjoyed the seaside scene just watching the boats whiz by.

Inside the Villa clubhouse there was disco dancing all day long. Disco disc jockey Wild Bill of the Federal Lounge in Baltimore kept the beat going strong.

Even though a thunderstorm came during the afternoon guests who were doing their thing outside had only to join the festivities in the clubhouse.

During the picnic tickets were sold for a 50 - 50 drawing. The winner, whose share of the 50 - 50 pot was over $150 was chosen by the drawing of a winning ticket stub.

The meritocrats Inc. is the first all - black group to use the facilities of Conrad's Ruth Villa. If the guests' participation in the activities offered at the picnic are any indication, the Meritocrats picked a delightful spot to hold their summer fun fest. The picnic was a real winner.

Meritocrat officers are: Lloyd C. Mitchner, president; Ernest R. Murphy, vice president; Clarence J. Harris, secretary; Jim Edwards, treasurer; Richard Palmer, business manager and Henry W. Caraway, sergeant - at - arms.

Other members of the club are: Meredith Addison, James T. Alston, Earl Banks, Cleveland Bristler, Rufus Randy, Clarence

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