Woodlawn Highlights

New Year's party that almost wasn't

By Marjorie R. Green

'Twas the night before New Year's, and all through Columbia, not a creature was stirring. There wasn't even a law enforcement officer in sight to guide us through the dimly lit night.

"Across from the school — center house — sitting out front" That's the way the directions read.

Well, we arrived in the area on time to begin a long night - marish task of locating our New Year's eve host and hostess.

Somehow the house numbers didn't seem to be running quite right and we found ourselves wandering up and down the road, in and out the courts trying to find the matching house number.

In desperation, we tapped on a door and were greeted by a woman standing in her kitchen holding the telephone to her ear. She was sorry that she couldn't help us. Her house was in the 9500 court and she apologized for not knowing where 9400 started or ended.

A man walking a dog suddenly appeared out of the darkness. A closer look revealed that the dog was apparently walking the man because the animal seemed to be the only one around who really knew where he was and where he was going.

Realizing that he was unable to point us in the direction of our destination, our neighborly friend suggested that his wife might be able to help. After taking time to explain the situation to his wife who invited me in our of the cold air, the man and his dog disappeared into the night just as my better half had done a few moments earlier.

It didn't take very long for the lady of the house to admit that she didn't know how the house numbers were running and she agreed that it might be wise to call my friends.

As I reached for the wall telephone to call our host and hostess who by now had been waiting over half an hour, our good samaritan pulled out her area map and with a helpful air of confidence directed me down the road, around the corner and four houses down.

Now all I had to do was go back into the night and locate my lost husband before the ringing of the bells announced the beginning of a new year.

It was luck that brought the dog and his master back from their walk in time to prevent any further panic.

"Your husband is right outside the door." said our neighborly friend as we bid each other good night, good luck and a happy New Year.

Assuming that we were close to the house, we decided to leave the car parked and began our walk around the corner, over the slopes and up the steps to the house occupied by the Smith family.

It was cold and dark and the clock was ticking away precious minutes. Around and around we went and we still couldn't find the number we wanted. It looked so close on the map.

Twenty minutes later, shortly after another encounter with a well - meaning, bright - faced neighbor who had lived in the area two years and only knew the address of his own home and where it was located, we narrowed the possibilities down and decided to do a house - to - house check.

In the meantime, we accidently arrived back in the area where we had parked the car. Instead of jumping in and heading towards Baltimore and home, we cruised back to the selected area of mission impossible.

The lights were burning in the first two houses we approached, but the rewas no response to our knock.

Frustrated and cold, I was determined to arouse someone who would permit usage of their telephone. We decided that this would be our last effort before leaving Howard County and so with a firm grasp on the door knocker, I gave three loud bangs.

Immediately the door swung open and to my great surprise, there in a flood of light stood Mrs. Barbara Smith, our hostess for the evening.

The guests were all present and waiting to start the evening fun. There was Wendy and Jerry Hinton, Severn, Md.; Clifford and Jo - Ann Holly, Suitland, Md.; Wes and Marilyn Queen, Silver Spring, Md.; Floyd and Jeanette Cumberbatch, Silver Spring, Md., and Nathaniel Smith, our host, who stepped outside to inform my husband, James, that we had finally arrived.

After a 15-minute warm-up period, we piled into six cars and headed for the Howard County Foundation's New Year's Eve bash.

I must admit that in spite of all the tense moments, a very, very good time was enjoyed by all.

May the New Year bring good health, happiness and prosperity to all of our good friends and readers of this column.

Send news items for this column to: Woodlawn Highlights, P.O. Box 785, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Provident board chairman nominated for award

Rosetta Sands

Mrs. Rosetta F. Sands, R.N., M.S. and chairman of the board of trustees of Provident Hospital Inc., has been nominated for the Mary Mahoney Award, the most prestigious honor a black nurse can receive in recognition of significant contributions to interracial relationships.

In 1972-73, Mrs. Sands served as a member of the Committee of Twelve which worked to improve communication and create positive relationships. At the same time, she was instrumental in initiating a minority student advocacy program in the school of nursing at the University of Marvland.

Mrs. Sands has served as assistant dean for undergraduate curriculum from 1974 to the present.

In 1979, she was selected to represent the school of nursing on a committee to develop an honors program for the professional schools in conjunction with the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. The purpose of the program is to provide gifted students with the opportunity to meet requirements for admission to professional schools at an accelerated pace.

Mrs. Sands will complete her doctoral studies this year.

Ms. Herman woman of future

Women's Bureau director Alexis M. Herman has been selected one of ten women of the future by the Ladies' Home Journal. She was chosen one of the "new women leaders in the 80's, capable in their fields and exemplifying new equality in ability and accomplishment," the Journal said.

Herman's Award .. an 8 -sided Baccarat crystal etched with her name .. was presented by Mario Thomas at Women of Achievement awards ceremonies in New York City recently.

Upon accepting the honor, Herman said that although it is in recognition of personal achievements, she feels it "recognizes the increasing significance of the role that women play in the work force today, and it is a tribute to the work of the Women's Bureau and its relentless efforts to ensure a brighter future for all women."

Herman noted that in the decade of the 1970's women entered the labor force at an average rate of over a million each year.

Mikulski plans meetings

Rep. Barbara A. Mikulski, D.-3rd, Md. has scheduled the first in a series of Town Hall Meetings, or speak-outs, planned for 1980.

Organized on a geographic basis the parleys will be held throughout the thrid Congressional district. Occasionally meetings of this kind are held with specific constituent groups such as Ms. Mikulski's 1979 Town Hall Meeting held specifically for the deaf, and her recent meeting at Montebello State Hospital with handicapped persons.

There will be at least 11 Town Hall Meetings in the first three months of 1980, possibly more.

These public forums are designed as give-and-take sessions between the congresswoman and her constituents. The meetings follow a general format: first, there are brief opening remarks by Congresswoman Mikulski; the opening statement is then followed by a question and answer session.

On hand at all of the speak-outs will be members of Ms. Mikulski's staff. The staff assistants are able to help individual constituents with personal problems they may be having dealing with government agencies or understanding programs. Also available to citizens who attend will be a wide variety of government publications.

Attached is the schedule for the initial group meetings.

Saturday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m., Kirkwood House, 6401 Look Raven Blvd. invited will be residents of Towson, Lake-Walker, Stemleigh, Anneolie, Ramblewood, Chinquapin, Northwood, Parkville, Hamilton and Overlea.

Monday, Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m., Locust Point Recreation Center, 1627 E. Fort Ave. This Town Hall meeting should attract residents of South Baltimore, Federal Hill, Locust Point and adjacent areas, such as Pigtown and Montgomery.

To confirm dates and times, phone 962-4510.

MARCH OF DIMES

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF SPEAKER — Former Dallas Cowboys Don Perkins was guest speaker at Baltimore's 10th anniversary Walk-a-Thon at a reception held Jan. 2 at the Convention Center. Perkins addressed volunteers who helped make Baltimore's annual Walk-a-Thon the most successful in the nation since 1971. Almost $4,440,000 has been raised to help fight birth defects. Perkins is a member of the March of Dimes national board of trustees.

Shopping mothers with small children

Shopping parents who are more watchful for a good buy than they are of their child's safety on a store escalator may see their young one injured in the bargain.

The most important measure in preventing injuries is to convince youngsters that the escalator is not a toy. Too often accidents occur when children engage in horseplay such as going up the down staircase.

Sitting on escalator steps is an open invitation to painful hand or buttock injuries. Similarly, riding on the handrail can also lead to mangled fingers or sudden spills.

Parentss are cautioned against placing a toddler's stroller on the moving stairs. The chance of the infant being tipped over is too great to risk.

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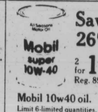

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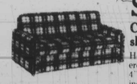

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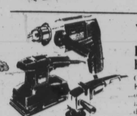

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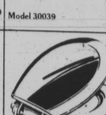

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Dr. Koontz to address annual MLK breakfast

Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz

The YMCA of Greater Baltimore has announced plans for its fifth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast to be held Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the downtown Baltimore Hilton Hotel.

Tickets at $6 per are available now at the YMCA at 24 W. Franklin St. Baltimore, Md. 21201.

All requests for tickets should be accompanied by check or money order. Tables of 10 are available on a first - come, first - served basis.

Speaker at the 7:30 a.m. breakfast is Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, a well - known educator, presently assistant state superintendent of schools in Raleigh, N.C. She is a former president of the National Education Association, and a former director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Music will be provided by the Dunbar High School Choir, directed by Hugh Carey. The group recently returned from a European concert.

Supreme Bench Judge Robert B. Watts and J. Sydney King, WBAL - TV community service, are co - chairing the annual breakfast. Honorary co - chair persons include Gov. Harry Hughes, Mayor William Donald Schaefer and executives of surrounding counties, as well as a cross - section of city and state leaders.

Sponsoring groups include the King's Leading Women's service club of which Mrs. Bettye Lindsay is president; and the Jeffrey Fund.

Richard M. Kelly is president of the Baltimore YMCA. Coordinating the event is Alonso Paul Moss, associate general executive emeritus of the Y.

For further information, call 396 - 7046.

WO-BE-CO throws holiday party

Women Behind the Community Inc., WO - BE - CO, celebrated Christmas with brunch on Sunday, Dec. 23 at Cross Keys Inn.

After dining, the lively group gathered at the beautiful Simmonds Avenue home of Bill and Eugenia Britt. The afternoon was spent watching the football game and in conversation and fellowship.

Cardrienne Griffin is president of the group.

WO - BE - CO members and guests attending included Marie Bessick, Clare Bailey, Reginia and Joseph Bernard, Joan Case, Vera and Jerome Dorsey, Bettye and Franklin Fitzgerald, Sara Giles, Cardrienne and James Griffin, Gwendolyn and Joseph Howard, Barbara and Owen Lee, Essie and Wendell Sutton and Shirley and Orville Swafford.

Other guests included Bettye and Paul Moss, Alice and Bruce Russe.,, Robert Belle, Alisha Swafford, Clyde Bessick Jr., Kenneth Jerkins, Kenneth Freeman from Washington, D.C. and Grace Gaines and William Gaspard from New Orleans, La.

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Dr. Mary Fair Burks

Dr. Mary Fair Burks, graduate of Alabama State University, was appointed to the reviewing panel of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The board reviews all proposals submitted to the Endowment for feasibility, purpose, clarity and potential contribution to scholarship as well as to the community to be served.

Reviewers are chosen, on the basis of academic training, area of specialization and contributions in their fields. In addition, they review only those proposals which relate to their specializations.

The additions to the pool of reviewers came as a result of a request from President Jimmy Carter that greater affirmative action be reflected in the selections of review panelists appointed to the Endowment.

Dr. Burks is a recipient of several grants from the endowment. She was a fellow at Oxford University and has been accepted as a research fellow at Yale University for the coming summer.

She has also had fellowships at Harvard University, Amherst College, the University of California, the famous Bread Loaf Writers' School at Middlebury College, and St. Peters College, Oxford University.

Dr. Burks is a professor of English at the University of Maryland at Princess Anne.

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I. Douglas Jones, a native Baltimorean, has joined the staff at the Northwest Baltimore Corporation as community coordinator and organizer.

In his new position, Jones will be responsible for coordinating, implementing and monitoring programs involving the community, developing alternative strategies to deal with problems concerning residents, identifying needs in the community for additional services and staffing community improvement associations and other groups. groups.

Prior to joining the corporation, Jones working with Arlington Community Organization, Baltimore City Department of Social Services, the Epilepsy Association of Maryland and the American Lung Association of Maryland.

He has also been involved in numerous other community based programs in Baltimore and other cities. He has served on several executive boards and committees as well as neighborhood associations.

Jones is an active member of Bethel AME Church where he serves on the public relations unit, hospitality committee and the church newspaper staff.

He graduated from New York University and attended Morgan State University, University of Maryland and the Community College of Baltimore. Jones has a degree in sociology with graduate work in community development and planning.

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Nelita D. Griner

Nelita D. Griner, a special agent with the Prudential Insurance Company's Franklin Centre Agency, 4 E. Franklin St., has been selected by the Outstanding Young Women of America in recognition of her outstanding ability, accomplishments and service to her community during 1979.

Ms. Griner is vice president and general manager of the John H. Griner Sr. Insurance and Premium Finance Company. She has served as assistant to the director of the Labor Recruitment Program of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Ms. Griner has a degree in business administration from the University of Maryland. She is a resident of Baltimore.

Nelita D. Griner

University Women to meet Jan. 17

The American Association of University Women, Baltimore branch, will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, in Fourier Hall, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Charles Street at Homeland Avenue.

This meeting is the second in the series of three sessions on the national study topic, "Families Facing Change". The workshop format will continue under the direction of topic chairman, Mrs. Gilbert M. Kushel.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Robert Barnes, social studies department head, Southwestern High School. Barnes is a noted genealogist, whose topic "Roots III — Generations — Our Inheritance" will explore the past, historically and personally.

The American Association of University Women is a national organization of women with bachelor or graduate degrees from certified colleges and universities. Interested guests are invited to share in this meeting.

Anyone who may be interested in membership may obtain information by calling 823 - 3674.

Nominations open for outstanding volunteers

William Russell, executive director of the Voluntary Action Center of Central Maryland, invites individuals and organizations to nominate volunteers for the Central Maryland Volunteer Awards. Sponsored by the Carnation Corporation and local businesses, outstanding volunteers will be recognized for their service and accomplishments.

Any volunteer, or voluntary group (a service club or social group, for example) which, during 1979, assisted any non - profit private or public organization in Central Maryland may be nominated.

A panel of community leaders in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties will review all nominations from their respective areas to select the 13 recipients. The awards will be distributed so that each area will have at least one nominee selected.

The 10 - inch engraved silver bowl awards will be presented at a special ceremony during National Volunteer Week, April 20 - 26, 1980.

Nomination forms and further information are available by contacting the Voluntary Action Center, Suite 317, 711 W. 40th St., Baltimore, Md. 21211, 467 - 1600. The deadline for nominations is Jan. 31, 1980.

Askew rejoins news network

John Askew rejoins the Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN) as news anchor. A seasoned professional, Askew has accumulated nearly twenty years experience in various news journalist, administration and management positions within the broadcasting industry.

His prior network experience includes demonstrated performance in key positions with the Mutual Broadcasting System, National Black Network and as former news director with the Mutual Black Network(now SBN). SBN is the nation's largest black-owned news and advertising medium.

Labor prints veterans guide

The second edition of the 1979 Legal Guide and Case Digest Supplement on veterans' reemployment rights case law has been issued by the department of labor.

The supplement includes case notes and interpretations of judicial decisions that occurred after the 1968 guide was published, and provides new information on the 1968,1974 and 1976 amendments to the veterans' reemployment rights law.

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Baltimoreans on the move

CCB project to assess women's life experiences

Women who are interested in receiving recognition for life experience learning can apply to become part of the nationwide field test of a new program, called Project ACCESS, being offered at the Community College of Baltimore, CCB.

Project ACCESS is developing a system to assess skills and knowledge that women have acquired through homemaking, parenting, community service, volunteer work, and other life experiences. The system will analyze these skills and match them with the skills needed for success in selected vocational education programs.

CCB, one of the 19 institutions taking part in the Project ACCESS field test, will offer vocational education programs in electronics, computer science, drafting, hospitality management, medical records technology, and respiratory therapy.

Women who have been homemakers for most of their adult lives but who now wish to be trained for a paid job should call Johanna Westerberg, at 396-1550 or Thelma Clavon, 396-0077 to learn more about the project and to arrange for an interview.

This project is part of three-year research study being conducted by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and Educational Testing Service, funded by the Bureau of Occupational and Adult Education of the U.S. Office of Education. The purpose of the research is to develop, field, test, and provide for the implementation of a system that will further the recognition of the skills that women learn through life experiences.

Beavers named McDonald's Mid-East zone manager

ROBERT M. BEAVERS JR.

Robert M. Beavers Jr. has been named senior vice president and Mid - East zone manager for McDonald's Restaurants.

In this position, Beavers will be responsible for the management of 1,000 restaurants in the Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis, and Milwaukee regions. Beavers assumes this position after serving for three years as regional vice president in the Vienna, Virginia Region, responsible for more than 200 restaurants in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Beavers joined McDonald's in 1968 as a part time crew employee while studying at George Washington University. He continued his education while working at McDonald's and was named manager in 1969, later to be named area supervisor.

Following this position, he progressed through several positions and in 1970, Beavers was named assistant Licensing director for McDonald's Corporation, at the corporate headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois.

In 1971, he was named New York district manager; and in 1976 appointed as vice president and regional manager.

Beavers attended McKinley Technical High School in Washington and Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Penn. before graduating with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from George Washington University in 1966.

Beavers, a Washington, D.C. native, and his wife Jo reside in Potomac, Maryland with their four children.

Sailors offered 'father-son' cruise

NORFOLK — Seagoing sailors can take their fathers or sons with them when a Navy ship leaves for the Mediterranean in January, Navy officials said.

A Navy spokesman said allowing men to take their fathers or sons is part of a plan by the captain of the Combat Stores Ship Sylvania to add "fun and zest" to shipboard life.

The men will not be allowed to take their mothers, daughters, wives or sweethearts.

Navy officials said the fathers and sons will get off the ship in Spain and fly home at their own expense.

While onboard, the guest will receive special briefings and will be taken off the ship by helicopter in case of a crisis, officials said. (UPI)

CLASSES IN DIABETES

Night classes in diabetes will be held Jan. 15 to 17 at Washington Adventist Hospital Takoma Park, at 7:30 p.m. Classes are limited to 16 persons.

For further information, call 891-7887