Guardsmen's New Year's celebration is zingy - full of class

GUARDSMAN AND GUESTS — Pictured at the very festive New Year's eve celebration held at the Convention Center are Guardsman Robert Diggs, left, and his guests Margaret and David Driver, right.

ENJOYING THE SCENE — Pictured taking in the scene at the Gaurdsmen's New Year's celebration held at the Convention Center. Sharo and Pratt Sts., on Dec. 31 is Mrs. Cleo Diggs.

By Pattie Hodges, AFRO Staff Writer

The Baltimore Guardsmen, Inc. hosted its fabulous Black Tie New Year's eve party at the city's new Convention Center, Pratt and Sharp St.

Ladies were decked out in the latest fashions and men were handsome and suave as 300 guests gathered at the center to ring out the old and and ring in the new year and the new decade.

From 10:30 p.m. until 3 a.m. the exhuberant Guardsmen and their guests danced to the effervescent tunes of the Lionel Jiggetts Band, chatted, joked and milled about in the convivial atmosphere of the affair.

Everyone waited with bated breath as Benjamin Brown, Esq., president of the Baltimore Guardsmen, gave the countdown from 30 seconds to that first big moment of 1980.

With it came the hugs, kisses, exclamations of 'Happy New Year,' the raining confetti and the breaking out of the champagne - which of course led to much toasting and even higher spirits.

Guests also enjoyed a delicious New Year's breakfast of sausage, bacon, eggs, home fries, French toast, rolls, various Danish pastries, cheeses, coffee and of course, those traditional black - eyed peas for good luck.

The Guardsmen, a social club first organized in 1933 in Brooklyn, N.Y., with the second chapter formed in Baltimore, has, since its inception, expanded to include 16 chapters located on the East coast, with one of the 16 being in Detroit.

It is no question that the indomitable Guardsmen, Inc. of Baltimore have seen many a New Year in. So with their usual comraderie and flourish they tipped their hats and brought in 1980 - first class.

Officers and members of the Baltimore Guardsmen are; in addition to Ben Brown, president: Charles Tildon, vice president; Charles E. Brown, secretary; Howard G. Collins Jr., financial treasurer and Guy Bragg, D.D.S, treasurer;; also Sindney O. Burnett, D.D.S., Richard H. Cummings, Robert P. Diggs, Walter T. Edmonds, William M. Garner, M.D., Raymond L. Gray, D.D.S., William M. Hall, M.D. William A. Harris, Ret. Col. and Harold J. Jennifer Jr.

Also the Honorable David T. Mason, Marcus Moore, M.D., Stephen P. Moore II, Clifton S. Murray, Joel W. Newton, Donald Patterson, George L. Russell Jr., Esq., Warren W. Weaver, Edward A. Williams and John M. Wood.

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PARTY HEARTY — Doing their dance thing at the Committee X - 71 holiday fun fest are Mrs. Vashti Christmas and Wendell Robinson. The affair was held at Blue Crest North.

Committee X-71 gives fun-filled holiday fest

The lady in the red velour blouson top and black, silk, pajamma type pants topped the hand of her companion but said for all to hear: "If this party doesn't put you in the Christmas spirit - nothing will."

It had not been the gayest of Christmas seasons, with troubles abroad and shortages at home, not to mention high prices and low morale.

However the warm and hospitable Committee X-71 pushed away those troubles and presented their 250 guests with a giant Christmas present of color, candlelight, good food and the foot - tapping tunes of Dennis Fisher.

It was all sparkle and tinsel and the golden glow of Christmas encircled the hearts of the guests like a wreath.

The scene for this holiday magic was the Blue Crest North at 401 Reisterstown Rd., Pikesville on Dec. 22 from 1 until 5 p.m.

Members of Committee X-71, who like to give heart - warming affairs to open Yuletide seasons, are: George B. Barrick, Charles W. Cephas, Malcolm Chamberlain, Marvin C. Davis, Ben H. Foreman, Cornelius Griffin, J. Wilson Henson and William V. Lockwood;

Also Charles H. Lynch, Cyrus Marshall, Charles C. Mason, Robert L. Payne, Lewis H. Richardson, Wellington S. Ross, Paul F. Scott, Alfred A. Woodland and John S. Ward, who was chairman of the lovely affair.

CHECKING IT OUT — Taking in the action at the holiday fun fest hosted by Committee X - 71 held at Blue Crest North are Mrs. Pauline Claggett, left, and Mrs. Doris Wallace, right.

Maryland General Hospital Auxiliary will hold its third general meeting and luncheon at noon Jan. 28 in the nurses's auditorium, opposite the hospital on Linden Avenue.

The Guest Speaker will be Robert Bnyder, director of pharmacy service, Maryland General Hospital.

Columbia Capers

January proclaim Human Rights Month in Howard County

By Pinnie L. Ross

At the request of the Howard County Human Rights Commission, County Executive J. Hugh Nichols has proclaimed January as Human Rights Month in Howard County.

This proclamation follows the tradition of acknowledging that the County Human Rights Legislation established the Human Rights Commission and the Office of Human Rights on January 6, 1976; that, in January, the Commission sponsors activities in observance of human rights in Howard County; and that January is the birthday month of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., world renowned civil and human rights leader and Nobel Prize winner for Peace.

The Proclamation states that - the County Executive, in recognition of the advances that have been made and still have to be made in human rights and human understaindng, confirms the County's continuing commitment to the furtherance of human rights and understanding and urges all citizens and organizations to observe this month by pledging themselves once again to human rights and understanding.

The Commission is sponsoring a poster and an essay contest for elementary, middle, and high school students and its Fourth Annual Human Rights Day Celebration, both with the theme "Human Rights in Our Community."

This year's Celebration will be held on Saturday, January 12, at the Howard High School at 6:00 p.M.

The event is a potluck dinner with the Honorable Dr. Arthur Flemming, chairperson of the United States Commission on Civil Rights as the guest speaker.

Winners of the poster and essay contests will be acknowledged and awards made to an individual and an organization for achievement in the area of human rights in our community.

Persons intertested in attending may call the Commission' Office to make reservations or for further information, at 992 - 2126.

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Columbia Club recently sponsored a tour of "The Afro - American Tradition in Decorative Arts" at the Smithsonian Institute, the Nations Museum of History and technology, Washington, D.C.

The exhibition was orfanized by The Cleveland Museum of Arts in cooperation with The Links of Cleveland, Inc.

It is a study in survival and explores the survival of African elements or traditions and their continuing influences in the crafts of the Afro - American artisan.

Black Artisans have claimed their double heritage by oral instruction and by the example of older craftsmen — and by the inventive use of fragments of memory. Even under oppression, they survived.

The unique black experience is displayed in the crafts of baskets, walking sticks, pottery jars, and quilts.

Also seen were examples of musical instruments, wood carving, boar building, blacksmithing, architecture, graveyard decoration and large wall maps of Africa and the United States showing the distribution of the slave population in 1970 and 1860.

Ernestine E. DeBerry, first vice - president and program chairman arranged the tour.

The National Council of Negro Women, Howard County Section, presented a challenging program for the public at its last meeting.

A 45 - minute slide tape show entitled "A Panoramic View of Africa: Past and Present" highlighted the cities, villages, occupations, clothing, traditions and rituals in color and song.

Celonia B. Walden, president of the section and traveler to Africa on several occasions, exhibited African fabrics and garments, masks, Makonde Sculpture, and dolls from Senegal and Liveria. Roberta M. Briacoe, vice president, chaired the program.

Canned goods were collected for their ongoing public service project — The Howard County Action Council. These goods are distributed by the Council to meet emergency situations and needs.

The Fifth Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast will be held Sunday, January 13, from 8:30 to 10:30 A.M. at the Kittamaqundi Room, Rouse Building.

Guest speaker for the breakfast will be Mal Goode of National Black Network News. A benefit breakfast for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Scholarship Fund.

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A. J. Young new SSA commissioner

By Marjorie R. Green

The selection of Andrew J. Young as the Associate Commissioner of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, SSA, was announced October 19, 1979.

At the time of the announcement Mr. Young was serving as the HEW Regional Attorney in Seattle.

According to Stanford G. Ross who recently resigned as Commissioner of Social Security, Mr. Young "is an extraordinary talented and dedicated person and his extensive experience as a lawyer makes him exceptionally well qualified for this job."

A graduate of the University of Washington School of Law, Mr. Young was Assistant Attorney General for the State of Washington for four years before going into private practice.

In 1970, HEW created a Regional Office in Seattle and Mr. Young became HEW Regional Attorney for the Region in 1971. As Regional Attorney, his responsibilities included furnishing legal advice on all social security program and litigation matters that developed in the Seattle region.

His valuable experience more than qualified him to lead the OHA office of over 4,000 employees which includes 650 administrative law judges that handle approximately 225,000 requests for hearings each year. Nine hundred of these employees work in the Arlington, Virginia headquarters area.

In a recent interview, Mr. Young stated that his new position "is very

Andrew J. Young new Associate Commissioner

exciting and challenging because it touches the very heart of the people."

One of his primary concerns is the low percentage of women and minorities working in the Office of Hearings and Appeals. He expressed a desire to implement innovative programs which will greatly aid in the recruitment and placement of qualified minorities and women.

To accomplish this, he has designated OHA's Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge to take the lead in this aggressive movement to improve OHA's Equal Employment Opportunity profile.

Mr. Young also promises to play a visible role in executing plans to actively communicate with State and minority bar associations.

He is scheduled to personally meet with law school placement officers in order to explain the need for high calibre candidates to fill the OS-15 career positions.

Prior to his resignation in December, Stanford Ross outlined several top initiatives which Mr. Young will continue to stress in his effort to carry out SSA's public service mission.

In addition to holding memberships in national, state and local bar associations, he is a past president of the Seattle NAACP and has served as a member of the Executive Board of the Seattle NAACP.

He was also active in the Washington State Board for Community College Education, the Y.M.C.A. and various activities associated with the University of Washington School of Law.

A native of Como, Mississippi, Mr. Young is married to the former Geri Draper. They are parents of two children, Chris, age 16, and Cathy, age 14. The Young family resides in Falls Church, Virginia.

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To tempt the palate, there were barbequed ribs, seafood, salads, punch, cocktails — the works.

The group was so buoyed up that after partaking of the delicious party fare and drinks and after dancing the latest disco steps for a while they got inspired.

So inspired were they that they went into a segment of improvisations right on the spot - a spontaneous performance - much to everyone's surprise. That is really a talented bunch.

On the scene for this uniquely interesting holiday bash were: Dr. Percy Thomas, producer - director of the Free Spirit Theatre, and the main honoree of the party; He has also been seen in The Hitter, FIST, Sparkie, The Other Side of Midnight and And Justice For All;

Other members of the troupe attending were Darrell Taylor, a founding member of the Theatre, and actor, photographer and drummer;

Penny Johnson, a student at the Juilliard School of Music in N.Y.C. in voice and speech director for the Theatre;

Estelle Searcy, director - coordinator of Children's Artistic Project, Inc. and publicist - public relations director for the Theatre as well as a poet and singer and actress;

Bernice Kelly, who is a member of the Theatre and also appeared in "And Justice For All;"

Also Natalie Carter, Communications Arts major at Notre Dame College and founding member of the Theatre and Gordon W. Parks, Theatre founder member, and Carolyn Marcus, actress and Theatre member.

Some other guests on the scene were Jeanne Lee, Priscilla and Joe Mangum, Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Butch) Knight and Henry Baker Jr.

SMILING APPROVAL of the happenings at the holiday bash given by the members of the Maryland Dental Society at the Ritz Supper Club on Light St. are Robert M. Turner and Ms. Yolanda Tucker.

DENTAL SOCIETY GUESTS — Sharing a private moment at the Dental Society's holiday bash at the Ritz are Morris L. Campbell and Miss Catherine D. Lockhart.

AFRO Photos by Mark Gall

DENTAL SOCIETY MEMBERS — Pictured at their zesty holiday fun fest held at the Ritz are some members of the Maryland Dental Society. Front row, left to right: Dr. John Maupin, president; Dr. Ernest Brooks, committee member for the affair; Dr. Guy Bragg, secretary; Dr. Henry Williams, member and Dr. Steven Dwimoh, member. Back row, left to right; Dr. Fabian Desbordes, Dr. Horace Leslie, president elect; Dr. Charles Shelton, member and Dr. Gladstone D. Davis, vice president.

Town and Country Club

The Town and Country Club entertained friends at its Christmas party with a joyous evening on Dec. 29 at the home of Mrs. Louise Parker.

This group of ladies works quietly in Charities wherever help is needed: The United Negro College Fund and The AFRO's Mrs. Santa are special yearly projects.

Members are Mesdames Ethel Hall, Queenie S. Lane, Norma Bracy, Inez Young, Anna Williams, Viola Randall, Louise Parker, Edith Bruce.

Guests attending their joyous Christmas evening affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Algenon Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. James Bridgeforth, Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. William Woodland. Out of town guests were: Dr. and Mrs. John Cardwell of N.Y.C., Mrs. Mabel Smith of N.Y.C.

Also Judge Archie D. Williams, Mrs. Evelyn Overton, Hubert Lane, Robert Parker Host, Alfred Randall, Henry Hall, Joe Bracy, Edward Young and Robert A. Smith.

Dorsey Hospitality

Many New Year's Eve parties took place all over Charm City to herald in the new year and the new decade - large balls, great extravaganzas, nightclub bashes and the like + all very grand.

How charming it always is though - in spite of the hoopla on larger scales - to welcome in the New Year with a small group of familiar friends who still know how to have a ball.

That's exactly the way it was at Claire and Hubert Dorsey's Dolfield Ave. home, where the group that gathered at 11 p.m. to say good - by to '79 and hail in 1980 at 12 midnight, lingered until 5 a.m.

Good food and drinks, friendly fun, and lively dancing were the key for this evening of thorough enjoyment.

Checking out the action here were: Roberta Ross, Nellie Taft, Robert Smallwood, Cassaundra Wilson, Delores and Leroy Thornton, Ellen Dutton, David Echols, Melva Greene and George and Jeannette Cologna.

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A growing need for lawyers increasing

It has been said that lawyers are to the courts what doctors are to hospitals. That is, they are professional men and women who use their in-depth training and knowledge for the benefit of their clients, the consumer, and are united in the pursuit of their training as a public service.

It is important to understand that a lawyer is more than a figure in a courtroom pleading his or her case before a judge and jury. A lawyer also has the awesome responsibility of advising and conseling clients in such a way that they may never need to go to court in the first place.

But if a court trial does become necessary, the trial lawyer will defend the Constitutional rights of his or her client with all the skill and knowledge that he or she commands.

While most of us have a family doctor or a clergyman to turn to in difficult times, we tend to overlook the significant need for a family lawyer. Yet, with the pressures of today's modern lifestyle increasing everyday, it is probably more important than ever to establish an association with a lawyer to handle your family's varied legal affairs.

Few of us realize it, but most of us as consumers probably commit ourselves to a binding legal agreement just about everyday, such as when we make a charge with our credit cards or write a personal check to pay a bill.

And usually some time in our life we will want to buy or sell a piece of property, sign a lease for an apartment, enter into a contract, draw up a will to protect our families, or even sue someone for breach of contract.

These are all legal things that are best handled by a family lawyer working in your behalf.

And in a criminal case, it is generally agreed that you should have a lawyer. The seriousness of the possible penalties and the intricacies of bonding requirements and criminal procedures should be reason enough to discourage any thought of one representing oneself.

It is truly said that, "A person who tries his own case ... has a fool for a client."

Whenever you do run into a legal problem, talk it over with your family lawyer. Remember, he or she is your friend and counselor in time. of trouble. And one of your lawyer's most important functions is to keep you out of litigation unless necessary.

Md. Lottery

The winning numbers in the Maryland lottery at Wednesday's drawing were as follows: six digit, 292601; five digit, 18002; four digit, 3095; three digit, 727 and two digit, 26.

Black Music Colloquium and competition at Kencen

The National Black Music Colloquium and Competition, announced in March, 1979, will enter its final phase on Jan. 11 when a gala concert opens a full week of master classes, workshops, symposia, and free recitals.

The week's events will cap a two - year effort by the Kennedy Center to recognize black participation in the field of classical music, identify talented young artists across the country, and encourage the performance of works by America's Black composers.

Fourteen prize - winners from the regional auditions held around the country for the Black Music Competition will compete in piano and string instrument categories (violin, viola, violoncello, string bass) on Jan. 17 and 18 for national awards. The two winners will be featured in a concluding recital in the Terrace Theater on Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.

The Black Music Competition is one of two national, long - term projects initiated by the Center's special National Commission on Black Participation in the Performing Arts, whose two - year tenure ended last March.

The second is a national Black Theatre and Playwright Project which allocated grants to assist six regional theaters in commissioning and producing new plays by minority playwrights. More than 100 new scripts were screened by theaters around the country and nine new works have been produced.

Underwritten by the Center's Corporate Fund, the National Black Music Colloquium and Competition was carefully representatives of the Center, composers developed by a Task Force that included Ulysses Kay and Elie Siegmeister, noted violinist Sanford Allen, arts advocate and educator Jeanne Heningburg, and former Black Commission Chairman Dr. Archie Buffkins, who is also serving as chairman of the project's Task Force.

The National Music Council is providing technical assistant for the competition, with Dr. Merle Montgomery serving as project administrator.

Regional auditions were held this past fall in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, St. Louis, New York, and Los Angeles where audiences heard the music of George Walker, T.J. Anderson, and Olly Wilson, as well as Beethoven, Scarlatti, and Chopin.

Seventeen of America's outstanding Black composers will participate in symposia and master classes during the Colloquium at the Kennedy Center which will conclude with a major symposium on the future of Black music in America.

The young finalists will present full recital programs in a series of free concerts in the Terrace Theater, Jan. 11-17 at 5 p.m. and Jan. 13 at 8:30 p.m. and then play competitively for two distinguished panels of judges that will include Sanford Allen, Roque Cordero, and Anthony Elliott for Strings; Lukas Foss, Stewart Gordon, and William Masselos for piano.

The piano and string winners will each receive a cash prize of $2,000 and be featured in a final recital at Kennedy Center. Appearances by the two national winners have also been scheduled with the National Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Symphony.

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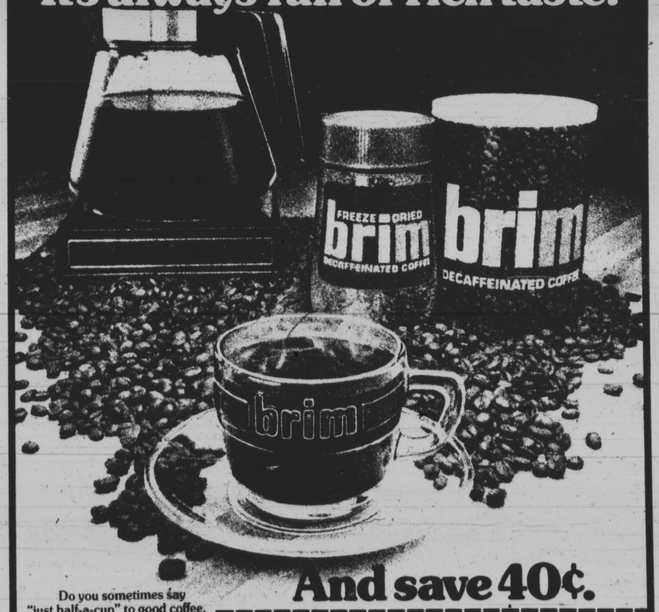

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