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Dental Student fundraiser is smashing success

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

The Ritz was packed on Thursday, Feb. 21 for the first annual Endowment Fundraiser hosted by the Student National Dental Association, Md. Chapter.

The affair lasted from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. and guests enjoyed cocktails, much music and dancing and a fashion show. Featured was a jazz band called 'Quiet Storm,' which provided ultra-nice sounds for listening.

Other disco music was provided by the Ritz for those who wanted to try out their latest steps on the floor. And many did.

Special highlight was the fashion show by Pauline Brooks models, who aired fashions from her boutique, ranging from casual to after 5. Mrs. Brooks moderated the show.

The purpose of the affair was to raise funds for dental students already attending dental school (The University of Maryland) who have qualified in three areas.

The three areas are acceptable academic achievement: community service (which include participation in medical screening programs such as the blood pressure checkups for area residents) and active membership in the National Dental Association.

Officers of the Maryland chapter are: Larry Jackson, president; Robert Simmon, vice president; Deborah Wilson, secretary; Michael Parr, treasurer and Al Peeples, parliamentarian.

YOUTHFUL MODEL airs casual wear from Pauline Brooks' Boutique during the fashion segment of the National Student Dental Association's (Md. chapter) fundraiser held at the Ritz on Light Street recently.

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FUNDRAISER FUN — Pictured enjoying themselves at the Dental Student fundraiser held at the Ritz are (L to R): Karen Ray, senior dental hygienist; Larry Jackson president of the Maryland chapter of the National Student Dental Association, and his wife, Joyce Jackson.

RAP SESSION — Engaged in animated conversation at the Dental Student Fundraiser at the Ritz are Steve Jackson of the Softones and Robin Witcher, a second year dental student.

Partyline

Retired Art Supervisor is feted on birthday

By Pattie Hodges
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Charles A. Reid of Airedale Acres in Howard County gave his wife, Lillian, a birthday party on Feb. 24 at their rambling ranch home.

Guests were warmly welcomed by a glowing fire in the fireplace in the family room and soft music emanating from the stereo.

A delicious holiday-style dinner with all the trimmings was served on a gorgeous table lighted with yellow candles in silver candelabra.

Afterwards guests meandered from the spacious dining room to the living room, family room and kitchen, chit-chatting, renewing old acquaintances and just having a glorious time.

A large birthday cake decorated with pink roses and silver leaves which spoked one long white candle in the middle (to grow on) was inscribed "Happy Birthday Lill."

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" much to the delight of the honoree, who received may surprises during her celebration.

To enhance the decor of their home Mrs. Reid was gifted with a beautiful birthday centerpiece of many colorful flowers in a milk glass container from Wayman and Nora Scott; a huge gorgeous rubber plant came from Henry and Mary Horsey; an orange ceramic bowl of four differentplants was from Joseph Duvall; a zebra plant came from the honoree's sister Ruthie of Pasadena, Calif.;

Also forthcoming was a hobnail container of many beautiful flowers from her niece and hubby, the Duncan Osbornes of Inglewood, Calif., and a hanging basket of Swedish ivy came from Little Miss Lisa Baucom of Olney, Md.

A special highlight of the day were long distance calls from Lill's sister Ruthie of Calif.; her niece, Lillian Mae and hubby Duncan Osborne also of Calif. who sang 'Happy Birthday' over the phone and Leda Ann Fuller of Champlain, Ill.

These greeting made Lillian's day, a very happy and touching one.

Mrs. Reid is a retired art supervisor, Baltimore City Public Schools, a life-long member of St. John AME Church, Baltimore and an associate member of West Liberty Methodist Church in Howard County.

She is also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Epsilon Omega Chapter, Baltimore, Md.

Guests at her lovely birthday celebration included: Messrs. and Mesdames George E. Simms, J. Walter Jackson, Wayman Scott, Roland Henson, William B. Dorsey and Walter Walker.

Also Misses M. Almira Miller, Lillie Mae Mills and Eryma Logan.

Also Mesdames Verna Gosnell and Constance Brent; Harrison Logan, Henry Horsey, Joseph Duvall and son.

Attending from Washington, D. C. were Mrs. Mary R. Fordham (the honoree's mother-in-law), Major Dorothy M. Fordham (sister-in-law) and Daniel Dotson.

JAZZ COCKTAIL SET

On Sunday, Feb. 24, 30 folks gathered at the Bowers Ave. home of Sandy East for a fun-filled jazz-cocktail set. This evening of joviality lasted from 5 p.m. until around midnight.

Guests enjoyed jazz music, delicious cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dips and munchies. There was much lively banter and for those who like games, guest Fred Bailey was taking on all comers for a game of backgammon.

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Alpha Phi Omega hosts benefit cocktail sip

PARTY HEARTY — Ms. Marie Johnson and Joe Perry, take a turn around the dance floor at the fundraiser cocktail sip hosted by the Alpha Phi Omega, (Baltimore Area Alumni Association) held at Pikesville Community Hall, Sunday, Feb. 17.

The Alpha Phi Omega, Baltimore Area Alumni Association's winter cocktail sip was held Sunday, Feb. 17 at Pikesville Community Hall, Pikesville, Md.

425 guests attended the lively affair which lasted from 3 until 8 p.m.

Disco music was provided by Leon Jones and everyone had a ball. To add to their enjoyment there was a delicious menu of hot and cold hors doeuvres, chicken, Swedish meatballs, salads and beverages.

The cocktail sip was held for the purpose of providing scholarship funds for Baltimore area high school students wishing to further their education.

Officers of the Baltimore branch of Alpha Phi Omega are: Freddie Hendricks, president; Thomas Morris, first vice president; Arthur Wall, second vice president; John Belt, treasurer; Henry Holman, corresponding secretary; James A. Smith, recording secretary; Henry L. Pope, historian and James Gilliam sergeant-at-arms.

Other members of Alpha Phi Omega are CeFerine Epps, Elmanus Herndon, Leon Jones, Aaron Harris, Wilbur Harrell and Jerome Hendricks;

Also Donald Ireland, Lester McCrea, Joseph Perry, Randolph Willis, William Brown, Larry Smith, Elton Huff, Charles Smith, Houston Stansbury, Lawrence Bell, Melvin Bordley, Carl Tucker, Dwight Franklin and Lawrence Johns.

FRATERNITY HOSPITALITY — Engaged in lively conversation at the Alpha Phi Omega cocktail sip fundraiser held on Feb. 17 are (L to R): Henry Holman, Jackie Chavious, Charles and Linda Wimbish.

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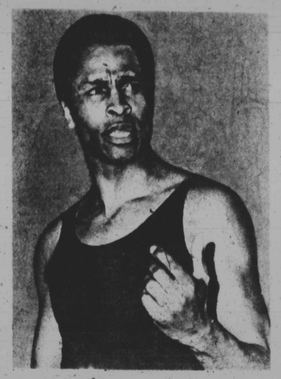
Percy Thomas sparks Black History Program



By Pinnie L. Ross

Heritage for new America was the theme used for St. John Baptist Church's Black History program last week, adopted by the Afro American Life and History.

The program was divided into three segments, Heritage in Music, excerpts from "Roots and Branches" written by Leroy Giles; Director of the popular Adult Gospel Choir, St. John Baptist Church, who rendered the mini Concert, Heritage in Verse, by guest artist Dr. Percy Thomas, Director of the Free Spirit Theater, Baltimore, who is both an accomplished actor and a specialist in the field of Mental Health.

Dr. Thomas was featured on the program in "What It's Like to Be Free." Over four hundred people packed space I of the Interfaith Center to hear and see the great artist.

Dr. Thomas dressed in a black sleeveless jumpsuit, wearing no shoes came in the back entrance of the Church down the aisle, carrying an old broom and a box symbolizing a janitor as he looked on "The March on Washington", using dialect in "The Ballad of the Potomac Rush".

He quickly went into a change of voice and expressions to Frederick Douglass "Fourth of July Oration", "The Creation" which gave him Amen's from the audience, after which Sweet hour of prayer was rendered by the Choir, in preparation for his prayer by James Weldon Johnson, "Listen, Lord".

By this time, Dr. Thomas had made a quick change right before the audience — A change to a long Black robe, as he patiently waited with his head bowed while the Choir sang "Great Getting Up Morning", after which he raised his head and did a fantastic performance with his Folk sermon, "Let My People Go" by James Weldon Johnson.

Dr. Thomas received a standing ovation from the over-whelmingly pleased and crowded audience.

The Dynamic Black artist, flew in from California to do the performance just one hour and a half before the program.

A 16-year veteran in the theater, and a marvelous actor, Percy Winfield Thomas without a doubt stands tall among the Black genuises of our day.

The thing that makes Dr. Thomas stand out among others, is his great concern for people.

The Black History Committee congratulates Dr. Thomas as he struggles on to make place for his divine spirit in the family of life's humanity.

Heritage in Dance was the third segment of the program. "Voyage from Bondage to Freedom" performed beautifully by artistic John Taylor and his Movement of Art dancers.

Mr. Taylor is well known in the Columbia area and its vicinity as a skillful choreographer and—or expert teacher of African, Modern and Jazz dance. He is a former fine arts teacher in Baltimore and Ann Arundel Counties.

Dr. C. Vernon Gray, a Political Science Professor at Morgan State University and Board Member of St. John Baptist Church did a fantastic summation of the total program.

Seventeen year old Marcia Faulkner, a semi-finalist in the Miss Talented Teen Maryland Pageant sang Aretha Franklin's version of Precious Lord Take My Hand. She was accompanied by Wade Ledbetter Jr.

Black History Committee Members were Pinnie L. Ross, Chairperson, Harolyn Harrison, Ardalia Taliaferro, Luvenia Faison, and Leroy Giles.

The Rev. Herbert Eaton is the newly elected Pastor of St. John Baptist Church.

A press conference was held at the Grempler Building in Columbia yesterday. Prominent Howard Countians and Chairman of the Maryland Carter-Mondale Campaign, James W. Rouse announced the former commencement of President Carter's campaign in Howard County.

Co-chairpersons for the campaign are E. Alexander Adorns, Ellicot City, Tony Cook, Columbia, and our own Dr. C. Vernon Gray for the Howard County vicinity.

Honorary Chairpersons are: Senator, President James Clark, Jr. County Executive, J. Hugh Nichols, County Council Chairperson, Ruth Keeton.

Louis Martin, Senior Staff Member of the White House represented President Carter.

"Lou" Martin is a native of Chicago and an old politician. He goes back to the days of former President Lyndon B. Johnson. Spending eight years under J. F. Kennedy and L.B.J., he was elected Chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

He praised President Carter to the highest, saying "This young man from Georgia, his commitment, concern, his sensitivity to every facet of human nature by this man is without parallel in our political history.

He gave credit to all the former Presidents especially L.B.J., giving him credit for Civil Rights Act, 1964, Voting Act, 1965, but had this to say, "I believe before Jimmy Carter is through, he will break the record of L.B.J. He is concerned, committed, and is a fighter."

Other Blacks present were: Marie Johnson, Dr. Ozella Webb, Celonia Walden, Tony Cook who introduced Lou Martin, Melvena Brown, Chairperson for Ethel Hill's campaign seat on the School Board, and Sonda Gray, wife of Dr. Vernon Gray.

—Partyline

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Mrs. Lillian Reid
Birthday Lady

Among those on hand for this fun fest were: Tim Wilson, Nellie Taft, Connie Carter, Charles Faison, Fred and Vivian Bailey, Roberta Ross, Francis (Howie) Lynch, Angie McClain, Nedra East and Marjorie Jennings.

Also Gerry Lovick, George and Nathalia Roberts, Sheryl Woodland, William and Eloise Dash, Corliss Corporal, Sherman and Andrea Abraham, Gene Alexander and Sherman and Carolyn Whiting.

Sandy is a supervisor in the Equal Employment Opportunity division of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington.

It is amazing that though she handles a job of great responsibility to which she commutes everyday she still finds the time to entertain her friends.

She is highly noted for holiday parties which always have a theme and special color scheme which her guests look forward to with great zest, usually coming out in the colors centered around the theme of the party.

Success Partners, Inc. SUSSCESS PARTNERS, Inc., a local organization of women helping other women, is sponsoring a "Success and Survival Seminar for Women" on Saturday, March 8, 1980, at the beautiful new Baltimore Convention Center.

The day - long conference will address the issues facing women during the new decade and arm women with "How To" . . . strategies for the 80s. Workshops have been designed for the woman who wants it all: SUCCESS . . . FULLFILLMENT . . . AND MONEY.

Interested persons may register for what has been billed as the "event of the 80's" by calling 789 - 4998.

c.c.b. Workshop

The Community College of Baltimore, in cooperation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, will present a workshop, "Women and Mortgage Credit, on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at CCB's Liberty Campus, 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue, in the Nursing Building Auditorium. This program is designed to teach the basic elements of credit and housing finance.

For further information, call Sylvia Brown at the Community College of Baltimore, 396 - 1850.

ABWA

Freedom Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold a spring Enrollment Event Saturday, March 15, 1980 at the Woodlawn Branch of the Baltimore County Libraries, 1811 Woodlawn Drive at 1 p.m.

The theme, "Our Half Of The Apple," focuses on meeting personal and professional goals through ABWA membership; the event promises to be a festive highlight of ABWA new member enroilments this spring.

Activites to be included in our spring Enrollment Event, "Our Half Of The Apple" are a slide presentation and apple tree of information. Refreshments will be served.

Membership is by invitation only. For further information, interested business women may contact Donna Sikora - President at 730 - 7759, Denise Ford Enrollment Event chairperson at 448 - 9870, or Gwendolyn Mickle - membership chairperson at 566 - 6968.

Woodlawn Highlights

Audrey Hopkins of SSA is a dynamic force

By Marjorie H. Green

"We must develop sensitivities, so that employers know that they must provide opportunities not just to blacks, but to all minorities."

This statement was recently made by Ms. Audrey Hopkins, Deputy Direct or, Office of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity (OCREO), SSA.

Ms. Hopkins who is comparatively new in the area of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity, began her impressive career with Social Security as a claims authorizer in the Baltimore Payment Center, approximately 20 years ago.

Audrey was introduced to the Office of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity staff in August 1979 in a memo from the director, Pete Velasquez, which stated, "I have known Audrey for a number of years, and I am greatly impressed with her professional experience and competence. We are very fortunate to have the benefit of her skills and background."

Ms. Hopkins earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University in Richmond. She taught school for two years and was employed two years with the Rhode Island Telephone Company.

After completing a year of graduate work, she came to SSA to work as a claims authorizer. Since then, she has advanced quickly through the system and developed an unwavering co commitment to the people the agency serves.

She states that the different positions she has held with Social Security have greatly influenced her feelings of commitment. According to her, important improvements in equal opportunity have been made within Social Security, but there is still need for a continuing effort.

Ms. Hopkins is a serious golf enthusiast and lists golf as her favorite sport.

Among the new faces seen in Woodlawn this week were Doranna Brown, a Douglass High School class of '73 graduate who completed two years at the Community College of Baltimore; Robin Jackson, Edmondson class of '73; Vanessa Williams, Eastern class of '73; Linda Samuel, Northwestern class of '77, who is currently attending Coppin State Teachers college and Delacia Taylor, 1966 graduate of Edmondson High School.

All five of these young women have started working as Data Preparation Clerks in the downtown Metro West Building. The temporary appointments will last until June, 1980.

Audrey Hopkins
SSA-EEO Deputy Director

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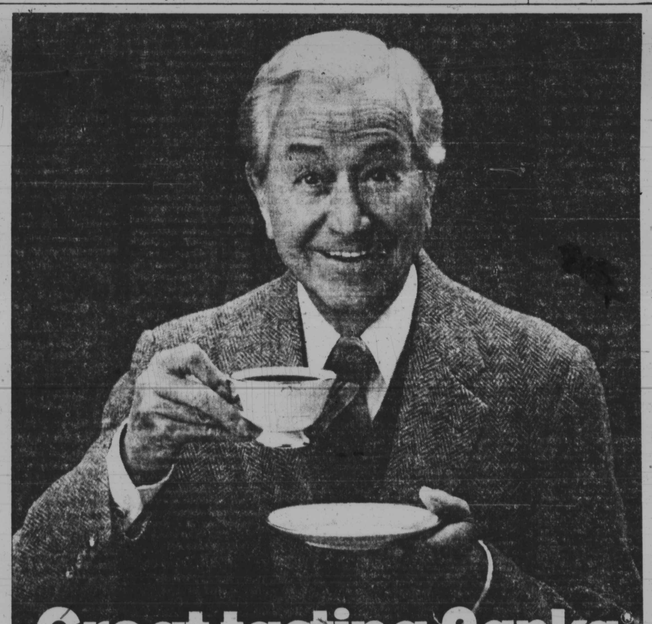
Bull - oyster Roast

The Bon Secours Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association will sponsor a Bull & Oyster Roast on Sunday, March 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Martin's Champagne Room, 2701 W. Patapsco Ave. Music will be by Lite 'n Easy.

For reservation at $12.50 per person, call 636 - 3120 or send checks to Mrs. Kathy Esposito, 6449 St. Phillips Road, Linthicum, Md. 21090. Checks should be made payable to Bon Secours Nursing Alumnae Association.



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