Medical Society Auxiliary honors Patti Page at Provident fundraiser

MEDICAL AUXILIARY HONOREE Mrs. George Page (Patti) Center, is surrounded by members of the Auxiliary to the Monumental City Medical Society who honored her recently at a dinner dance at the Forum, Primrose Ave. Pictured around Mrs. Page are (L to R): Mrs. William Tompkins, Mrs. H. Garland Chissell, Mrs. William Rice, Mrs. Eugene Owens and Mrs. Edward Hunt.

Photo by A. R. Snowden

The auxiliary to the Monumental City Medical Society recently hosted a lovely black-tie dinner - dance at the Forum, Primrose Ave.

More than 200 auxiliary members and their guests, beautifully frocked in the rainbow colors of spring, with their handsome and debonair spouses and escorts, attended the affair.

They enjoyed open bar, a delicious sit - down dinner and dancing to the music of the Dennis Fisher Band.

The purpose of the affair was two-fold: One was to raise funds for the computer library at Provident Hospital; the second was to honor Mrs. Patti Page.

The theme of the evening was 'A Tribute to Patti Page'. Mrs. Page, wife of the late Dr. George Page and an auxiliary member, is a volunteer worker who has logged 40 years of volunteer work in the area of health, education, civil rights and child care — to name a few.

She has been lauded nationally for her untiring and devoted service in her many areas of volunteer work.

Mistress of ceremonies for the occasion was Mrs. William Rice, president of AMCMS.

The invocation was given by Hugh Page Jr., seminarian and grandson of the honoree.

Opening remarks by Mrs. Emerson Walden (Celonia) pointed up that 1980 marked Mrs. Page's 50th year of devoted and faithful service to the auxiliary and told of her ability to "keep the peace".

Mrs. Leroy Applefeld (Florine) the mayor's representative and a member of his staff, read a proclamation from the mayor to Mrs. Page commending her for her works as a full-time, non-paid volunteer worker and declaring May 3rd as "Patricia Page Day in Baltimore".

Mrs. Page, a Hampton Institute alumnae, with a degree in home economics, who also taught home economics in Baltimore for many years, garnered accolades from other Hampton Institute alumni present.

Mrs. Mary Johnson read a letter of commendation from the present president of Hampton, Dr. William R. Harvey.

A letter of appreciation from Alphonso Knight, director of alumni affairs was presented by Mrs. Phyllis Thompson.

Mrs. Eleanor Tildon presented a $100 check toward the computer library for Provident Hospital on behalf of the local Hampton Alumni Chapter, in honor of Mrs. Page.

Mrs. Ruth Louie, community specialist with the YWCA presented Mrs. Page with a bouquet of roses and a certificate of appreciation for her 55 years of membership and service to the YWCA.

Mrs. Celonia Walden presented the Congressional Certificate of Appreciation in the absence of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

The Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor, Union Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Page is a member, gave her praise for embodying "all that is finest in womanhood, rich in honesty and openness."

Mrs. Page was also heaped with accolades from her auxiliary members.

Mrs. J. Douglas Shepperd (Gladys), past president of the Monumental City Medical Society read a Langston Hughes poem "Dreams" on behalf of past presidents of the local and state auxiliary.

Mrs. William Tonpkins (Laura) read a letter of tribute from Mrs. Kay Richards, president of the National Auxiliary of the Medical Society.

Mrs. William Rice presented Mrs. Page with a silver tray from the local chapter along with a bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Page, who earlier had received a standing ovation for her many years of volunteer service, was escorted around the floor by Mrs. Celonia Walden as the band played 'Isn't She Lovely?', dedicated to the honoree.

Mrs. Page accepted her honors graciously. Though many of her peers had alluded to her talkativeness, she stated: "For once, I am speechless."

She did express her sorrow that her late husband could not be with her on such a glorious occasion, but recalled fonly humorous anecdotes of their life together.

Thomas Chapman, executive director of Provident Hospital expressed his gratitude to the local auxiliary and stated: "This contribution is one of a long line of the auxiliary's service to Provident.

As a result of this effort, we will have a fully-computerized library which will be linked nationally to other hospitals and by satellite with other countries." He thanked all for coming out to support an activity which would so benefit Provident Hospital.

Chair for the dance committee was Mrs. Edward Hunt (Ruth). Co-chair was Mrs. Eugene Owens. Chair for the program committee was Mrs. George Pendleton.

Les Gemmes of Baltimore host national conclave here

The Baltimore Chapter of Les Gemmes was the hostess chapter for the National Conclave of Les Gemmes, recently held here in Charm City.

Les Gemmes is a national organization of professional women dedicated to promoting civic, educational and social activities in their communities.

The highlight of the conclave was the presentation by Les Gemmes of $1,000 to the NAACP.

Other important events included the election of national officers, the honoring of club founders and the rededication ceremony for all members.

Speakers included Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the Baltimore branch of the NAACP (to whom the check was presented), Roscoe Herring, representing Mayor William D. Schaefer and the Rev. Richard Adams, brother of Gemme Celeste Fennell, who delivered the message at the rededication breakfast.

Mr. Herring presented a plaque from the mayor, proclaiming the week of the conclave "Les Gemmes Week."

Social activities included a cocktail party, a luncheon, a formal dance and a rededication breakfast.

Les Gemmes' spouses and escorts were taken on a tour of the city, which included the inner harbor.

Members of the Baltimore Chapter of Les Gemmes are: Brenda Thorington, president Doris Nelson, vice president; Peggy Neale, organizer of and historian for the Baltimore Chapter:

Also Mary Anderson, secretary, Genet Fulwood, treasurer, Elizabeth Elliott, financial secretary, Loretta Hill, parliamentarian, Celeste Fennell, assistant secretary, Geraldine Smith, chaplain.

GEMME BRENDA THORINGTON, president of the Baltimore Chapter of Les Gemmes is pictured receiving a proclamation from Roscoe Herring, representative of Mayor William D. Schaefer. The proclamation honored Les Gemmes during their recent conclave held in Baltimore by designating the week of their conclave as "Les Gemmes Week in Charm City."

'Miss Talented Teen' pageant set

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