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$13,500 awarded to 13 black seniors

By Pinnie L. Ross

The third annual scholarship award ceremony was held recently at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, sponsored by The Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, a non profit organization.

The highlight of the ceremony was the awarding of $13,500 to 13 black seniors in Howard County.

The highest award was The Delores Harper Memorial Award worth $1,500 which was received by Gary Jones. He is the son of Ernestine Jones, Secretary of the organization (and has been since it was organized.)

Twelve additional outstanding students received $1,000 awards. They were: Melvin Gantry (Oakland Mills High School), Dennis Strong (Howard High School), Jeanean Willis (Hammond), Glynis Brown (Western), Yolanda Roberts (Wilde Lake), Stephen Williams (Hammond), Bryan Hubbard (Atholton), Darryl Clapp (Oakland Mills) John Green (Howard) and Regina Clay (Centennial High School).

Also Kenneth Cooper (Howard), Michael Lewis (Oakland Mills), and Kwame Workman (Centennial) were chosen as alternates.

During the ceremony there were presentations awarded for civic and community service.

Harolyn C. Harrison was the recipient of the 1981 civil award for cultural achievement, for her outstanding contribution to the cultural development of youth and community.

She was an organizer of the Concern Parents Group at Jeffers Hill Elementary School.

Mrs. Harrison was also awarded for establishing a black history program countywide in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Mrs. Irma M. McNeal, past president of Concerned Parents for Educational Excellence and two term president at Howard High School was awarded the Distinguished Community Service Award for continuous outstanding and extraordinary service to improve public education in the Howard County schools.

Mrs. McNeal has been active in efforts supporting a multi - ethnic curriculum in the schools as well as on behalf of making the birthday of Martin Luther King into a legal holiday.

Dr. Harriett McAdoo, professor in the school of social work at Howard University was the guest speaker.

The organization was founded three years ago after several parents whose children were having difficulty with their teachers and administrators, felt that they were not being treated fairly.

From those concerned meetings and discussions led the group to organize and call themselves "The Concerned Parents for Excellence in Education."

The C.P.E.E. continued to meet with the Board of Education in an effort to make the school curricula more multi - ethnic.

The dynamatic group structured a scholarship which would provide annual scholarship opportunities for our black youth in Howard County.

Since the founding of the non profit organization three years ago, the diligent group has awarded $29,750 in scholarships to Howard County's black youth.

Officers of the organization are: Aburey H. Edwards, president; Telesta Riggs, vice president; Ernestine Jones, secretary and Calvin Thompson, treasurer. Interesting families may send contributions to Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievement, P.O. Box 69, Columbia, Md. 21045.

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Among those out to celebrate with John - John were Felicia Hill, Talmira Hill, Michelle Conaway, Nicole Benton, Chris Phillips, George Phillips, Regina Holmes, David Owens, George Allen, Kimberly Chambers, Kimberly Rosedom, Denene Snowden;

Also Chris Heidelbery, Jill Carter, George Ball, Charles Howard, Eric Adderly, Vernon Williams, Angie Patterson, Lionel Desbordes, Susan Hunt, Steven Russell, Trena Howard, Deborah Lockley, Judith Fitzegerald, Bryan Reed, Lynn Cook.

Family members present were John - John's cousins Denise Chamoles and Cheryl Johnson; his uncle Dr. James Johnson, and special friend of the family Dave Washington.

Yvette Brister's Graduation fete

Another lovely and fun - filled graduation party was hosted for Yvette Brister by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Brister, (Nancy) at their beautiful Northern Parkway home on Sunday, June 7 from 5 until 9 p.m.

Brister is the executive director, Urban Services Agency. Mrs. Brister is an Insurance Programs Specialist at SSA.

The celebration held outside on the lawn, under colorful umbrella tables, was attended by 130 guests and family members. A smorgasberd of delectables and sippables was available for guests, as was disco music for dancing after dining, or in between.

Yvette had earlier that day graduated from Carver Vocational Technical High School, where she was the president of her senior class.

She will matriculate at Virginia State University in the fall, also majoring in Computer Science.

During her celebration she was toasted in champagne by her father and opened numerous gifts and cards of congratulations.

Her chocolate graduation cake was unique in that it was designed as an open book, denoting, of course, scholarship.

Among those on hand to celebrate with Yvette were Messrs and Mesdames Randy Edwards (Elva); Howard Lyles, Lloyd Mitchner, Melinsey Hawkins, their daughter and son, James Carter, Dallas Smith, James Evans, Mrs. Alethia Williams and hubby and many of Yvette's fellow classmates and friends.

CELEBRATING 102ND BIRTHDAY of Mrs. Eula Allen recently are seated (L to R): Mrs. Jean Russell (an 81 - year - old friend); guest of honor Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Rosa Reed. Standing (L to R): Lillian Liles, Anthony Douglass, Susie Brooks (honoree's daughter), Ellen Cash, Robert Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benton.

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Gambrill-Bradshaw Grad Party

Many family members and guests gathered at the Carriage Hill Community Center, (Carriage Hill apartments) in Randallstown Saturday, June 13 to celebrate the joint graduation of Patrice Gambrill and Robin Bradshaw.

Patrice is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Gambrill Jr. (Arnetta) and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bradshaw (Bernice) of this city. Both sets of parents hosted the graduation celebration for their daughters.

A scrumptuous buffet dinner of mammoth proportions, sippables and munchies provided party fare, while disco music, provided by Young and Company kept the honorees and their guests in a lively party mood.

Both girls graduated from Northwestern Senior High School Thursday, June 11.

A white, two - layered sheet cake, decorated with graduation novelties and two statuettes one on each side) represented the girls. It was inscribed simply 'Patrice and Robin!'

The honorees received many beautiful gifts and cards.

Patrice and Robin will both be attending Virginia Union University in the fall, with Patrice majoring in Communications and Robin in Journalism.

Family members present were Mrs. Arva Plummer and Miss Deanna Carter (Patrice's aunts); Mrs. Dorothy Richardson, Charles Plummer and Twoine Carter (Patrice's cousins).

Among Robin's relatives in attendance were Mrs. Doris Pollard (her aunt) her godmother Mrs. Lorraine Dersey and godfather Theodore Morton.

102nd B'day Celebration

A 102nd birthday party was hosted for Mrs. Eula Allen recently by her daughter Mrs. Susie Brooks, 4906 block, Reisterstown Rd. Many relatives and friends gathered to honor Mrs. Allen, formerly of Laurens, S.C., who has resided in Baltimore for the past 26 years.

Party fare was a delicious soul food buffet (prepared by Mrs. Brooks) punch and ice cream.

A huge, white sheet cake trimmed in yellow and green with red roses and designed like an open Bible was inscribed 'Lord I want to thank you for 102.'

The honoree received many gifts of money, clothing and flowers and scads of cards.

Of the party, Mrs. Allen said, "Of all the things my daughter has given me, this is the best."

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The Chesapeake Club — Still alive

In 1950 four men, the late Dr. Bernard Harris, the late William (Bill Dixon), J. Alvin Jones, former Maryland State Senator; and Lloyal Randolph, Maryland State Delegate, discussed among themselves the possibility of organizing a club of men whose interest would be in Charitable, civic and social activities.

They had been impressed with such clubs as the pyramid club, which was very well known in Philadelphia, Pa. at that time, and wondered if such a club could be formed in Baltimore.

Mail went out to all men over Baltimore that a meeting would be held on Sunday afternoon, April 2, 1950, at the Madison Avenue YMCA. The response was so great that many men were unable to get into the building to hear what was being said.

Dr. Harris served as chairman. Scores of those in attendance pledged to join the club and supported their pledges with cash. The men also vowed to purchase a suitable club house.

Subsequent meetings were held on Sunday afternoons at either the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA or the York Hotel Blue Room, at Madison Ave. and Dolphin St.

In October, 1950, an election of officers and board was held and Dr. Bernard Harris, Sr. was officially elected president.

In June, 1951, the club became incorporated and in October, 1951, the property at 1114 W. Mosher Street was purchased as a club house.

The most outstanding civic event to be sponsored by the club was held at the old Carver Vocational School, Carrollton and Lafayette Avenues, on Sunday, March 29, 1953. The purpose of that mass meeting was to formally introduce to the citizens of Baltimore, Dr. John H. Fisher, the new Superintendent of Public Schools.

In August, 1954, the club moved from Mosher Street to its present location, 2216 Eutaw Place.

During its thirty years of existence, the club has been involved in many civic, charitable, and social enterprises. At least three hundred (300) men at one time or another have been members of the Chesapeake Club Inc.

The following is a list of Presidents of the Chesapeake Club Inc.: Dr. Bernard Harris Sr., April 1950 - December 1957; Dr. Allen V. Forte, January 1958 - December 1961; Mr. J. Alvin Jones (President Emeritus), January 1962 - December 1966; Mr. John Widgeon, January 1967 - December 1969; Mr. Oliver Wise, January 1970 - October 1972; Mr. Glen De Beal, October 1972 - December 1973;

Mr. Maceo Paysour, January 1974 - December 1975; Mr. Daniel Mathews, January 1975 - December 1976; Mr. Wortham Hall, January 1977 - December 1978; Mr. John Widgeon, January 1979 - December 1980, and Mr. Leon B. Brown, January 1981 -

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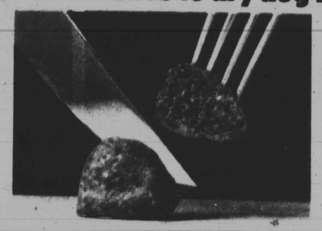

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