Club Notes

Pierians at Art Museum

Family Day at the Baltimore Museum of Art on Sunday, Nov. 22, is a program planned for persons of all ages by the Pierians, Inc., Baltimore Chapter, who are a group of women interested in the arts.

An open invitation is being extended to the entire Baltimore Community to participate in activities from 1:30 p.m until 4:30 p.m.

Workshops and demonstrations will include:

Children s classes ages 3 7, 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. and ages 8 10, 3:30 4:30 in the East Schaefer Court, Storytelling, ages 3 7, 3 4 p.m Docent Room, Film, "Life in 18th Century America" at 1, 21 and 4 p.m., Orientation Gallery, Gallery Talks, 2, 4, and 4 p.m., "The New American Wing," Marcel Brewer 'Furniture and Interiors' Jay Fisher Prints Drawing and Photographs Richard Diebenkorn: Etchings and Drypoints 1949 80'

There will be a demonstration at 2 and 4 p.m by Malcolm Daniel on intaglio and print making techniques Eight family memberships will be awarded to the winner of the Pierian Art Identification Contest

Continentals to host reception

December will be a busy month for the Baltimore Chapter of Continental Societies, Inc. On Dec 3 the club will host a reception for the Harlem Dance Troupe at Gallery 409 in conjunction with the dance group's appearance at the Lyric, December 3rd through 5th.

Then on Sunday, December 27th, the club will sponsor its annual fundraiser The black tie affair for years a highlight of the local holiday party scene, will be held at Martin's West from 5 to 9 p.m with Bobby Felder providing the music Proceeds will be used to fund the organization's charitable activities for disadvantaged youngsters.

Connie Butler is club president and Doris Smith is chair for the dance committee Other Continentals include:

Mesdames Elmira Washington, Zelma Brown, Helen Quaries, Priscilla Marshall, Sue Jones, Katherine C. Gross. Lillie Branch, Margaret Turner, Frances Branch, Sevilla Carroll, Anne Parker, Mary Tucker Odessa Dyson, Phyllis Thompson, Serena Holmes, Delores Young, Marlene Mohammed and Audrey Harden and Ellen Dolvey Howard, associate member

Pratt Library head addresses Links

Recently the Baltimore Chapter of the Links, Inc. instituted their 1981 1982 program year with a stimulating message from Baltimore's latest "FIRST" — Anna Curry, the newly appointed Director of the Baltimore Library System.

Ms. Curry, a native East Baltimorean, joined the Baltimore Links at a delightful luncheon meeting hosted by the gracious Beatrice Butler at the Pimlico Hotel.

In her concise remarks, Ms. Curry urged the Links to assist her and other Baltimoreans in continuing and improving the Baltimore Library System.

Through encouraging young readers to frequent the city libraries and partake of the diverse library offerings, all Baltimoreans can make a genuine impact on the city's cultural rennaissance.

Thus, spoke Ms. Anna Curry and by her intellect, wit, and exuberance aptly demonstrated why she was chosen for the directorship of the Enoch Pratt Library System after a long, intensive and extensive nationwide search.

Prior to the first full official business meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of the Links, Inc., the two dozen civic minded ladies, attired in autumn shades, enjoyed cool refreshments as they mingled and exchanged accounts of their summer exploits.

Lunching on their choice of seafood or roast, the ladies congratulated the new Link officers: Mrs. Ruth Glenn, president; Dr. Pearl C. Brackett, vice president; Mrs. Jimmy La Forest, recording secretary; Mrs. Marie Francis, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Marion Russell, treasurer.

An exciting and ambitious program year has been planned for 1981 1982 and will feature a college scholarship program, a hands across the ocean, self help project and an Extravaganza '82 — a spectacular luncheon fashion show to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel early next Spring.

NABSE to convene in Charm City

AFRO Photos by Roman Hankewycz

NABSE PLANNING COMMITTEE — Pictured above are the members of the Planning Committee of the Metropolitan Baltimore National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) who will be hosting the ninth annual NABSE conference here in Charm City from November 18-22. (Top panel, L to R) are Myrtle Cockrell, Charles Coleman, Joann McNair, William B. McIntyre, Mentora Thompson, Royal White, Lana Powell, Carolyn D. Blackwell, Marvin T. Sampson and Patricia Wilson; (Bottom panel, L to R) are Tamara W. Greenhill, J. Calvin Buford, Louise G. Murphy, Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, Ella G. White, Yvonne D. Harrie, Estelle H. Pinkett, Earlene Cole, Preston Roney and Lawrence Outlaw

More than 2,000 educators will meet in Baltimore November 18 22 to study and seek answers to problems facing education in the decade of the 80's.

These problems will be the major focus of "A New Agenda for Educational Equity," the theme of the Ninth Annual Conference of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, hosted by the Metropolitan Baltimore Alliance of Black School Educators.

The new Hyatt Regency Hotel is the site of the five day conference.

The purpose of the conference is to revitalize the relationships between the school, church, family, and government, focusing on crucial needs for education and society

Participants will have an opportunity to meet with outstanding representatives from education religion community and civic groups in an effort to exchange ideas and strategies to improve educational opportunities for blacks

Twenty three states will be represented at the Conference and will Germany's An Educators Revival is to be held in the Constellation Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Thursday, Nov. 19. Keynote speaker for this event will be Dr. Fran Johnson, director, Consumer Education, U.S. Consumer Products and Safety Commission, Washington, D.C.

Other participants include Dr. Charles H. King Jr., president, Urban Crisis Center, of Atlanta, who will conduct a workshop on Racism, Del. Howard "Pete" Rawlings, Senator Clarence Blount, who will serve as a Conference Moderator, Dr. Joanne Martin, A Coppin English Specialist in the Learning Skills Center there who will do a workshop on The Family, Dr. Paul W. Yates, vice president and general manager WJZ TV, who will do a workshop on the Electronic Media and Dr. Charles H. Beady, Jr., who will conduct a workshop on "Motivating Black Students."

Other participants and panelists will include Dr. Ernest Hartzog, president, NABSE; Dr. Floretta McKenzie, superintendent, Washington, D.C. Public Schools; Dr. Vincent Reid, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; Mrs. Thelma Daley, Guidance Supervisor, Baltimore County, Public Schools, Dr. Robert Benjamin, Travis Vauls, Baltimore Urban League.

On Saturday at the NABSE Banquet, Dr. John Slaughter, director, National Science Foundation, will be the keynote speaker.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 there will be a press conference at 5 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency.

For further information, contact NABSE '81 Conference, P.O. Box 3676, Balto. MD 21214.

Famed soprano to be featured in concert

Milagros Wilson Williams, famed soprano, will be featured in a Benefit Recital, Sunday, November 15 at 4 p.m. to be held at St. James Episcopal Church, Lafayette and Arlington Aves.

Ms. Williams is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson and is married to Herman Williams III.

Since graduation from Samuel Ready School in 1972, Ms. Williams attended Wesley College in Dover, Delaware.

She completed an A.A. degree in Secretarial Science at Catonsville Community College and is currently employed as a Legal Assistant with the firm of Wright and Parks.

After attending Catonsville Community College, Ms. Williams was awarded a scholarship from the University of Maryland Baltimore County to complete a B.A. degree in Fine Arts with Music - Voice concentration.

While at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, she performed several roles in operatic workshops which were presented at UMBC as well as other institutions throughout the State of Maryland.

Ms. Williams has been a chorus member with the Baltimore Opera Company and will appear in the role Karolka in Janacek's Jenufa currently under production and which will open on November 19 23, 1981.

She has been a member and soloist with St. James' Church which performs sacred works and oratorios in Baltimore Washington area.

In 1978, she took First Place in the Baltimore Music Club Vocal Competitions — Student Division. In 1979, she won First Place in the Baltimore Music Club Vocal Competitions — Senior Division, and First Place in the JCC Operatic Competition.

In 1980, Ms. Williams was a Semi - Finalist in The Metropolitan Opera Regional Auditions, and in March 1981 won Third Place in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Regionals in Washington, D.C.

Milagros Wilson Williams

Provident Hospital holds Black Cultural Arts Series

By Camay Murphy

Provident Hospital, as an institution within the black community, recently held its first Black Cultural Arts Program in the Emmanual Chambers Auditorium in honor of the late Paul Robeson.

The program, planned and executed by Helen Shaw and Dr. Oakley Saunders, included speaker George B. Murphy, a personal traveling companion and confidant of Paul Robeson. Murphy recounted of Robeson's genius and his simple love of people.

A documentary film, "The Tallest Tree in the Forest," depicting the brilliant and courageous life of athlete, singer, writer, actor, balladeer, and political activist Paul Robeson, was also show.

Robeson was a giant of a man (The Tallest Tree in the Forest). He was an early Rutgers graduate who graduated with honor in both academic and athletic achievement.

He then attended and completed Columbia Law School in New York, New York at that time was experiencing the Harlem Renaissance and Robeson successfully entered the field of acting and music. He felt a great affinity for the working class and his African brother. He made bold moves in the forties and fifties for world peace.

In the late 50s his political ideologies fell into disfavor and for a while he found himself a man without a country.

It is heartening to note that at this time that Provident Hospital should see fit to open its cultural series with a tribute to this great but often misunderstood American.

Paul Robeson was at the vanguard of each momentous and forward movement for blacks.

Dr. Saunders and his staff are planning future programs of great challenge and interest to the black community.

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If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Our salute this week is to Margaret Fountain, M.D.

She is the young, black physician who is a specialist in rheumatoid diseases.

We heard her speak at the Monday evening meeting of Alpha Wives. What a treat!

Completely at ease, well - informed, and very articulate, she kept her audience in rapt attention, as she explained what progress science has made, and what one can do to get relief from arthritis and related crippling ailments.

We learned later that Dr. Fountain hails from Greenville, Ala., that she settled here in Baltimore shortly after she finished her residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1980.

Plus, at Hopkins Medical School she was a Fellow in Rheumatology and Internal Medicine.

Her present post: Chief of Arthritis and Rheumatology Diseases at Baltimore's Provident Hospital.

Easy to know

What we admired about Dr. Fountain was her unassuming manner and the relaxed way in which she handled the subject and described the slides. Her listeners applauded.

Dr. Fountain has other credentials: She is a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio and Case Western Medical School in Cleveland.

Her peers have already recognized her ability. She is vice president of the Monumental City Medical Society.

She is on the Board of Directors of the Arthritis Foundation, is a member of the American Medical Association, the Md. College of Physicians and the Black Professionals. Also, the Md. Medical Board, Internal Medicine.

Gov. Hughes appointed her to the task force to study arthritis.

Whew!

Hats off to Dr. Fountain for her achievements and for her willingness to serve our Baltimore community. In addition to her professional chores, she maintains an office in the heart of the city.

Alpha Wives

Orchids to Baltimore Chapter of Alpha Wives, a good example of Baltimore area groups which mix service with social activities.

Members are spouses of men who belong to the Delta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

They meet in special room at Alpha House on Clifton Ave., at same time men gather in their quarters.

Wives support a number of charities, including Md. Committee for Children, Arena Players, AFRO's Mrs. Santa, using funds raised from an annual benefit.

Helena Hairston heads Alpha Wives.

Audrey Davis, Ellen Jones and Doris Reese co - chaired Monday's meeting.

Continue nominations to this column's Hats Off Section which feels it is important to commend our young people because too many adults take time only to criticize them.

Who they are

In addition to members named above, Alpha Wives present at this week's meeting were: Norma Bracy, Mildred Campbell, Cleo Diggs, Ella Edemy, Nahketa Gregory, Audrey Howard, Susan Jones, Josephine Kimbers, Margaret Land, Ethel Murray;

Also, Patricia Page, Mary Pitts, Ethel Thomas, Ada Veney, Ruby Walker, Edmonia Yates, and Catherine Adams.

Mrs. Adams is chair of the group's Yule party.

It's Dec. 20, at Fontaine Bleu.

Ernestine Press chaired the annual fund - raiser, a bull roast held last month.

About people

George and Bernice White hosted a formal engagement party at their Callaway Ave. home on Saturday to announce that their daughter, Myra, and Odyssey E. Gray Jr. will wed in May.

The clubroom was turned into a chapel. Relatives and friends participated in the exchange of promises.

Two ministers, Father Donald A. Sterling, St. Cecelia's; and Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin, Ames Methodist, officiated.

Beautifully done!

Hellians, that well - known D.C. men's club hosted dinner - dance Saturday at Sheraton's Galaxy Room in Alexandria, Va.

Baltimoreans seen in audience, Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Moore.

Also heard good news about Washington residents, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Jenkins, (Elaine).

Their Baltimore friends will be glad to learn both are out of the hospital and doing well.

Also on the mend here in Baltimore — Mrs. I. B. Higgins, (Hilda).

Keeps busy

Mrs. Vonzella Murray, the retired teacher, is not one to sit at home.

Currently, she is one of the readers on closed circuit radio service provided for the blind.

It is sponsored by the Baltimore Radio Reading Service.

Mrs. Murray reads articles from the Friday editions of this newspaper. The service has a variety of programs for listeners.

They are provided receivers and tune in on WBJC - FM, Community College of Baltimore. For more information, call 396 - 0999.

Cuff note: Mrs. Murray is talented in other areas. She directed the music for the Whites' engagement party mentioned above.

Edward Tyson, 55, who was buried this week, was a well - known carpenter. Since 1947, he had worked with the Em Cee Contracting Company, headed by Alfred Moore.

Dr. Brandon

Dr. Donald Brandon was in Elizabeth City, N.C., a week back to receive honors from Elizabeth City University.

He was presented special citation during the Oct. 30 Homecoming game.

Dr. Brandon was the school's first coach, serving from 1934 to 1944.

In those days, coaches received room and board, no pay.

Now retired as geography professor at Morgan State University, Dr. Brandon and his wife, Bernice, reside on Chelsea Rd., in northwest Baltimore.

Black state legislators meet in Baltimore

The National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) is in the forefront of national organizations charged with the task of safeguarding the rights of black Americans.

The caucus has developed a meaningful dialogue and relationship with labor, business and other groups, who have assured the caucus of their support in reaching its corporate goals.

While the caucus presently boasts a membership of 337 black state legislators in 44 states, the retention, as well as the potential increase of black representation, at every level of government, is threatened unless pending congressional legislation extends Sections 4 and 5 of "The Voting Rights Act of 1965."

Following the Civil War, blacks were first elected to serve in both state legislatures and in the U.S. House of Representatives. Edwin Garrison Walker and Charles Lewis Mitchell of Boston, MA, who in 1866, became the first black representatives to serve in any state legislature.

Some of the NBCSL's historic firsts and accomplishments have been the following:

— A February, 1980 meeting of the Executive Committee with former President Jimmy Carter.

— A Corporate Rountable Meeting at the Washington Hyatt Regency on April 10, 1981. Representatives from many corporations, small and large attended and financial contributions and supportive services were sought to fully staff a Washington, D C National Headquarters office.

— A July, 10, 1981 meeting with President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush, at the White House, for the purpose of establishing dialogue between black legislatures and the Reagan Administration.

— The Adoption by the National Conference of State Legislatures of a voting rights resolution drafted and adopted by the NBCSL.

The caucus also has been working to insure the success of its 5th Annual Conference, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, on Dec. 2 through Dec. 5. The theme of the conference is "Meeting The Challenging of Change."

Some of its highlights will be speeches by Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Emmett Burns of the NAACP and Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, also are scheduled to address conference attendees.

An awards banquet will be at one of the Hyatt's ballrooms on Dec. 5 and worship services will be Sunday, Dec. 6 at Bethel AME Church, New Shiloh Baptist Church and the Morgan University Christian Center.

For further information concerning registration, call 202 624-5457 or 301 578-0400.

National Bill of Rights Day

National Bill of Rights Day is Dec. 15.

Black Americans and those whites, who have always supported black people in the struggle to achieve economic freedom and social justices, are urged to write letters, or send telegrams between now and Dec. 15 to President Ronald Reagan and U.S. senators urging them to extend the Voting Rights Act in its present posture.

For more information, call Del. Troy Brailey at 523-5205.