Kick-off meeting held for Project Survival

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PROJECT SURVIVAL RAP SESSION — Making plans for the 1982 Project Survival fundraiser to be held April 14 at Martin's West are (L to R): committee members Vernon Walst, Director, Project Survival; Lenny Moore and "Coach" Earl Banks, chair for the event. John H. Murphy III, chairman, Board of Directors, Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers is co - chair.

Each year since 1968 the Urban Services Agency has worked to assist large numbers of Baltimore's student athletes in their preparation for successful academic and athletic careers in college.

Their greatest measure of success in this effort has come about through the Project Survival Basketball and Education Program.

Project Survival provides a mechanism for the development of athletic skills and an activity for the constructive use of leisure time for hundreds of high school students.

This activity is organized to include tutorial assistance, career guidance, scholarship assistance and preparation for the S.A.T. and college entrance examinations.

Last year 700 boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 18 participated on 70 teams. Even though Project Survival is a program of the Urban Services Agency, there are no public funds with which to provide these important services.

One of the ways they plan to finance their 1982 program is through a tribute to two of Baltimore's outstanding sports and civic personalities, Jim Parker of the Baltimore Colts and Allen "Dickie" Burke of the Baltimore City Police Department's Community Relations Division.

This event will take place at Martin's West Caterers on Wednesday, April 14.

The Concerned Citizens Committee is aware of the public's concern and commitment to the young people of our city. They feel that your involvement would add greatly to the success of this fund raising effort as it has in the past. The Committee's goals for this year's fundraiser are: To raise a gross figure of $55,000 from the affair at Martin's West; to sell the following number of reserved tables in advance:

100 tables at $350
50 tables at 200
100 tables at $350 and 50 tables at $200, totalling $45,000;

To raise the following sum: Scholarship Fund...5,000 and Miscellaneous Contributions...5,000, totalling 10,000;

To use proceeds to sponsor the following Project Survival Programs: College Preparatory Program, Sugar Cain Basketball Clinic and Tutorial Program, Project Survival Summer Basketball League, Charm City Basketball Classic and Sam Lacy Scholarship Fund.

The Committee is looking forward to the usual tremendous public support for this year's "Evening With" testimonial. Watch for news each week in the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper.

Columbia Capers

Columbia Deltas observe 10th year with Founders' Day

By Pinnie L. Ross

The Columbia Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority celebrated its Tenth Anniversary and Founder's Day last week. The well organized celebration was held at the Columbia Inn.

The Delta Legacy: 'Roots and Renewals' was the theme chosen by those well organized ladies.

Prior to the program members and guests sipped cocktails from 12 noon until 1 p.m.

After a delicious luncheon Mrs. Alice Haskins, president of the organization, brought greetings. She praised the twenty - two Founders of the Columbia Chapter for inspiring members to meet serious commitments to Delta, after which she read a proclamation from the County Executive Hugh Nichols proclaiming their celebration day as Delta Sigma Theta Day.

Alice Freeman, Founder's Day Chairperson, remarked also about the 22 Black women who were first organizers of the Chapter. She said that they gave to Columbia a heritage that cannot be duplicated and added, and so the legacy continues."

Sally Hawkins and Carolyn Franklin continued to talk about the organization of the first black sorority in Columbia.

The organizing of the wheels in motion, the results of the 22 charter members came about on May 14, 1971 when they received a letter from the National Office approving their application. June 12, 1971 the Columbia Chapter was established, less than four years after the opening of the "new city" exemplifying the sorority's tradition of "breaking new ground."

Celonia B. Walden was the original founder of the Columbia Chapter and first president. The first fundraiser was chaired by Suzanne Price in 1971.

The charter members were honored as they gracefully walked to the front — Shirley Colvin, Ruth Felton, Catherine Davis, Marion Graves, Carolyn Harp, Alice Haskins, Gilda Lewis, Mae Lucas, Carolyn Parham, Suzanne Price, Rosalind Scarborough, Harriett Tootle, Aurora Trigg, Celonia Walden, Hazel Braxton, Doris Bright and Mary Carter. There were five charter members not present. Beautiful red corsages were presented to them to commemorate their dedication to Delta.

All past chapter presidents received remarks from Barbara Moore and Mary Bracey. The presidents were presented beautiful plaques with gavels on them. Mary Bracey concluded this portion of the celebration by giving thanks to the past presidents for sharing and caring.

Prior to the celebration and honoring of the charter members and past presidents, there were slides shown reflecting the beginning of its organization to the present which brought moments of joy to the members.

Another highlight of the celebration came when awards were presented. Mary Carter presented the 'Soror of the Year' and 'Fortitude' awards. The chapter's highest award went to Gilda Lewis. It was the 'Soror of the Year' award for her commitment to community activities.

The second award was for performance in the compound of the sorority — The 'Fortitude Award.' Gail Judson was the recipient of that award.

Lavone Reid presented the 25 year Silver Certificate award. Shirley B. Colvin was the recipient. Sherry Fenner had the great pleasure of presenting the Special Award — presented to a member of 50 years — Mae Lucas.

(Cuff note) Congratulations to all of the 22 lovely charter members in addition to your beautiful red corsages, each of you have received an invisible orchid presented by me because you are so deserving of it.

To the four lovely award winners you are very special to have been chosen from among your many sisters, you too must wear an orchid.

Hazel Braxton introduced the 1982 Debutantes. These young ladies will be introduced into society at the beautiful Spring Cotillion in April.

Stepping into action was presented by Jean Beard. These were pledgees of the sorority who had come up the line and were inducted into the chapter.

The first eight were inducted in 1973, others were 74; 76, 77, but the largest group was made in 1981 — fifteen beautiful members.

The celebration and Founder's Day observance concluded with rededication remarks given by Irene Johnson after which the members stood in a circle and sang the Delta song.

(Cuff note) My many thanks to the members for my invitation especially to Mrs. Marion Graves who was chapter's contact person.

Funeral Services held for William Briscoe

Funeral service was held for Mr. William Briscoe last week at St. Veronica Catholic Church, Cherry Hill Road. The funeral was officiated by Father James McLinden.

Mr. Briscoe was the devoted father - of Columbian Thomas Herman Briscoe, a community leader in Columbia and employed by the Urban Services Agency in Baltimore.

William Lonnie Briscoe was born June 15, 1892 in St. Mary's County, MD. His parents were the late Charles and Lugeta Briscoe.

He spent his childhood in the county of St. Mary's, then moving to Baltimore in 1915.

After being discharged from the Army he was joined in holy matrimony to Hattie Summerville. Seven children were born of that union.

While the children were very young, his wife died and his two older daughters helped to raise the children.

The devoted father will be remembered for his gentle manner, caring disposition and his enduring love for his family.

He retired at the age of 86. He worked long and arduously. He was affectionately called "General."

He leaves to mourn, four daughters, Agnes Jones, Thelma Butler, Catherine Briscoe and Irene Briscoe; two sons, Thomas Harmon and Vincent Briscoe; two sisters Mary Greene and Minette Waters; one brother, Lewis Briscoe, son - in - law, Elisha S. Butler Jr.; daughter - in - law Roberta Briscoe; four grandchildren; four great - grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

(Cuff note) The Briscoe family has my deepest sympathy.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.

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Bernice White, human dynamo, her volunteerism helps many

By Bettye Moss

If you want a job done well, ask a busy person to volunteer. Usually, you need only to announce the need for help, and they will roll up their sleeves, and get busy.

Such a person is Bernice S. White.

Those who have observed her at work can testify that she is a human dynamo . . . an excellent organizer, and one who thrives on hard work.

And, in the year 1981, she headed a number of successful community efforts, even though she had illness in her family, and was sick herself for a spell.

In the fall of 1981, members of the citizens' steering committee for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast voted to elect two women co - chair to support Judge Robert B. Watts and WBAL exec. Sydney King, who had chaired the event for six years.

Mrs. Bernice S. White

At the seventh annual celebration on January 15, 1982, Bernice S. White, co - chair, presided. Other co - chairs, Mrs. Gwen Clarke, member of the King's Landing Women Service Club, co - sponsors of the event with the Baltimore YMCA.

Both of these women worked for three months, doing the behind - the - scenes detail work which assured the sell - out crowd of 1,200.

And at the breakfast, both male co - chairs publicly acknowledged their work. In turn the women gave them plaques for their long service.

Who is Bernice White? She is a caring person who keeps a pleasant disposition, even when family illnesses disturb her.

It was so early in the fall when she attended a meeting of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. We heard her make an appeal for support of the annual Unity Ball sponsored by the NAACP.

After her presentation, she rushed to the hospital to visit her ailing mother.

Nevertheless, under her direction, the NAACP ball on October 1981, at Blue Crest, attracted over 950 persons.

She has been a supportive and active member of the Y and King's Landing King Memorial Breakfast since it began seven years ago, chairing the program committee, for the past five years.

Plus, since 1970, she has coordinated Martin Luther King commemorative services at Social Security Administration, where she is employed.

They have attracted large turnouts and first rate speakers, and performers, largely because she has been able to influence them to participate.

Mrs. White's job title at Social Security in Woodlawn is Chief Headquarters Coordination and Liaison Staff, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

This big title means she is responsible for a number of important things, not the least of which is planning, developing, coordinating and executing comprehensive community relations and outreach programs in the Baltimore - Washington metropolitan areas.

Plus, she provides consultative services to community groups and other governmental institutions to develop community affairs programs related to Social Security.

How well she does her work can be found in the following excerpt from a recommendation prepared by co - workers who nominated her for an - service award:

"Mrs. White has been a tireless advocate of the people's right to know . . . she enthusiastically encourages and assists people from all walks of life to pursue their rights under the Social Security programs . . . through her influence, actions and concern, she has been successful in getting much of official Baltimore area community to work with her in bringing the Social Security programs closer to the people . . ."

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. She holds a community relations award from the Baltimore Federal Executive Board; is listed in the 1981 edition of Who's Who in of American Women.

In June 1981, she was awarded a citation by City Council President Walter Orlinsky for her "distinguished service, loyalty and devotion to the Baltimore community."

Other interests include chairing the President's Committee for the Morgan State University Choir. This committee sponsors the annual choir concert and assists in providing scholarships for music students.

Mrs. White is active in her church, as well as in civic and social circles.

She lives on Callaway Ave., with her husband, George A. White, a supervisor in the city Department of Finance.

She is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White, (Georgine), who resides with them. Her dad is an usher at Fulton Baptist Church. Before her illness, her mother was active in the nurses' unit at Enon Baptist.

The Whites' children are Myra, a neighborhood coordinator with the Department of Social Service; and Mrs. James Baskerville, (Marlene), of Decatur, GA., where she is a management systems analyst, and her husband is an engineer.

They have two children, Marla, 8; and James Jesse, 20 months.

Mrs. White is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, where she was formerly assistant organist. She is a member of Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and serves on the Atlantic Regional political task force.

She is founder and president of Les Grandes Dames, a Baltimore city cultural and social club, which annually presents educational programs projecting talented community workers and performers.

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Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, California, Washington, Connecticut, Nevada, Georgia, the District of Columbia and Maryland.

The Baltimore (Iota) Chapter had as its theme:. "Improving the Quality of Life, Meeting Community and National Needs."

With Mrs. N. Shirley Watkins presiding, greetings were extended by Mrs. Dorothy C. Smith and the invocation given by Mrs. Olivia Bates.

To the background music provided by the Haitchcock Ensemble (strings, bass and vibes) all enjoyed a delicious luncheon. In addition, they were treated to melodious solos by Mrs. Brenda Tucker Marshall.

The history of the sorority was done by Mrs Imogene B Douglas Mrs Watkins gave highlights of the life, of the intended guest speaker the honorable Margaret A. Haywood, associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, who could not attend because of the inclement weather.

The Kopelles (youth group of the sorority) gave a dynamic presentation beginning with the singing of the "Battle Humn of the Republic", going into dramatic excerpts from James Weldon Johnson's "Creation" (done by several Kopelle members) then the songs "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and finally exiting on the selection "We Shall Overcome."

Awards were made by Mrs. Ovelia D. Queen and Mrs. Marie Doswell, chapter basileus.

The Community Award was presented to William Currey, resident conductor, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, for dedicated service to the community.

Ms. Sheronda R. Nixon garnered the "Outstanding Kopelle" award.

Special chapter awards went to Mrs. Fannie Ewell and Ms. Bertha Sembly, two sorors, who are considered unsung heroines not in big positions in the sorority, but who have been in the group since 1956, giving constant support by their presence, financial support, [illegible] and by their volunteer service in the community.

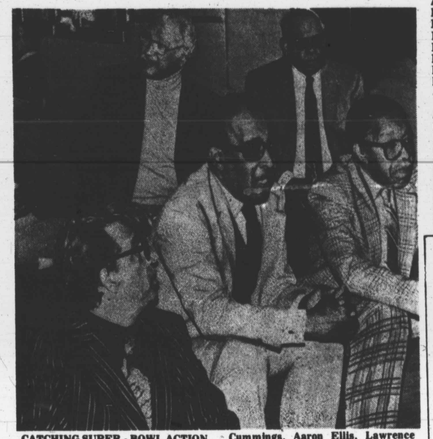
Special remaks were given by Mrs. Thelma Addison, Northeastern Regional Director and Mrs. Marie B. Dowell, and the benediction by Mrs. Josephine Maxwell.

Iota Chapter officers are Marie Dowell, basileus; E. Monterey Williams, first anti-basileus; Elizabeth S. Day, second anti-basileus; Laura P. Smith, financial grammateus; Dorothy C. Smith, recording Grammateus; Lenora Terrell, corresponding grammateus.

Also, Ida B. Wroten, parliamentarian; Elaine Alexander, epistoleus Sandra Wilmer, youth coordinator.

Founder's Day Committee were Shirley Watkins, chairman; Dorothy C. Smith, co-chairman; Thelma Addison, Elaine Alexander, Augusta Amos, L. Olivia Bates, Lucy J. Bond, Elizabeth Day, Catherine DeFord, Imogene B. Douglas, Marie Dowell, Fannie Ewell, Lynn Flournoy, Hazel Gause, Fannie B. Harvey.

Also, Myrtle P. Jones, Josephine Maxwell, Dorothy Pollard, Ovella D. Queen, Alice A. Roberts, Arabella P. Ross, Bertha Sembly, Lenore Terrell, E. Monterey Williams, Sandra Wilmer, Mary Silva and Betty H. Wooden.



CATCHING SUPER - BOWL ACTION at the Super Sunday with the Judes are (L to R): Errol Taylor, Rick Cummings, Aaron Ellis, Lawrence Waters and Dave Wright.

Woodlawn Highlights

Government retiree to be cited by the mayor

By Marjorie R. Green

On Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 3, in a special ceremony at City Hall, Miss Helen Benton, retired government employee will be cited by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Miss Benton, who is the National President for the Women's Auxiliary to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention has on numerous occasions served as a goodwill ambassador for Mayor Schaefer and the city of Baltimore.

She has acted in this capacity on a national as well as local level for several years.

The ceremony will take place at 3:45 p.m. in the ceremonial room at City Hall. Miss Benton is extending an invitation to friends to witness the honor presentation.

NAACP GUEST SPEAKER

Andrew J. Young, Director, International Policy, Social Security Administration, will be guest speaker for the Baltimore Branch, NAACP Worker Appreciation program, 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave.

Young is a former Executive Board Member and President of a Seattle, Washington NAACP Branch.

The program theme is "ONWARD WITH PRIDE."

Musical selections will be rendered by Mrs. Ruby Glover, noted jazz vocalist and the Forest Park Senior High School choir under the direction of Ms. Margaret Lindsay.

Ms. Natalie Carter will direct a dramatic presentation.

HELPING PEOPLE

Irving Cohn, president, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and Stan Levin, coordinator of the BHC Annual Campaign Against Hunger, recently presented a check for $2,800 to the Maryland Food Committee on behalf of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. The check was accepted by Jay Cherry, president of the Maryland Food Committee.

An SSA employee, with years of job experience dealing with the needs of the less fortunate, Levin states, "Since 1970 BHC has contributed $20,000 to help the Maryland Food Committee with its programs of food distribution; education and social action.

SILK CITY SOUND

Congratulations to Ronn and Selah Colbert. The Colberts are two beautiful, young and musically talented people. Listen for their latest recordings. Ron was employed at SSA just a few years ago.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

The Choraleers of the Office of Hearings and Appeals in Arlington, Virginia will present a musical history concert of the Black Experience in America at the Arlington County Public Library, 10th and Quincy Streets, Arlington, Virginia.

The concert will begin at noon on Wednesday, February 3. The concert is open to the public.

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$2,800 CHECK is presented by Irving Cohn, president of the Baltimore Congregation and Stan Levin (R) coordinator BHC Campaign Against Hunger to Jay Cherry, president of the Maryland Food Committee.

COMING EVENTS

Mardi Gras for M.S.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Maryland will sponsor the 1st Annual Mardi Gras Ball for the benefit of multiple sclerosis, on Saturday evening February 6th from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., at the International Hotel, located near the Baltimore - Washington Airport.

The festivities will include: Live Jazz music by The Burbon Street Ramblers, New Orleans style cuisine and open bar.

Dress is optional. Tickets are $25.00 per person. For further information call the MS Society at 485 - 8150 between 9 a.m. ' 4 p.m.

Flair Studio registration

At Flair Studio, located at 1018 Mondawmin Mall, registration for spring dance classes will be held through February 5. Regular adult and children's classes begin February 6 and run through the end of May.

Students will perform in recital in early June.

For details of ballet, modern and other dance classes, call Shawan Patterson, dance director at 669 - 5365.

Provident Fashion Show

Persons interested in participating as models in the Provident Auxiliary's Annual Mothers' Day Fashion Show and Luncheon should send resumes with a picture no later than Friday, January 29, to: Flair Studio, Mondawmin Mall, Baltimore Maryland, 21215.

PACESETTERS

Kenneth L. Green in Who's Who

Glen Burnie resident and Towson State University student Kenneth L. Green will be listed in the 1982 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Nominations for 'Who's Who' are based on scholastic achievement, citizenship, participation and leadership in academic and extra - curricular activities.

Kenneth, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Green (Dorothy) is a Mass Communications major.

He is the president of the Towson State chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the chairperson of the Publicity Committee for the Black Student Union.

He is also an active member of the Youth Fellowship of John Wesley United Methodist Church of Glen Burnie.

During the minimester, Kenny, as he is fondly called, has interned at WMAR - TV (Channel 2).

Since 'Who's Who was first published in 1934, more than 1,300 post - secondary institutions for all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations have participated in the program.

Floyd Briscoe Wright has joined the staff of Urban Services Agency, where he is an accountant for Project SAGA.

Wright, a graduate of Morgan State University developed much of his accounting skills as owner - manager of his private accounting practice Briscoe and Associates.

Floyd B. Wright - with Project SAGA

Also experience was gained from employment at Health Care Financing Administration, in Woodlawn.

Wright serves as treasurer - Business Manager of Black Burgess, a local travel group which has traveled inside and outside of the United States.

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