Last minute contributions

Winner Distributing Company	1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. William L. Adams	500.00
Provident Radiologist Assoc. of Balto.	300.00
C & P Telephone Company	250.00
Medina Temple No. 1 & 2	150.00
Freedom Church of Revelations	150.00
Mrs. Louise G. Murphy-Flowers	141.00
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Pi Omega Chapter	100.00
The Spotlighters	100.00
John A. Holmes Lodge No. 88	100
Mrs. Joyce Johnson	100.00
Knights of Pythias Columbia Lodge No. 26	100.000
Dallas F. Nicholas Sr. Elementary School No. 39	85.00
Dr. Mack Bonner, Jr.	75.00
Pinochle Bugs Baltimore County Chapter	75.00
Pleasant Zion Baptist Church	60.00
Mrs. Mary A. Harris	50.00
Just Ten Club	50.00
The Ebony Workers of Planned Parenthood	43.00
Ms Helen Murphy	25.00
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Kappa Chapter	25.00
Sunday School of Mt. Hebron Church	26.00
Ms Virginia Turner	25.00
Ms Sarah L. Marshall	25.00
Missionary Society of Ray of Hope Baptist Church	25.00
Leftia Savings & Charity Club	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. Kelly L. Jackson	25.00
John & Amanda Jones	25.00
JN.N.R.L. Neighborhood Assoc.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sammie L. Jupiter	25.00
Coleman Typewriter Co., Inc.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin C. Washington	25.00
Ivy & Sherlock Grinage	25.00
The Lion Bridge Company	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar E. Berry	25.00
Roland Henson	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kelsie Jones	25.00
Men of Tomorrow, Inc.	25.00
Mrs. Revia G. Lewie	25.00
The Five Studs	25.00
The Robinson Family	20.00
Rev. Laura B. Turner	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Lambert	15.00
Ms Maria Cassell	10.00
Ms Helen Lyles Gray	10.00
Philip & Fannie Poulson	10.00
Mrs. Rose Whitfield	10.00
Mrs. Peggy Hagwood	10.00
Miss Virginia O. Pequese & Mrs. Mary Wilson	10.00
Therman B. O'Daniel	10.00
Ms Rebecca Sumrell	10.00
Mrs. Nell Sheridan	10.00
Milford & Daisy DuBose	7.00
Mrs. Dorothy Baker	5.00
Ms Margaret E. Holland	5.00
Mgs Sheila Tubman	5.00

More last minute contributions

Poplar Manor Nursing Home	1,500.00
Maryland Legislative Black Caucus	1,300.00
West Baltimore Community Health Care Corp.	500.00
The Furniture Connection	300.00
Municipal Employees Local 44, AFSCME, AFL-CIO	250.00
Grace Presbyterian Church (Session)	200.00
In Memory of Dr. Lillie Mae Jackson From Michael Bowen Mitchell	200.00
Mass Transit Association	200.00
Northwestern CR Team of C&P Telephone Co.	176.00
Payne Oil Company	150.00
Louis J. Grasmick Lumber Co., Inc.	146.00
Left Bank Jazz Society	123.80
Hair Masters	100.00
Clifton F. Vincent	100.00
Billy Taylor & The Gospel Keynotes	100.00
National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, Balto. Club	100.00
Les Mollies	100.00
Cobra CB Club	100.00
James & Isabella Randall	100.00
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church	100.00
Citizens For A Better America	100.00
Pauline Brooks Boutique	100.00
Black Nurses Assoc. of Baltimore	100.00
A Line Casket Company	100.00
Judge Askew W. Gatewood	100.00
Monumental City Bar Assoc., Inc.	100.00
Ms Carole Y. Lyles	75.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Jackson	60.00
Tenant Council of Bernard E. Mason Apt.	50.00
Cornelius & Elizabeth Mason	50.00
The Clever Kiquelays	50.00
Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity Alpha Chapter	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. James T. Perry	50.00
Calvin & Annie Thompson	50.00
Mid-Town Tennis Club	50.00
Sigma Wives Zeta Sigma Chapter	50.00
Charley Rudo Sporting Goods	45.00
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Mrs. Gladys Fisher	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton A. Turner, Jr.	25.00
Copley Callaway Neighborhood Assoc.	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Parham	25.00
Dr. Nelson A. Fain	25.00
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Carl J. Case	25.00
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Ms Ametha Rosemond	25.00
Inez & John Blake	25.00
Ms Ruth E. Johnson	25.00
Ms Irene Holland	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. William B. Garrett	20.00
James & Hortense Franklin	20.00
Ms Pauline M. Williams	20.00
Mrs. Charlotte Wortham	20.00
Ms June C. St. Thomas	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Holmes	15.00
Miss Bettye T. McLeod	15.00
Ms Mary Aiken	10.00
Ms Claudine Harden	10.00
Mrs. Pearl Gordon	10.00
Franklin Laundromat	1,000.00
Barney & Elizabeth Moore	5.00
Glascoe Owens	5.00
Cornelius H. Thomas	5.00
Allen & Rose Cooper	5.00
Mrs. Beatrice E. Snowden	3.00

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Thanks, thanks to the many friends of AFRO's Mrs. Santa said Senator Louise G. Murphy who sold $141 worth of flowers and makes presentation to Mrs. Donna Brewer.

Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented $100. to Mrs. Santa. Above, Harold Hart, Keeper of Finance and Kermit (KC) Burton, chairman of Social Section. Among their various activities have been awarding of eight scholarships to graduating seniors.

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Dr. James L. Moore of Sharon Baptist church presented Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters with check for $100.

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Pinochle Bugs of Baltimore County Chapter presented Mrs. Santa with $75. to help needy families. Ms. Faye Bridgeforth, president is making presentation. Seated, Mae Medders, executive secretary; and Ruth Giles, hospitality. Other members, Mesdames June Chapman, vice - president; Fran Jolley, treasurer; Helen McDonald, financial secretary; Mozelle Johnson, Delores Deaver, Mabel Murray, Janis Langley and Lorraine Pride.

Arch Social Club's Caring and Sharing Project, North and Penna.; presented $100. to Mrs. Santa. They help families at Christmas and encourage neighboring businesses to participate. William (Billy) Gross, vice - president is making presentation. Lawrence Dickerson is president.

The Special Aid Club has been collecting toys, clothes and money for the past five years. This year they have made a presentation of $100. Above, Mesdames Emma Sutton and Helen Croxton, chairpersons; Mrs. Helen Roane, president; Mrs. Helen Porter, vice - president; Walter Jordan, secretary and Mrs. Edith Williams, treasurer.

Citizens for A Better America presented Mrs. Santa with $100. to help needy families. Above, from (L) Lonnie Parker, vice-president, Mrs. Santa, Ms. Helen Mitchell, president and Kenneth Davis, treasurer.

Hair Masters, formerly Dolfield Barber, 3535 Dolfield presented $100 to Mrs. Santa. Above, seated from (L) Robert Arnett, Ms. Hannah McNair, Richard Rideout. Standing from (L) Lawrence Hall, owner; Jeffrey Cook and John Brooks. Not shown, Miss Odell McCatskill.

H. Bernie Jackson, president of the Real Estate Brokers of Baltimore, Inc., presented Mrs. Santa's helper, Mrs. Louise Jackson, with $150 for needy families.

Rayner T. Banks of Mass Transit picked up toys and clothing donated by workers at Washington Blvd. and Retreat Street. In his spare time he also picked up donations this past week from locations all over Baltimore.

Merry Christmas

Hunter and Reuben Feldberman of Furniture Connection of Baltimore St. made a donation of $300. to help Mrs. Santa's families.

Medina Temple No. 1 and Medina Temple No. 2 entertain Baer School

III Winston Hall and III Harmon Bobbitt entertained students from the Baer School at a Christmas Party at the Rotunda last week.

The 95 young people were treated to hats, candy canes, toys, stockings with oranges, tangerines and apples.

They were entertained by Santa, Herman Lee, Yogi Bear, Gene McKoy and the movie with Gary Coleman, "Jimmie The Kid."

Noble James L. Mosley is chairman of Public Relations. Noble Richard L. Sommerville, Chief Rabban; Elwood Russell, Assistant Chief Rabban; Noble Christopher Rankin, Financial Secretary.

Noble Pinkney McCready is treasurer; Noble Clayborn Harris, recording secretary and Noble Maurette Beard, High Priest and Prophet.

Nobles Winston J. Hall and Harmon Bobbitt, Potentates of Medina Temple No. 1 and 2 are shown with Mrs. Waetina Coles, principal of Baer School for Handicapped. Dedicated teachers and staff accompanied the youngsters in school buses.

Herman Lee meets the students of Baer School and their teachers and principal, Mrs. Waetina Coles and jollied each child, giving out small hats and gifts. Before the children arrived, Lee roamed the Rotunda shopping center bringing cheer to everyone.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

FAMILY MEMBERS of Russell Davis, who became the first black general in the history of the National Air Guard; (left to right) are Tyre Davis, son; Pamela Davis, daughter; Mrs. Winfred Davis, his mother and Brig. General Davis.

(Photo by Courtney)

Group honors three in Montgomery County

The Montgomery County Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrated its Annual Achievement Week by honoring three men who made outstanding contributions last year in three area-business citizenship, and Omega Man of the Year.

Business Person of the Year was awarded to Mr. Waymond D. Bray, executive director of the National Business League of Montgomery County.

Bray was recognized for his efforts with the Student Business League Foundation, a non-profit corporation established to expose minority students to the business world. His work during the summer resulted in the placement of 46 Black students throughout the county.

Judge DeLawrence Beard of the District Court of Montgomery County was awarded Citizen of the Year

Before his appointment, he served as senior assistant State's Attorney for Montgomery County in both the Circuit and District courts. He also served as District Public Defender for Montgomery. Besides serving on many boards, Judge Beard has taught at the George Washington University College of General School of Forensic Science.

The Omega Man of the Year was given to Richard H. Johnson, Jr., currently serving as the Basileus for the Mu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of Montgomery County.

teacher and administrator in the District Columbia School System for the past twenty-one years, and joined the fraternity in 1957 at the Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

Being very active with moving to Montgomery County in 1975, before becoming Basileus this year, Johnson served the fraternity as Keeper of Records and Seal for his chapter and the 2nd District as well.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was

17, 1911 at Howard University.

The annual celebration of the National Achievement Week began as a result of the exhortation of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of The Association for the

ONE HOTEL CATERS TO YOUR WORLD ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Break out your best dancing shoes and get ready to greet '83 in style. Dine on tender prime rib or tasty stuffed flounder. Sway to the sounds of the Frank Hinton Trio. Toast the times ahead with champagne at midnight. And saunter upstairs for a luxurious night's sleep. $98.50* per couple including overnight accommodations. $68.50* without overnight accommodations. For reservations call (202) 462-5400, Ext. 2240.

*Tax and gratuity included.

2225 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Howard Inn

In the Founders Ballroom

Housing discrimination based on race, sex still happening

Whether it's blatant or subtle, housing discrimination is unlawful in the District of Columbia.

Some types of discrimination are often quite obvious, at least to the trained observer or to one who has been a victim more than once. However, some forms of housing bias catch the apartment hunter or homebuyer for the first time off guard. They realize after the fact that they were victims of discrimination.

Fifteen areas or classes in which unfair housing practices might occur are specifically covered in the District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977.

They include race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital stauts, personal appearance, family responsibilities (including children in the household), sexual orientation, physical and mental handicap, political affiliation, source of income, matriculation, and place of business or residence.

The Human Rights Act of 1977 applies to the rental, leasing, or sale of housing in Washington, D.C. It is administered by the District of Columbia Government's Office of Human Rights.

"Frequently a combination of several kinds of discrimination is involved in cases brought to the Office of Human Rights," said Anita Bellamy Shelton, Director.

"We are often dismayed by the facts of some of the cases that come to us for investigation," Shelton added. "Though many Washington residents think housing discrimination is a thing of the past, that is not the case."

Cases of housing discrimination filed at the Office may go all the way to an administrative hearing process which operates like a court of law. When they go this far, members of the D.C. Commission on Human Rights — the adjudicatory partner of the office of Human Rights — sit in three-member panels and weight the evidence and findings proposed by hearing examiners.

The 15 Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor from throughout the community and serve without pay.

OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENTS

Most times, cases are conciliated before reaching this administrative court. One involved a black woman who accused a cooperative building and its manager of racial discrimination for refusing her an apartment.

After Office investigation found "probable cause" to credit the complaint, the parties in the case agreed to settle in order to void the time and expense of further contested litigation.

Though the respondents — those accused of the violation — denied any infraction of the law, they agreed to pay the complainant the sum of $1,500 in full satisfaction of her claim for out-of-pocket expenses and mental anguish.

The building manager was also relieved of the responsibility to advise cooperation owners about the rental or sale of their apartments. The cooperative instead agreed to instruct its employees to direct inquiries to the Board of Directors.

For the next two years the cooperative also had to report quarterly to the Director of the Office of Human Rights: a list of it occupants (indicating apartment numbers, whether owned or rented, race of the cocupant, date of occupancy, amout of maintenance payment); available vacancies known to the cooperative (indicating ownership of the vacant apartment, method of advertising or solicitation of applicants, rental or sales price, and race of successful applicants); and copies of all applications for apartments.

PROTECTING INTERRACIAL COUPLES

Refusing to rent to interracial co couples is also against the law in the District of Columbia.

A white woman whose husband is black accused an apartmnt owner of discrimination when the couple was refused an apartment. According to the complainants, the tenants in the building were predominantly white.

Under the terms of a settlement reached before the Office completed its investigation, the couple received a cash award and letter of apology from the firm's vice president. In the letter, the company apologized for the alleged behavior of the resident manager - who was accused of leaving her office to avoid meeting the applicants, and later telling them she had no applications, and to apply at the main office.

EVEN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES ARE COVERED

The housing law also covers commercial properties. An example occured when Office investigation first determined that there was reason to believe the complainant — a black male consultant to an organization representing black women — had been discriminated against because of his race.

Shelton pointed out: "While the Commission subsequently found no discrimination in this case," she said, "our acceptance of it underscored the fact that the Human Rights Act is not limited to residential properties."

The Commission's decision found that the lessor was within its rights to limit sub-leasing to companies or organizations whose operations were "compatible" with its own business activities. In this instance the business of the respondent and another sub-lessee would have been disrupted by the nature of the applicant's business.

HOW TO FILE A HOUSING COMPLAINT

"Persons who believe they have been discriminated against are urged to contact the Office's Community Education and Investigations Unit at 727-6523," Shelton said.

"In your complaint, indicate the name and address of the person, owner, real estate agent, or company alleged to have committed the violation. Describe briefly what happened."

Shelton said those whose allegations fall within the law will immdiately be referred to the Office's Intake Unit, for formalizing their charge in person.

The D.C. Office of Human Rights is open Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at 420 Seventh St., NW (2nd Floor), Washington, D.C. The Office does not provide information on vacant housing.