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OUR WORLD

Continentals' annual charity ball—a smashing success

MRS. CONNIE BUTLER, Continental's president, presents MRS. Carrie O. STATEN THE HELEN O. Gattis Award for outstanding service to underprivileged children during the Continental's annual charity ball held at MARTIN'S West, Sunday, Dec. 26.

NEW CONTINENTAL MEMBERS presented during the ball are (top to bottom) Magdalene B. Fennell, Marcella Valentine - Jones, Marjorie D. Washington, Frenzela Credle and Jo Ann Trusty.

IN ON THE FUN are (l to r): Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ross and Mrs. Camay Murphy.

ENJOYING THE ACTION are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. William West and Mrs. Mattie Mumby.

The holiday fundraiser of Baltimore Continentals was everything their patrons expected. This much - looked - forward - to Christmas ball turned out to be one of the most gala of the season.

Beautifully gowned Continentals and their handsome guys, Bobby Felder's music, an abundant buffet, and Martin's West banquet room aglow with candle - lighted tables covered in red, green and white, set the festive mood for the affair.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the group's third annual Helen O. Gattis Award to Mrs. Carrie O. Staten, local principal, for her untiring service to many disadvantaged Baltimore City youth at her summer camp which is appropriately named, "Experience In Country Living."

Mrs. Staten is the first woman to receive this handsome plaque. Other awards have gone to A. Paul Moss and William G. Sykes.

Club members were delighted to have the children of Continentals manage the evening's raffle project under the leadership of Continental Zelma Brown. They included: Cecelia Quarles, Pam Turpin, Adrienne Stotts, Denise Whitehead, Joi Washington, Lisa Fassett, Robin Beaman and Lynda Brown.

Five new Continentals were introduced during the intermission. They were: Mesdames Joann Trusty, Magdalene Fennell, Marjorie Washington, Frenzela Credle, and Marcella Valentine - Jones.

The Baltimore Continentals, now organized 27 years, are dedicated to serve the needs of underprivileged and disadvantaged Children and youth.

1982 charities included Camp Farthest Out, Children's Shoe Fund, annual college scholarship, Camp Glyndon for Diabetic Children, AFRO Charities Clean Block Campaign and Mrs. Santa Fund, Maryland Educational Opportunities Center, Kidney Foundation Research, and the United Negro College Fund.

Mrs Margaret Turner was chairperson for this year's event. Mrs. Constance Butler is club president. Other members include:

Frances Branch, Lillie Branch, Sevilla Carroll, Odessa Dyson, Katherine Cross, Audrey Harden, Serena Holmes, Susan Jones, Priscilla Marshall, Marlene W. Mohamed, Ann Parker, Helen Quarles, Doris Smith, Phyllis Thompson, Mary Tucker, Elnira Washington, Delores Young and associate member Ellen Howard.

CONGRATULATORY HUG is given Kurt Schmoke, Baltimore's new State's Attorney following his January 3rd swearing in at the War MEMORIAL BY Saundra Banks, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, who conducted the Swearing - in ceremony.

PART OF THE MASSIVE CROWD on hand to cheer for Schmoke include these applauding ladies (l to r): Marguerite Bellamy, Jo Anne Renee Johnson and Phyllis Buckner.

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Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie R. Green

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Another year has rolled around and most of us have turned our thoughts to the task of preparing a list of resolutions that we soon tire of pretending to keep. The one resolution that seems to appear most frequently at the head of most lists is the one that deals with that ever present overweight problem.

Ms. JANICE JACKSON, Social Insurance Affairs Specialist in the Office of Governmental Affairs has resolved to loose weight and begin to appreciate and enjoy the natural things in life.

Officer MABLE JONES, Security Honor Guard stationed at the entrance of the West High Rise building states that she hasn't had time to make any resolutions because she has been busy thanking God for bringing her safely to a new year.

JOHN BOND, SSA Head Chef and professional caterer pledges to make more meaningful contributions to his life than he has in the past. "With the help of the good Lord, he said, I hope to be able to help more people who are in need."

CARDELLA ROBINSON, Security Analyst, Office of Assessments stated that recently she has been in a rut but her theme for 1983 is "To Make Things Happens." According to Cardella, "There are things I want to do and exciting places I want to go in life."

TIMOTHY WILSON, Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist, said, "'Health Care Financing" is my theme for 1983." Tim vows to join a health club, loose weight and get his finances in better order.

"DEBBIE" ARTHUR, clerical student in the Office For Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity is one of the many people trying to shed unwanted pounds. She has resolved to stop eating so much food, especially butter.

ROBERT HARTZ, Shipping and Receiving Unit said his financial resolution is to complete payment on all outstanding bills.

He is also planning a vacation in Puerto Rico with his two daughters and 1983 will be his year to become more involved in the programs and activities at New Metropolitan Baptist Church.

MS. BARBARA BANKS, GSA, made a New Year's resolution to stop smoking. "It's easier said than done" she said. (editor's note) It was Wednesday, January 5 and poor Ms. Banks was still puffing away.

MRS VERNETTA ARCHER, HCFA, has placed high emphasis on improving her cooking skills. Her husband will be completing his studies at Louisiana State University in May and since he enjoys eating she will have to change her eating habits.

Mrs. Archer is the chairperson for the "Not one penny spent on Martin Luther Kings birthday" rally. Members of the Citizens Coalition for Urban Survival Inc. will be monitoring ten different shopping centers on Saturday, January 15 to evaluate the impact of their efforts.

Single PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

As we bring in the New Year, I would like to devote this column to two very lovely children, who have stuck with me through thick and thin. Included also is my Ten Commandments for Single Parenting.

Kelly M. Hill and Charles A. Hill, my two right hand supporters are the best children in the world to me.

They stick with me and support me when the chips are down.

They both adjusted well through all the many different babysitters and schools.

Oh, how they could see things through a different light. They made me laugh when I felt like crying. They prepared peanut butter and bologna sanwiches when I did not have time to fix my own dinner.

Some way or another, we always managed to say "I Love You" to each other every night. These are the adults of the future, they are my children and I love them dearly.

The ten commandments for Single Parenting are:

1. Always wear two sets of shoes when communicating with your child. They may not understand you.

2. Learn how to speak two languages when explaining the do's and don't.

3. Never let your anger stand in the way of punishment.

4. Always be fair to yourself and to your child.

5. Never allow anyone to tell their side of the story before you had a chance to heard your child's side.

6. Do not be afraid to ask for help.

7. Children will act and grow up to be exactly what you taught them to be.

8. Single parents must always be strong, courages, wise and genuine in their teachings.

9. Always remember that nobody is perfect.

10. Love, wisdom and discipline is the key to a successful family.

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By Pattie Hodges

HOLIDAY WRAP-UP

Holiday festivities abounded all over Charm City and even spilled over into some county areas from early December through New Year's Day.

Reaganomics or not, folks were determined to enjoy themselves, and enjoy themselves they did.

IN WESTVIEW

On Saturday, Dec. 18, local schoolmarm, Mrs. Doris Holmes hosted a gala holiday dinner at her lovely Charnwood Ave. home in the Westview area.

The 50 family members and guests who gathered there at 5 p.m. feasted on sumptuous holiday fare, sipped punch and cocktails and made merry bringing in the Yuletide season.

Games and dancing were the order of the evening afterwards, and everyone left taking with them the true spirit of the holiday season.

24 HOUR OPEN HOUSE

They came and went from early Christmas Eve and far into Christmas day to the 24 hour Open House hosted by Mrs. Jean Boone, a private duty nurse, at her Bonnie Ridge apartment in Baltimore County.

Jean's nursing duties did nothing to stop her from preparing a virtual smorgasbord of goodies, including much soul food and delicious homemade pies and cakes.

And her vitality and vivaciousness was evident throughout the entire affair as she welcomed family members and many guests all night long.

Joan, who has been having this affair for several years, stated that it was planned originally for adults who had to stay up late to wait for Santa Claus who come visit their kids, but now many of those same children are now old enough to take part in the gaiety of the occasion. Many were there joining in the fun and frolic of the evening.

IN FERNDALE

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Green Jr. (Dorothy) entertained at a family holiday dinner which provided enough fun and laughter to last for days to come — not to mention the delectable menu which included eight desserts, as well as the usual traditional Christmas fare.

Family members came from Connecticut, North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey and Columbia, MD as well as Baltimore, and the Green's Valentine Ave. home in Anne Arundel County was alive with holiday conviviality from early afternoon until late, late evening.

ON FORDLEIGH ROAD

One of the most "fun" holiday galas was the Open House hosted by Pam Widgeon, AFRO reporter and Norma Reddicks, at Pam's Fordleigh Rd. apartment Sunday, Dec. 26 at 3 p.m.

Much palate pleasing food, all homemade, by the hostesses, was available and lots of luscious desserts, also all homemade, including delicious banana bread.

Party patter was animated and after dining and sipping to capacity, the dancing began.

Folks had so much fun they didn't want to go home, so what had begun as an open house turned into a real party, with guests staying until the wee hours.

Much to the delight of all ladies present, Pam and Norma presented them all with a foil wrapped gift of various scents.

On hand for the fun of the open house turned party were Johanne Brown, Paul Evans, Gary Swift, Ronald and Gladenia Swift, Deborah Swift, Jessye Belfield, Patricia Carter, Juanita Murray, Irma Widgeon, Edward Widgeon, Portia Badham, Milton Hazzard and Donald Scribner;

Also Michael Belfield, home for the holidays from Spokane, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Boyd, Hyattsville, MD; Melvin and Lillian Reddicks, Stroudsburg, PA; Evelyn Gail, mother of former AFRO photographer Mark Gail (who had provided a beautiful Christmas tree of olives, cheeses and other goodies); Ronald Reddicks, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Lorna Reddicks, Atlanta, GA; Mark Cooper, Gary Jones, Barbara Jackson and Tiffany and Chris Jackson.

AT CATONSVILLE

William "Bill" and Virginia Clark (he's a recently retired police sergeant, she a county schoolmarm) also hosted an Open House Sunday, Dec. 26.

Party trays of delectables and many sippables added to the enjoyment of their 50 guests who came at five and stayed 'til long past midnight.

Dancing, pool playing (by the guys) and lively conversation marked their evening of holiday cheer.

On the scene enjoying the hospitality of the Clarks were James and Louise Campbell, Charles and Charlotte Harper, Milton and Martha Allen, Judson and Delores Kerr, Charles and Dee Harris, Howard and Michelle Peterson, Dr. and Mrs. Reggie Lee, of Chaney, PA; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur White, Roland and Sylvia Cathorne, James and Lottie Cole, Charles and Lucy Griffith, Bernard and Janice Blackwell.

Also Ovella Queen, Betty Turner, Gloria Walker, Warren Stanley, Robert Pierce, Judith Francis, Larry Johnson, Yvonne Raleigh of Washington, D.C., Candy Clark and friend and Clint Spellman and Eddie Tilghman.

IN WOODLAWN

At the Holiday Inn Belmont, Thursday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. members of the staff of Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School No. 102 celebrated the holiday with a zesty luncheon, featuring delicious food and drink and the exchange of gifts.

Some staff members brought along members of their families to join in the celebrating, and Mrs. Mary Reid, who recently retired from the Baltimore Schools, was among the many present.

Oohs and Aahs were heard as all opened their gifts and the party continued until around 3 p.m., ending on a happy note as departure time came.

ON BOWERS AVE

Sandra East, EEO Specialist in Washington, D.C. hosted her annual holiday luncheon at her Bowers Ave., home, also on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Featured to tickle the palate were Chicken Confetti, marinated cumcumbers and mouth - watering apple cake, among other goodies.

Sandy gifted her guests with lovely appliqued hand towels in rich colors, and the thrilled ladies left after sundown with the warm feeling of the Yuletide season following them.

Guests included Sandy Stefanos, Andrea Abraham, Linda Brown, Valarie Dean, Sher'l Woodland, Jane Harrison, Althea Cornish, E. Fran Johnson, Iasline Crowner, Elizabeth Dembry, Benita Demby, Majorie Jennings;

Also Angie McClain, Darcell Collier, Leatrice Curtis, Audrey Tisdale, Nathalia Roberts, Vivian Bailey, Shirley Bolding and Connie Carter.

ON WAKEFIELD ROAD

High up on Wakefield Road in the Hillsdale Apartments Pat Carter entertained a board of guests at a party which could be called a forerunner of New Year's Eve, though it was held Thursday evening, Dec. 30.

Her delectables (and they were many) included the traditional New Year's Eve black - eyed peas, and sippables of every variety.

Music was the order of the evening and it was a good old house party with lots of dancing in between the animated conversation. There was even an old - fashioned Madison line going at several points during the evening. Guests had a ball.

Among them were Larry Coles of Rhode Island, Harry Tesbout of New Haven Conn.; Earnestine Baskerfield, Suzanne Smallwood, Leonard Wooding, Margaret McDonald, Thelma Saunders, Magnolia Carter, Irma Widgeon, Pam Widgeon, Rudolph McCray, Gary Hawkings, Warren Bailey, Sharon Fair, Michael Belfield, Tracy Jackson a student at Frostburg State College.

Also Juanita Murray, Leroy Sutton, Adelle Morris, Taft Howell, LeRoi Sutton, Gloria Little and Pat Flemming and Jessyé Belfield.

SSD HOLIDAY FETE

During the Christmas week Mrs. Sylvia Hill, head of the SSD program (for retarded adults) hosted a lively holiday party for her clients. All were thrilled with the food, the punch and their gifts, and just delighted to be having a party.

ON LUDGATE ROAD

In the Park Heights section Angie McClain hosted a New Year's Eve party for close friends and family members, who are always happy to be at Angie's for her unending hospitality, super - delicious food and the good cheer of being among warm people.

Angie was at her best with lots of goodies, and folks enjoyed welcoming in the New Year with her.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie L. Ross

A TRIBUTE TO KRISTEL

It was just a few weeks ago when Tracy Hamlin, 'Miss Talented Teen Maryland' and I boarded the Eastern Airlines to help celebrate "A Tribute to Kristle". Kristle Henderson, Hal Jackson's Miss Talented Teen International Queen in the sunny U.S. Virgin Islands. The celebration was held in Island Center, St. Croix.

It was fun, exciting and glamorous for our little Maryland Queen, Tracy, who is National's third runner-up, who is a singer. We changed planes in San Juan for St. Croix, where we met another talented runner - up from California, Shawn Stanford, also singer and second runner - up. She too was on her way to perform in the Tribute held for our National Queen and was accompanied by my good friend Velma Stokley, her California Sponsor.

It was a reunion for all of us at the airport. Tracy couldn't wait to meet her other two friends who were National runner-up and who also were invited to perform at the festival affair. Michelle Martin Borough, a dancer from Nassau, Bahamas, fourth runner-up, was accompanied by her chaperone, "Jay." Her state sponsor is Mrs. Annie Russell.

Rosemarie Jackson, a dancer, first runner-up from New Orleans, LA was her chaperone, our fun lady, "Annie."

Oh, but you must know that the hospitality rendered by the owners of King's Alley Hotel, where we stayed and Mrs. Roker's was just superb. In our room was a bottle of wine and a bottle of rum with cheese and crackers. It was there for Hal Jackson's chaperones if we chose to use it.

There was a beautiful vase of fresh carnations, compliments of National Queen, Kristel Henderson, and a special individual welcome note read, "Our home is your home! Do relax and enjoy your visit with us," signed Clair L. Roker and Associates.

Inside the envelope was a small Island favorite flower in red, matted on a black background with gold and white complimenting envelope. Other complimentary items were gift certificates and discount items. What a terrific experience for the Hal Jackson's International Runners - Up.

The runner - up started rehearsing the very evening of arrival. Tracy met a host of home folk from Washington, D.C. They were the Capital Artists Productions, directed by Jane Harley who came over to present a Fashion Show for the Tribute.

The next day was a special day for all of the participants. There was a fabulous scrumptuous dinner sponsored by Mrs. Roker for all of her special guests who arrived to participate in the Tribute.

The dinner was held at Smithfield Hotel owned by Mr. and Mrs. Reginald George Russell. The atmosphere was so friendly that you didn't want to leave the area.

Just to give you a tidbit on the Tribute held at Island Center for Kristel. More than fifteen hundred people paid Tribute to Hal's Queen. There were over sixty sponsors who paid $35.00 per seat to be a part of it for it was the first time ever for the Virgin Islands to have had a National Queen.

Emcee for the program was Addie Ottley, a personality from Channel 13 who covered the affair.

"Let's Dance" was the opening number performed by the National Teen Winners and former Island Queens, choreographed by Frances Rhymes.

Next on the program was "Who They Are!" That's when the four runners - up was asked questions and talked about themselves, after which came Capital Artist Production, titled "Holiday Pizzas." Emceed by Baltimore's own Artartus Jenkins, better known as "Butch" to the Maryland folk.

It was nice and enjoyable. Mrs Harley is, director of the group, special guest model was Alan Cephas, one of New York's top black male models.

Participating on the program were The Fabulous Pop Masters dancers and Catherine Beatrum and her swinging band from St. Croix. Catheline had just returned from California where she made a recording.

All four runners-up were presented beautiful gifts from Mrs. Roker, followed by a reception at Island Center.

"All Work and No Play" just didn't set right for Clair Roker, she took the participants to a High Class Disco the night before departing and they danced until almost closing time.

Yes it was fun, exciting and glamorous. Thanks to Hal Jackson, National Sponsor who gave birth to the Teen Pageant, my buddy, Mrs. Willie Labrie, Sponsors Relations Director, who has to put up a lot with us . . . and certainly our Lady Clair Roker for sponsoring our trip and allowing the 4 runners-up the experience and opportunity to visit the Island.

WESLEY JOHNSON, owner of the Five Mile House, recently entertained elementary school kids at his establishment.

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