Carats, Carateers celebrate holiday season

The Baltimore Carats and Carateers gathered on Sunday, Dec. 18, for their traditional "Round Robin" which highlights the beginning of the Yuletide season.

To begin the evening, everyone gathered at the beautifully decorated home of Carat Jean Adams for cocktails and fellowship. To whet their appetites and set their spirits aglow were an assortment of colorful and delicious hor d' oeuvres and sippibles, hot and cold.

Carats and their Carateers proceeded by motorcade to a delicious catered dinner-buffet at the home of Carat Merlene Downs. The tables were beautifully decorated with red and white tablecloths with a poinsettia motif, red napkins and place cards directing each one to his or her table. The members enjoyed a dinner of ham, seafood casserole, Christmas gelatin salad, macaroni and cheese casserole, and assorted vegetables and sipped on vintage wines.

The third and final stop on the Round Robin circuit was at the home of Carat Frances Pennington for the final course of the evening—meal deserts to meet everyone's sweet tooth with egg nog and champagne to help digest the sumptuous deserts.

To top the evening a song fest of Christmas carols was held featuring competition between approximately seven groups of carolers made up of Carats and Carateers. What Fun! What hidden talents! — All to their surprise, and enjoyment was had by all.

On a more serious note, a beautiful poem in keeping with the Christmas season was read by Carat Helen Birt entitled "The Solitary Bird" by San Juan de la Cruz. Each Carat was presented by the hostesses a white minature dove symbolic of peace, love happiness and tenderness of the season.

Following the above activities, Carateer Dr. Thomas Jones, brought special recognition and praise from the Baltimore Carats and Carateers to Carateer Dr. Roland Smoot who has served for the past year as the first Black President of the Maryland State Medical Society and for the excellent job he has done in this capacity. To his wife Carat Minnie Smoot, special accolades were extended for the support she has given to Carateer Roland in this most prestigous role.

Host and Hostesses for the evening's activities were: Carats and Carateers Jean and Curtis Adams, Marlene and Sidney Downs, Frances and Vernon Pennington, Ozella and Harvey Webb, Ada and George Woodland and Helen Birt.

Other members present were Carats and Carateers: Merlene and Carl Adair, Gordine and Clarence Blount, Norma and Joseph Bracy, Vera and Joel Carrington, Jeanne and Marvin Davis, Geraldine and Lionel Desbordes, Lillian and Thomas Jones, Josh and Robert Phillips, Minnie and Roland Smoot and Carateer Alfred Woolridge. (Janet Woolridge was absent because of her recent accident and was confined to bed.)

BALTIMORE CARATS, INC. include (first row, L to R): Francine Pennington, Gordine Blount, Minnie Smoot, Ada Woodland and Merlene Adair; (second row, L to R): Jeanne Davis, Ozella Webb and Lillian Jones; (third row, from left): Helen Birt, Marlene Downs, Norma Bracy; (fourth row, from left): Vera Carrington, Geraldine Desbordes and Joan Phillips. (Members not pictured are Jean Adams and Janet Woolridge.)

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By Finnie L. Ross

HOLIDAY GAIETIES

The yuletide season brought many galeties to Columbia and around the world.

For most Americans, the celebration of Christ's birthday brought peace and goodwill to all mankind, nearly 2,000 years ago.

Galeties were held in various sections of Columbia both private and public.

The public New Year's Eve dance was an annual one sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The Kappa men are a group of men that really get things done, and know just how to put them together very well.

The weather was bad, the streets very slippery in spots, but it did not hinder members and friends from coming out to celebrate the cause.

New Year's Eve, a time when old friends are never forgotten and special wishes are made (some keep them and some do not). Nevertheless the cause is celebrated.

The celebration got underway at 10 p.m. and lasted until 3 a. m. Those Kappa men sure know how to make their guests feel at ease.

There were greeters accepting the tickets and informing you where your table was located. Take your choice, if you wanted to take your seat before you helped yourself at the bar or take your drink with you to your seat, it was surely your privilege but either way, there sure was a plenty for the takers.

Guests just couldn't stop dancing to the swinging music by Bob Craig and Gentemen of Sound from Washington, D.C. There were 500 of the New Year wishers and did they rock, bump and Disco all over the floor until nearly 11:00 when the announcement came that the New Year Year's Eve tradition.

By that time champagne was being served and it was time to ring the old year out and rush in the new one. Noisemakers were heard. Embracing loved ones and special friends, the old acquaintance noted, they should never be forgotten.

The buffet was open for that special meal that's usually delicious. It was a combination of Breakfast and Dinner food, but most certainly the Black Eyed Peas, an ole New Years Eve tradition.

Fashions worn by the ladies sparkled, glittered and sizzled like no other time of the year. They looked glamorous in velvet, clingy sequins styled in two pieces, such as the one Nancy Kensler was wearing, the one piece halter top dress with the deep slit in the back worn by Sadie Woolford and also shiny blue sequins worn by Vicki Ross and Credele Birdsong.

Black, the favorite color among many at the dance, was worn by Sally Hawkins, Dr. Jacqueline Hilson, Joanne Tyson, Janice Skinner and many others.

All of the Kappa brothers did an excellent job. Each one had duties to carry out and they did just that. Charles W. Barnun, Jr. is Chapter Polemarch.

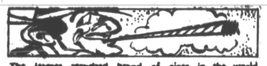
The Eighth Annual Human Rights Day Celebration in commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held January 14 at Centennial High School at 4 p.m.

A social hour Pot Luck Dinner will be held. Music selections will be furnished by the Men's Chorus of First Baptist Church, Centennial High School Chorus, Angelic Voices of First Baptist Church of Guilford and St. John Baptist Church Gospel Choir.

For further information call 998-8319.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Two grateful hands to thank the Lord whose blessings never cease; Two faithful hands to glorify the Father and the son; Two gentle hands to ask that God grant all enduring peace; and Two ready hands to tell until the master's work is done. Peace, Love and Happiness in 84!



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—MORE PARTYLINE

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have long since left Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School No. 102 (on Central Ave.) and several of those currently on staff gathered at the lovely Minna Ct. home of Shirley and Maurice Robinson for their annual Christmas party, Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The group has been doing this get-together for many years now and each year it is one of their looked-forward to events of the holiday season.

There was a scrumptuous buffet, which included barbequed chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, chili, fried chicken, a fruit mold and many other delicacies.

Cocktails of every variety flowed freely all evening, which began at 4 p.m. and lasted until nearly midnight.

There were many jokes, much fun and lively dancing to foot-tapping, taped music, and those who had intended to leave earlier found themselves lingering for the last drop of fun of the evening.

Shirley, who retired from BCPS last June (and from School No. 102) was an ever-gracious hostess, with hubby Maurice, now principal of the Dunbar Middle School, pitching in as helpful co-host. They had celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary the day before the gala.

Entering into the lively festivities of the afternoon and evening were Carolyn Harris, John "Bo" Rawlings and his wife, Mary; Darlene Cager Williams and hubby Robert; Donald Hill, Dolores Cornick, Delores Funn, Shirley Cartwright, Vernice Howard, Marion Bordley, Doris Baker and guest and friend, Mary Goode. Mildred Rawlings, who usually attends, was on a trip to Disney World, where she had taken a group of children.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Neither snow, nor ice nor winds that blow will deter Sandra "Sandy" East from hosting her lively annual Holiday Luncheon

So, though streets were still treacherous in some places, all was sweetness and light as guests gathered Thursday, Dec. 29 at her Bowers Ave. home for Sandy's

Her delectable menu included Swedish meat balls, vegetable medley, scrumptuous hot loaf of bread (both wheat and white) desserts of fruit cake and cheese cake, and all kinds of drinks, from soda to wine.

Guests received as party favors small, exquisitely-delicate glass covered candy dishes much to their delight.

Among those who braved the weather to gather at Sandy's were Althea Cornish, Beatrice Hall, Vivian Bailey, Angie McClain, Sherl Woodland, Valerie Dean, Isoline Crowner, Andrea Abraham, Nathalia Roberts, Marjorie Jennings, Gerrie Lovick, Carolyn Stubbs, Linda Brown, and E. Fran Johnson.

DUNBAR EVENING SCHOOL CELEBRATES

Recently students and staff of the Dunbar Adult Evening School celebrated the holiday season with a dinner and program, in the Parent Liaison Room of the Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School No. 102, 601 N. Central Ave.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Annie Brooks and grace offered by Mrs. Carrie Jones, both evening School students.

Following a buffet of succulent holiday fare, Robert Redd (student) introduced guest speaker, Martin Hales (a Dunbar evening school instructor), who addressed himself to the theme for the occasion — "Christmas is Fellowship."

Following Hales' remarks, there was a musical interlude prior to the awarding of certificates, done by Mrs. Brendella Hawkins, principal of the School.

Recipients of the certificates, which promoted them from ABE Math to Pre-GED Math, were Mrs. Annie Brooks, Robert Redd and Robert Richmond.

Remarks of commendation and celebration were also forthcoming from former principal Samuel Parham.

Invited guests included Warren A. Sears, principal Thomas G. Hayes Elementary School No. 102, Mrs. Delores Funn, School No. 102 secretary and Mrs. Robert Redd,

Single PARENTING

By Kelly Hill

CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS For those who have been fortunate enough to get child support payments without having to go to court, you may want to learn from an experience that affects all single parent families.

Single parents, whose salaries do not afford them the opportunity to be able to live off of their salary alone without collecting child support should pay attention to what is currently being filed in U.S. District Court.

Oftentimes, child support payments that may be awarded are based on your salary. Unfortunately, these payments do not meet the standards that are necessary in order for you to adequately support a child without seeking additional funds.

In this world of Jordache Jeans, Oscar Dalarenta, and other designer clothes, there is no way that child support payments alone can adequately accommodate the needs of just one child.

Recently I spoke with Janet King, a single parent who was receiving $35.00 per week for two children. She expressed concerns to me that $17.50 per week for each child did not meet the needs of either of the children. She could not buy enough food to feed them for one week, nor did it pay for any of the medical expenses, etc.

Janet felt that if the child support payments equaled what the state has decided is the minimum to support one child for one year, it would increase the benefits for her children immensely.

Although Janet did not know how the court arrived at that figure, she said she accepted it because anything would be of benefit even though it was such a small amount.

However, currently the State of Maryland regulations state that a parent with one child, asking for child support cannot have an annual salary over $6,418.

Certainly any single parent making a salary of $6,418 is below the poverty level.

If you are a single parent, who is trying to collect child support payments and have been unsuccessful, and would like to voice your opinion about child support, please write to P.O. Box 36542, Baltimore, MD 21207.

On January 10, 1984 at 7 p.m., Black Single Parents Without Partners will have its general meeting at Morgan State University, The McKeldin Center Room 319. The issues to be discussed will be the recent Sunpapers series on "Homes Without Fathers."

If you have any old clothing or furniture that you would like to donate to the Black Single Parents Second Hand Stall, please let us know by calling 486-0700. We will pick up

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City youngsters shine in Fire Safety Slogan Contest

LATONYA JOHNSON, Second Prize Winner, Grades 4-6, Arlington Elementary School, 'Baltimore's Best Fire Safety Slogan Contest.'

QUENTIN BROWN, Grand Prize winner, Grades 10-12, Walbrook Senior High School.

KELLY KURNEY, First Prize winner, Grades 4-6, Harlem Park Elementary School.

Children show how to prevent fires

The key to successful fire prevention is a thorough knowledge of the causes and consequences of fire, certainly one of the city's worst enemies.

Through the "Baltimore is Best" Fire Safety Slogan Contest, the city's young people had the opportunity to participate in a creative writing exercise aimed at increasing their understanding of fire prevention.

Mayor Schaefer reminds us, "Most fires are caused by smoking in bed, careless cooking or improperly placed and maintained space heaters. Many of these problems can be remedied with basic fire prevention knowledge."

Joining the "Baltimore is Best" Program as co-sponsors of the Fire Safety Slogan Contest and Roy Rogers Restaurants, the Baltimore City Fire Department and the Board of Education.

Roy Rogers Inc. underwrote the award plaques as well as the luncheon awards ceremony on December 2, 11:30 a.m., at the Frank J. Trenner Fire Academy, 6720 Pulaski Hwy. Here, Mayor Schaefer and representatives of the Fire Department saluted the young winners.

Last year, fires in Baltimore City caused 43 deaths, 131 injuries, and a loss of $16,991,760. "Through efforts like the "Baltimore is Best" Fire Safety Slogan Contest, our young people can begin to realize how important fire prevention actually is. This is a subject that warrants everyone's attention," urged Mayor Schaefer.

Twelve winners from all grade levels were selected:

Kindergarten—3rd Grade

Grand—Robert Lyles, Barclay Elementary School

Baltimore is Best,
If jts Smoke-less.

First—Valerie Harper, Lyndhurst Elementary School

"Watch Out For Bad Wires"

I had a bad WIRE.
It started a FIRE.
My house burned DOWN.
I moved to a new TOWN.

Second—LeTanya Quick, John Eager Howard Elementary School

If you play with fire,
You may become an OSCAR MEYER.

4th—6th Grades

Grand—Eugene Chong Qui, Callaway Elementary School

Smoke detectors are for me. They're saving lives in '83.

First—Kelly Kurney, Harlem Park Elementary School.

It takes a longtime to get what you've got. It takes a little fire to lose a lot.

Second—Latonya Johnson, Arlington Elementary School.

Fire potentials, everywhere, So every second please beware. Only those who are alert. Are the ones who won't get hurt.

7th—9th Grades Grand—Gideon Kloze, Fallstaff Middle School A smoke detector up above.

Will save the lives of those you LOVE.

First—Monteray Jackson, William H. Lemmel Middle School.

If you smell smoke And begin to choke Drop to the floor And crawl out the door.

7th—9th Grades (cont.)

Second—Darrin Bastfield, Pimlico Jr. High School.

Playing with fire is not a childish game, It may be your life going up in flames.

10th—12th Grades Grand—Quentin Brown, Walbrook Sr. High School.

To Plan a Fire Escape Route You need a smart Director So Be Even Smarter and Install a Smoke Detector

First—Regina Jones, Laurence G. Paquin Jr.-Sr. High School.

Learn Not to Burn What you have worked So Hard To EARN

Second-Yolanda Wyche, Northwestern Sr. High School.

If your house needs a Protector the best thing to have is a SMOKE DETECTOR!

TERRELL MATHEWS accepting for Robert Lyles, Grand Prize winner, Grades Kindergarten through 3rd, Barclay Elementary School.

YOLANDA WYCHE, Second Prize winner, Grades 10-12, Northwestern High School.

LETANYA QUICK, Second Prize winner, Grades Kindergarten through 3rd, John Eager Howard Elementary School.

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