# Phi Delta Kappa hosts annual Holiday Luncheon

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RETIRED SORORS — Sorors of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority who recently retired from Baltimore City Public Schools and who were honored and gifted during the Gamma Chapter's recent holiday luncheon at Meushaw's Motor Inn are (L to R): Mrs. Marie Berry, Mrs. Theda Wilson and Mrs. Bea Avery. Not pictured is retired soror Cedonia Merritt.

LUNCHEON GUESTS (from left) are Nina Scott, Myrtle Scott, Carlee Cook and Edwina B. Quarles.

The Gamma Chapter, Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc. hosted its holiday luncheon Saturday, Dec. 15 at Meushaw's Motor Inn, Security Blvd. at the Beltway.

Featured were a delectable menu, replete with appropriate sippables, Christmas carols, led by Soror Aurora Chambers and games.

There was also a financial presentation made to the Baltimore Fuel Fund as the group's Yuletide charitable activity.

Special highlight of the afternoon was the honoring of three of the retiring sorors—Mrs. Bea Avery, Mrs. Theda Wilson and Mrs. Marie Berry. Another retiring soror, Mrs. Cedonia Merritt was unable to attend. All are retired from Baltimore City Public Schools.

The retiring sorors were presented to the assemblage, gave glowing remarks on their careers, on people who had touched their lives and on their membership in Phi Delta Kappa. They were gifted with umbrellas.

An added feature was a mitten tree which had been filled by the sorors and which was won by School No. 62 through a drawing.

It was a sunny afternoon made even more cheerful by the warm atmosphere which pervaded inside.

Chairperson and emcee for the occasion was Lois Davenport. Other committee members were June Booker, Bessie Black, Diane Christopher, Virgie M. Walls, Charlotte E. Brooks, Claire Dorsey, Geraldine Sheppard and Leanna Ferrell, chapter basileus.

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RINKY-DRINKS AT THE SPHINX

A fabulous pre-Christmas cocktail party was held by the Rinky-Dinks at the Sphinx Club, the week prior to Christmas.

Their fashionable guests enjoyed open bar, tended by Biddy Wood, delicious food catered by Waseola Cade, and danced to the tunes of disc jockey "Tony" of Station V-103.

Several guests had also previously partied with them to Atlantic City to the Trump Plaza Casino.

The Rinky-Dinks, headed by Minerva Carter, were all charmingly attired and sported handmade silk flower corsages of the club colors, orchid and lavender.

Charlie Tilghman, owner of the Sphinx Club, is an honorary member and the club's official advisor.

For their Christmas charitable endeavor, the Rinky-Dinks donated a bountiful food basket to a needy family.

Officers and members are Toni Brown, Minerva Carter, president; Susie Carter, business manager; Adelaide Jackson, Theresa Jones, Dolly Robinson, treasurer, Carol Taylor, vice president, Charlie Tilghman, advisor and Charlee Williams, secretary.

YULETIDE BRUNCH

The beautiful home of Peggy Ammons was the setting for a holiday brunch during the week of Christmas. The living and dining rooms were creatively decorated with numerous poinsettias, sprigs of holly and Christmas greens.

The delectable menu was topped off by a mouth-watering fruit compote, pastries, coffee, bloody marys and champagne.

Holiday chatter was joyfully exchanged by Annette Hall, Mary Demory, Brenda Johnson, Sandra Wilton, Gloria Jackson, Elizabeth Cooper and Alice Rasbury.

AKA LINE MEET

The holidays also brought together the Line of '64, Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. These sorors dined at the Cross Keys Inn.

Copies of the Spring, 1964 newsletter which rolled and tied with pink and green ribbon were given out for a bit of nostalgia.

Flozella Clark, who was basileus in 1964 was present and very much surprised, since it was she who wrote the newsletter.

During the evening guests also received souvenir ceramic plates in pink and green with each of the seven sorors names inscribed on them (as well as the 1964 basileus and 1984 basileus, Gilda J. Garrett. They were a delight to all present.

Sorors attending the reunion were Esther Bailey, Marie Fraser, Vera Flint, Brenda B. Johnson, Doris Reese, Flozella Clark and Gilda J. Garrett. Out-of-town sorors unable to attend were Audlyn H. Williams and Jamesetta Hollimon.


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## —Was Lil Melvin

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ment at a hospital and was then placed in protective custody at the prison.

After our inquiry, Mr. Anderson researched all the records and said that on Dec. 26 Little Melvin did report he had been hit on the head. Mr. Anderson told the AFRO that Williams did not say who hit him or how the injury came about.

Anderson states that prison records show that Williams complained of tendonitus the day before, on Dec. 25 Christmas Day.

The record, according to Anderson shows that on Dec. 26 Melvin reported the blow on the head and that he was sent to District of Columbia General Hospital which is nearby the D.C. jail at 19th Street and D Street S.E. and his injuries were X-rayed.

Anderson says he will have a report on what the X-ray shows by this coming Monday, Jan. 14 and will let the AFRO know.

Meantime Anderson, who has been employed at the D.C. Corrections Department 15 years, said he will make deeper inquiry.

He told the AFRO based upon what this newspaper has learned, "We are initiating today an investigation and if the investigation turns up that a criminal act has occurred we will turn it over to the law enforcement agents for prosecution."

Mr. Anderson added, "Anytime there is an assault the officers in the cell block are required to file a report. We have no such report that will bear out anything except that Williams said he was hit on the head."

Mr. Anderson said he will ask Williams if he wants protective custody and will "see about it."

Anderson admitted the jail is overcrowded. The inmate capacity is 1,178, he said. However at this point there are 2,300 prisoners detained there.

Stating that he has personally seen the Baltimore City Jail, he volunteered, "This jail is very well run and is better than the Baltimore City Jail which is very old. The District of Columbia Jail is only eight years old.

Little Melvin is housed in the D.C. Jail North Two Section., a General Population Block. He is not in protective custody. Mr. Anderson said deefinitely "No!" when asked if Melvin is on a cot in a hallway as the AFRO had learned.

Both Melvin and Hawkins are lodged in the District of Columbia Jail awaiting results of the third bail hearing. The second bail hearing before a Virginia jurist granted Melvin freedom to await his Feb. 5 trial on $200,000 bail. Hawkins was placed on $100,000 bail.

However, the United States assistant attorney took the case to a higher court and the two, who are under narcotics violation charges, were denied bail. The third hearing came Wednesday in Baltimire before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Judge Frances D. Murnaghan, Judge J. Dickerson Phillips and Judge Harrison L. Winter, sitting as a three-judge panel, had not handed down the results of the hearing at AFRO presstime, Thursday.

Judge Murnaghan told the AFRO, "I can not comment as long as the case is in what we call 'the bosom of the court.'"

## —City officials

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opposition to the principles of apartheid. What really causes the local dilemna in these situations is the absence of a national policy against it.

"Consequently the local jurisdictions although their sentiments are against those principals they are put in the position of being able to do very little to effect its (apartheid) existence."

Brown says that perhaps what is needed is for state and local jurisdictions to try to influence some clearly articulated national policy in opposition to apartheid.

City Councilman Kweisi Mfume says he thinks there is a way for the city to get around doing any type of transactions with South African business interests and that 'way' may lie in the 'wording' of contracts and specs. He is currently working on a resolution, to be introduced in the City Council, that addresses the issue.

Congressman Parren J. Mitchell first brought the matter of South African food products stocked in Baltimore schools to the attention of School Superintendent Alice Pinderhughes last week.

Pinderhughes has taken the matter up with the school's board of commissioners and the city's purchasing department. She says bid specifications in the future would prohibit the purchase of foods from South Africa.

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school's Human and Public Services programs, including its Early Childhood and Special Education, Emergency Medical Services, and Human Services Assistant courses, will receive college credits towards their internship requirements in exchange for volunteering their time.

Kidsline coordinator, Mrs. Evelyn Slaght, said the service has actually been in existence since November 28, but indicated that a lack of public knowledge was responsible for the program's limited response.

To date the Kidsline service has received about 30 calls from Baltimore City youngsters.

## —MLK Day

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Edmondson and Schroeder St. Panel discussion theme: "Martin Luther King, Jr. vs the 80's." Panelists include: Boyce Mosely, Bob Cheeks, Michael Mitchell and Dr. Levi Watkins. Moderator: Rev. Wendell H. Phillips. Subscription $6. For more info call 728-2884.

**Huber Memorial United Church of Christ.** MLK Prayer Breakfast. 8 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13. The Alameda and 29th St. Theme: "The Man, the Movement." Sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Church. For more info call 366-1383.

**Morning Star Baptist Church of Christ.** MLK Prayer Breakfast. 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. 1063 W. Fayette St. Sponsored by the Family Life Committee of the church and the Baltimore chapter of the SCLC. Speaker; Dr. Edith Gordon, principal of Rosemont Elementary. Other activities include selections from the youth choir, reading of essays on the freedom struggle and displays of black American achievement. Contribution: $4. For more info call 727-5515.

**Shiloh AME.** MLK Evening Program. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. 2601 Lyndhurst Ave. off of Mondawmin Ave. Speakers include: Bob Cheeks on the life of Dr. King and Daki Napata speaking on the conflicts of South Afroca. Selections from the choir and poem readings in honor of Dr. King. Theme: "The Road from Civil Rights to Human Rights." Sponsored by the church and the Ministers and Lay Leadership Conference.

**Coppin State College.** Fourth Annual MLK Symposium. 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14. Tawes College Center Ballroom. Keynote speaker will be address the topic "Science in the '80's: Tyrant or Servant to Humanity". Other speakers include Professor Alcott Arthur of Howard University and Dr. Abner Hall, research scientist of the McCollum-Pratt Institute. Open to the public. For more info call 383-4569.

**YMCA of Greater Baltimore.** Tenth annual MLK Memorial Breakfast. Tuesday, Jan. 15. 7:30 a.m. SOLD OUT. Hyatt Regency. Keynote speaker Dr. Dorothy Height, president, National Council of Negro Women.

**Johns Hopkins Hospital.** Annual MLK Observance and Lecture. Monday, Jan. 14. Noon. This year's special speaker will be Harry Belafonte. The event is free and open to the public. The lecture will take place in the Turner Auditorium at 720 Rutland Ave. For more info call 338-8000.

**All People's Congress** March and Rally. Noon. Jan., 15. Tuesday. Marchers will assemble at noon at the Lexington Mall, at Lexington and Howard Sts. and march to the downtown Holiday Inn at Howard and Lombard Sts. Marchers are demanding an end to racism from Baltimore to South Africa. Numerous speakers are scheduled. For more info call 467-9388.

**Enoch Pratt Central Library.** Symposium in honor of Dr. King. Sunday, Jan. 20. 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Theme of the symposium is "The Black Woman: Matriarch or Martyr?" Panelists include: Dr. Rebecca Carroll, Isisara Bey, Dr. Isaiah Fletcher, Dr. Irving Hamer. Dewayne Wickham will serve as moderator. The program, held in the Wheeler Auditorium of the Central library at 400 Cathedral St., is open to the public. For more info call 396-5494.

**Woodstock Nite Club.** Black Tie Affair in honor of Dr. King. Saturday, Jan., 26, 9 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Hot hors d'oeuvres, live jazz, celebrity bartenders. Ticket price: $15. Five dollars of every ticket sold will be given to the United Negro College Fund in the name of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A fur fashion show will also be presented. For more info call 542-7004 or 383-9598.

## Ecumenical service honors King in PGC

Community Ministry of Prince George's County in cooperation with the Alliance for a Rainbow County is sponsoring the fourth All Prince George's County Ecumenical Service commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It will be held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Queen Anne Fine Arts Auditorium, Prince George's County Community College in Largo.

For Black History Month

## Museum sets jazz improvisation

The diverse styles of improvisational jazz will be the focus of a colloquium and concert on Feb. 7 and 8, 1985 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The program, entitled "The Art of Jazz Improvisation: A Festival of Traditional and Contemporary Approaches," brings together jazz scholars and stellar jazz performers Clark Terry, Archie Shepp, Eddie Barefield and Doc Cheatham to discuss and demonstrate methods of improvisation. The program is free and open to the public. For advance registration which is recommended, call (202) 357-4176.

"The Art of Jazz Improvisation" is presented by the Program of Black American Culture, a part of the museum's Department of Public Programs, in observance of Black History Month. Funding has been provided by a grant from Doubleday & Company, Inc.

The Colloquium begins in Carmichael Auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 1:30 pm and continues on Friday, Feb. 8, at noon. Both sessions will be chaired by Dr. Leonard Goines, Professor of Jazz History at New York University. Thursday's discussion will feature a round-table conversation among Terry, Shepp, Barfield and Cheatham.

Friday afternoon's session will feature a historical and analytical survey of jazz styles.

Raymond Kennedy, professor Music at John Jay College, City University of New York, will cover jazz improvisation from its origins to 1950 and David Baker, Professor of Music at Indiana University, Bloomington, will focus on the post-1950s. The musical styles and their changes will be demonstrated by the Leonard Goines Quintet.

At 8 pm on Thursday, Feb. 7, the "Art of Jazz Improvisation Festival" will be held in the museum's Flag Hall. Cheatham and his band, featuring Eddie Barfield, will open the evening with music from the Swing Era. Trumpeter Terry and his band, The Jolly Giants, from the Mainstream tradition, will perform the second set. With music of Avant Garde artists, saxophonist Archie Sheep will perform as a finale to the jazz fest.

Cheatham is a seasoned veteran of the jazz circuit who, after 60 years in the business, still tours and records regularly. Terry has performed with the legendary Duke Ellington and Count Basie, in addition to his own two bands, The Jolly Giants and his larger Big Band.

In his fifth decade of performance, Terry continues to play festivals, concerts and night clubs and to record with regularity. Shepp is considered one of the key figures in the development of Avant Garde jazz. He has received numerous awards for his work, which, he says, owes much to jazz giant John Coltrane, with whom he worked intermittently. He frequently tours and has recently released a new recording with keyboard specialist Jasper V'Hoff.


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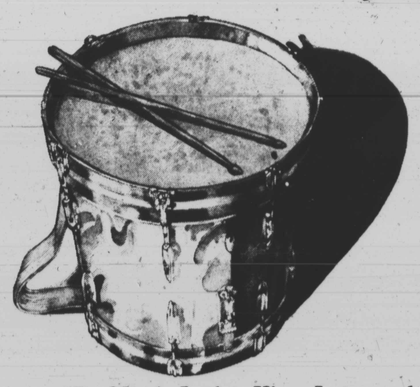

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