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COLUMBIA CAPERS

COLUMBIA DELTAS OBSERVE FOUNDERS' DAY

The Columbia Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority celebrated its Founder's Day Luncheon recently. It was held at the Columbia Inn with more than 400 in attendance.

"Forward The Year 2000 challenge .... change .... choice" was the theme chosen by the lovely committee members who were: Celonia Walden, Ruth Feldon, Sally Hawkins, Sylvia Cook Martin, Jean Hyatt, Jacquelyn Shropshire, Mary Bracey, Claudia Pittman and Margaret Eldridge. Presiding for the day was Mary Bracey, chairman of Founder's Day.

President Gilda Lewis brought greetings on behalf of the chapter followed by the occasion given by Jacquelyn Shropshire, after which Chaplain Margaret Eldridge gave the invocation.

Gilda Lewis presented two recognition awards—The "Soror of the Year Award," presented to Jacquelyn Shropshire and the "Fortitude Award" garnered by Gertrude Kerr.

The highlights of the Founder's Day Observance came immediately following the luncheon. It was an exciting narrative depicting Delta's History highlighting music, dance and fashions.

Guest performer was the Baltimore Dance Theater, Eva Anderson, Artistic Director. Sylvia Cook Martin wrote the script and did the commentary on the narrative. "Sit back and relax while we inform you of the beginning at Howard University as 22 ladies decided to experience a new era for American women," stated Mrs. Martin as she proceeded to give the history of the noted organization.

There were young and adult models acting out parts of the era as they moved through the decades, reflected upon the challenges that were faced and the changes that were made. It was obvious as we listened to the commentator that we were to contemplate the choices we must make as we move toward the year 2000.

Models for the decades were Callie Green and Carolyn Wilderson 1913-1919; June Alexander, Carol Ball, Allene Farmer, Claudette McIntyre and Barbara Love, 1930-1939; Edna Grant and Gwendolyn Cleage, 1940-1949; Diane Welch, Stacy McDonald, Natalie Barbaugh, Louise Lewis and Roberta Holland, 1950-1959; LaVerne Stringfield and Denise Witcher.

The year that Dorothy Height became president of Delta Sigma Theta with powerful leadership was the year that developed an image of expertise for Delta as a public service organization. As the music started by Chubby Checker "The Twist," and James Brown, please, please...

The Audience started to reminisce about the 50's and there were heads nodding and big smiles on their faces. Then came the 60s—The March on Washington, riots, Watts, Shirley Chisholm goes to Congress, during the Martin Luther King, Jr. civil rights days in Selma, the death of John F. Kennedy, and the wearing of the miniskirts.

"We Shall Overcome" models were June Frisby, Monica Holman, Iris Pittman, Donna Patterson and Sylvia Samuels.

1970-1979 Models were Eleanor Holman, Dorothy Harris, Alice Friday, Jacquelyn Shropshire, Famebridge Payne II and Milonda Mitchell. The fabulous ladies dressed in business suits, with the classic touch. Modeling for this decade 1980-89) were Carolyn Brown, Famebridge Payne I, Pamela Johnson and Harriett Tottle; 1990-1999 Tony Alexander, Jennifer Cleage, Tari Brown, Angela Lewis, Nia Fenner and Themlie K. Kimbrough.

The Baltimore Dance Theater gave a magnificent performance, as always, under the direction of Eva Anderson.

Alfred Bracey was music coordinator. Henry Bruce choreographed pieces for the Delta Models and assisted with the rehearsals.

The Delta sorority is in preparation for its annual Cotillion to take place March 30 at the New Omni International Hotel in Baltimore. There will be 26 beautiful teens who will take their bows on the above date. It's going to be beautiful.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Let him that would move the world first move himself.

SOCRATES

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

INCOME TAX AND THE SINGLE PARENT

Until recently, income tax and the single parent was a basic form. However, with the recent cutbacks in social-domestic, programs, inflation, and with the State's apparent interest in being sure that parents support their offspring, after divorce, Annapolis enacted several new guidelines for single parents to follow.

Sinay of H & R Block, was the guest speaker at a seminar sponsored by Black Single Parents, Inc., on Income Tax and the Single Parent.'

Sinay offered advice on one of the most important things that single parents should get in the habit of doing, which is record-keeping. The records that you should keep are copies of tax returns, pay statements, divorce decree, reinvested dividends, services that you have performed for charitable organizations, capital gains and losses.

If you travel or have to entertain your clients which is all work related you should get Publication No.463 for Travel, Entertainment and Gift Expenses.

Divorce Decree Publication No.504 is information on divorced or separated individuals.

If you own a home, Publication No.523 will assist you on tax shelter and information on selling your home. The records you keep on your home should include such things as houses you may have sold and postponed the gain. For property you may have received property as a gift, Publication No.551 is quite informative.

Publication No.504, Tax Information for Divorced or Separated Individuals, explains the Dependency Tests, exemptions for your spouse, Exemptions for dependents, joint returns.

Parents who have adopted children should pay particular attention to this year's new tax laws. For parents who do not have custody, if you provide more than $600 towards the child's support during the calendar year, you may be able to claim your child as a dependent, provided that it is agreed upon in writing by the other parent.

For those single parents who are paying alimony, there is a section for you also. Did you know that alimony is considered income?

So, for those of you who missed the seminar on Income Tax and the Single Parent with H & R Block, it will offered again during the month of March.

If you would like more information regarding tax and the single parent please write to Black Single Parents, Inc., P.O. Box 36543, Baltimore MD. 21207.

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of the Baltimore Metro Chapter's members and friends spent the evening in celebration.

A-Round-Up was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bland (Addie). Along with enjoying the gracious atmosphere of their Remoor Rd. residence those present engaged in sharing delectable refreshments.

Miss Virginia State University and her attendants were present. Also present were Elnora W. Burton, National Alumni President, her husband, Lloyd Burton, an ardent supporter of VSU, Carl Adair, his wife, Merlene, (also an alumnae), and many other alumni and friends.

The VSU "family" along with a host of others gathered at the hall of the Maryland National Bank Building on Liberty Rd. in December to usher in the holiday season. Lively music provided by Abe Riley, delicious food, attractive holiday decorations and a mood of festivity led to an evening of fun for all.

Joining the Virginia Staters were alumni members from Northern Virginia, Al Bumbry of Oriole fame (and a VSU alumnus) and Dr. and Mrs. John Crew (he's former superintendent of Baltimore Public Schools).

Members of the Balto Metro Chapter presented Al Bumbry and Elnora Burton with gift awards in appreciation for their devotion, interest and contributions. Mrs. Burton received a beautiful brass bowl containing a $100 money gift which she, in turn, gave as a contribution toward a future Alumni House. The $100 contribution was matched by Carl Adair, present Chapter president. Al Bumbry, who received a clock from the Chapter, contributed $200 toward the Alumni House funding.

The party, chaired by Mrs. Addie Bland, who was assisted by a dedicated committee, was a smashing success. Al Bumbry was Honorary chairperson.

The Baltimore group has plans underway for the annual spring dance (a fundraiser for the University) to be held June 8 at the Pikesville Community Center. Circle your calendar, folks. It promises to be another fun affair.

—Zetas

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Hall, Sheri Woodland, Beatrice Mayo, Anne Moreland, Mamie Williams, Mildred Nelson, Angie McClain, Maxine Jones, Eva Dowd, Eleanor Colvin and Elise Collier.

Following recognitions and acknowledgments a Greek medley was led by Soror Emma B. Roberts, after which all sorors sang the Zeta hymn.

The song of dismissal was done by Alma Garrick Macer, with the recessional of dais guests putting the finishing touch on a very fine afternoon.

The 1985 Founders' Day Planning Committee included, in addition to E. Fran Johnson, chairperson, Mary E. Fields, basileus-Ex-Officio; Linda J. Brown, Immediate Past Basileus-Ex-Officio; Vivian Bailey, Althea Cornish, Isoline Crowner, Emma Dudley, Sandra East, Mary C. Frazier, Joan Lockman, Angie McClain, Bernice S. White, Mamie B. Williams, Catherine Beard, Helen P. Ellis, Gloria G. Garrett, Marian Graham, Brenda McKinley, Emma B. Roberts, Iris C. Williams and Sheri Woodland.

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