Community Calendar

XMAS PROGRAM FOR HANDICAPPED

The Gateway Pre-School at the Hearing and Speech Agency of Metropolitan Baltimore presents its annual CHRISTMAS PROGRAM on Friday, Dec. 20. Gateway children who receive special education in the form of hearing, speech and language are from three to five years of age.

Morning classes will hold a short Holiday Program beginning at 9:30 a.m.; afternoon classes will have their program at 1:00 p.m.

For additional information, please call Clifford B. Lull at 243-2800.

DEAF HERITAGE WEEK

Celebrate Deaf Heritage Week at the Central Enoch Pratt Free Library. "Music in Sign," an interpretation of music through sign language, will be presented by Shirley Foxwell, former director of the Deaf Senior Center, Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 12 noon in the Wheeler auditorium of the library, 400 Cathedral St. Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., also in the Wheeler auditorium, a program highlighting the achievements of the deaf, "The Sounds and Colors of Silence," will feature talks, music, and an art display. Free. Details: 396-5494; TTY 396-4441.

PETS ON WHEELS

Pets on Wheels, a program of the Baltimore Commission on Aging, is looking for pet owners, who with their pets, can bring excitement and love to lonely and withdrawn nursing home residents. Our next pet observation class will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maryland SPCA, 3300 Falls Rd. For more information, call 396-1762.

CYLBURN MANSION OPEN HOUSE

The Cylburn Arboretum Association is hosting an Open House at the Cylburn Mansion, 4915 Greenspring Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This year Cylburn members will decorate the mansion in the Victorian manner. There will be an Idea Table with many samples of things to make for Christmas out of scraps and throwaways. Hostesses will be here to explain how to make them.

The library and museums will be open with hostesses available to answer questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Walter P. Carter Center, 630 W. Fayette St. recruiting volunteers for escort service, clerical, direct care, arts and crafts activities, tutors for reading, receptionist for information booth.

If interested, please contact Rita Hinckle, 628-2218.

HELP BUDDY CONTACT SYSTEM

The Buddy Contact System, a telephone reassurance program for the Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, is currently seeking volunteers (age 55 or older) to provide daily phone calls to isolated homebound elderly. Individuals are given an opportunity to volunteer in service to their community without leaving their homes.

Free training is provided to assist the volunteer in identifying potential problems regarding the health and wellbeing of persons in the community.

If you would like to help improve the quality of life of a frail older person in your community, contact the Buddy System at 396-1762.

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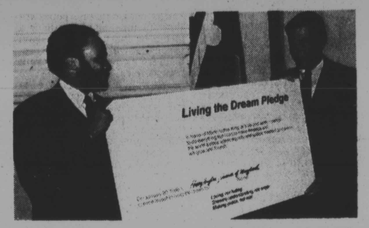

Gov. Harry Hughes and Martin Luther King, III, son of slain civil rights leader, hold "living dream pledge" signed by the Governor in preparation of observance next January of Martin Luther King Jr. birthday by the State of Maryland.

Herbert Muldrow, son of the late Norman and Emma Muldrow, received his Doctor of Humanities degree from the Urban Bible Institute, Detroit, on Saturday, Nov. 2. He is the founder of the Norman Muldrow Male Chorus, a well-known group of Christian singers.

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POSH RETIREMENT GALA HELD

Marjorie R. Green (Marge) retired with style and elegance from the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, where she had been a Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Specialist.

Her retirement celebration was held Sunday, Nov. 10 at the exclusive Grey Rock Mansion, 8901 Reisterstown Rd. in Pikesville, MD from 3-5 p.m.

The color scheme was blue and yellow (the honoree's favorite colors). Each table had a balloon centerpiece. The balloon was blue with a large "Thank You" imprinted in silver letters and signed, "Love, Marge."

The balloon on the table designated for Marge where she never sat because she moved about in the reception area greeting guests upon arrival and moving from table to table, clad in a dazzling winter white street-length 100 percent wool knit dress with long sleeves which boasted glittering stones on the shoulders and upper part of the sleeves.

Her outfit was complimented by shoes and bag of black skin with sparkling rhinestones on the front of the shoes and on the closing flap of the shoulder strap bag. Long rhinestone earrings and matching bracelet completed her attire.

There was no head table at the request of the honoree and the affair had an atmosphere of a Family Reunion as guests moved about inside the beautiful rooms of the mansion and outside on the large brick patio and well manicured grounds. Waitresses carrying trays of hot hors d'oeuvres moved about among the guests, and there was open bar throughout the event, with sippables of every variety. The scrumptious menu included a variety of delectables.

Among the numerous gifts Marge received were a pearl necklace and earrings, a planter, jewelry box, a 35 mm camera, a weekly monogrammed Calendar Book for 1986, a trip to Atlantic City and a gag plaque presented by James "Chip" Day inscribed "Happy Retirement Marge," November 10, 1985. The Plaque contained a telephone (because of the honoree's work in telephone inquiries); an airplane, to show off all her travel; a pen to show that she is a writer; a religious emblem with a cross and inscribed Baptist, to show off her religious activities; a work form; a number "1" to show that she is a Number One and a red-headed doll (an inside joke).

A photo album of the entire retirement scenes was also presented.

Marge was so moved that in her remarks she stated "For those among us who are historians, I would like to set the record straight by letting you know that I started work at SSA at an early age as a poster child--SSA sent for me to come to Baltimore and pose for pictures to spread the news that even young children could collect Social Security Benefits. This accounts for my many (40) years in the Federal Government (This brought many laughs).

She continued, "I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, both old and new. I thanked God for each of you who came today knowing that there was so many places that you could have been, but you chose to be here. I am delighted that even some of those who had tickets to hear Dr. Benjamin Hooks, whom I admire very much, stopped by to wish me well." In closing the honoree said "FREE AT LAST--FREE AT LAST — THANK GOD ALMIGHTY I'M FREE AT LAST."

Marge was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA on the North Side close to the Golden Triangle. She migrated to Baltimore and started work as a Key Punch Operator in the Old Candler Building on Pratt St. and Market Place when SSA had segregated rest rooms and work units.

Other positions she has held are Retirement and Survivors Insurance Examiner, Disability Inquiries Specialist and Critical Case Specialist. She entered the SSA Staff Development Program in 1974 as Professional Relations Specialist and later joined the Equal Opportunity Staff where she edited a nationwide Equal Opportunity Informational News Bulletin which was distributed to Civil Rights Organizations and SSA Managers throughout the country whose area of responsibility included the promotion of equal opportunities for employees.

Marge is a past recipient of the Commissioners' Citation (one of SSA's highest awards) given for outstanding contributions as a Disability Inquiries Specialist. The job responsibility was expediting checks to persons in dire need of funds.

She also received two Outstanding Awards as one of SSA's tip tour guides (escorted cabinet members, foreign diplomats, executives, general public, media, professional groups and students on tours throughout SSA) and also a recipient of one of 10 coveted gold tour guide badges.

The honoree worked closely with former SSA Commissioner Robert Ball and Richard Hess during each of SSA's open house programs and received letters of commendation from both.

She covered many of the major programs at SSA for the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper at the request of the SSA Press Staff and/or members of the executive staff. In addition, as a columnist for the AFRO she highlighted newsworthy activities of SSA employees in the Woodlawn Highlights column of the AFRO. The column has been recognized as an effective public relations vehicle for the SSA by executive staff members and SSA spokespersons.

A few of Marge's affiliations are Life Member-NAACP; Life Member, Women's Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland; Life Member, Women's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; writer for the National Baptist Voice Newspaper and Member of the Public Relations Staff for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Founding Member of the Greater Baltimore Chapter of Blacks in Government (GBC/BIC); member of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA); Les Tams Social Club; the Kings Landing Women (KLW) Coordinator and Founder of the Maryland Ushers Fellowship Committee and serves on the Usher Board of Concord Baptist Church.

The honoree's future plans include more travel and community work; work with the NAACP, in which she is an Executive Board Member of the Baltimore City Branch; and Vice President of Branch Operations for the Maryland State Conference of 24 NAACP Branches.

She is currently working closely with Dr. Emmett Burns, NAACP Regional Director in the Adopt-A-Family Program; encouraging NAACP branches and churches throughout the state of Maryland to adopt unfortunate families on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; also meeting with Governor Hughes, Legislatures and Organizations in the hope of helping to introduce a better way of life to these needy families in addition to bringing about an awareness for the need of housing codes on the Eastern Shore.

She is also currently serving her second term on the Southwest Region Foster Care Review Board. Governor Hughes recently appointed her to another four year term.

She will also continue as Editor of the Maryland Baptist Voice Newspaper (the official voice of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland).

Relatives present at her celebration included her husband James E. Green; grandchildren, Garnell, a senior at Woodlawn Sr. High School; Gregory, age 12 and Cheneen, age 12; sister and brother-in-law from Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Jones (Jean); Nephew from Pittsburgh Anthony Jones;

Other relatives from Baltimore included nephew Kenneth Jones and cousins Mrs. Gladys Harris, Ms. Cynthia Harris and daughter; Mrs. Alice Woody, Beverly Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Friend.

Other guests included coworkers, SSA retirees, club members, church members and officials and two past presidents of the Women's Auxiliary, United Baptist Convention, Mrs. Mary Harrington and Mrs. Bessie Mason who brought remarks and made a presentation in place of the current president Mrs. Ida Redd who had to leave early because of the illness of her husband the Rev. Samuel B. Redd, pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

Nathaniel Lawson presided at the program for Marge during the fete. Greetings and presentations were forthcoming from Dr. Emmett C. Burns, Regional Director, NAACP who also gave the invocation; Nathaniel K. Smith, president, Maryland State NAACP; Joseph Bernard, Office of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity; James "Chip" Day, Office of Disability Operations;

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MARJORIE (MARGE) GREEN and her husband, James, greet Nathaniel Lawson, Toastmaster, at Marge's recent retirement gala hosted at Grey Rock Mansion in Owings Mills, MD.

Lush and Lovely fashion show held

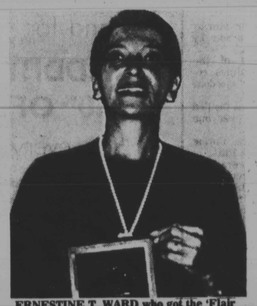
IN THE WINNERS' CIRCLE - During the 4th Annual Lush and Lovely Holiday Fashion sponsored by Flair Modeling Agency Sunday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. at the Baltimore Plaza Hotel, Lombard and Eutaw Sts. the winners from left to right are (L to R): Carolyn Cromwell, First Runner-Up; Delores Somerville, 'Miss Lush and Lovely, 1985' and Wendy Savoy, Second Runner-Up.

Photos by Vanessa Johnson

FLAIR FAVORITE AWARDS which celebrate the winning spirit in each of their honorees were won by (from L): Ruth Dean, Gussie M. Harris and Leathy Christine Ward.

THE 'MISS ENTERPRISE' AWARD was presented to Eleanor Marie Greene (c) as Director of Nursing at the Granada Nursing Home. Presenter was Andrea Bland (r), vice president of Flair Studio.

'MISS PERSONALITY', Margaret "Mesha" Robbins who also received her award from Andra, uses her talent and creative skills in the development of programs at Rehoboth Baptist Church, where her husband is assistant pastor. The Greyhound Bus Lines use her skills in their sales department.



ERNESTINE T. WARD who got the 'Flair Metropolitan Woman' award, is a gracefully elegant standard for the mature woman, and a recently retired supervisor with the Baltimore Department of Recreation.

GARNERING HONORABLE MENTION in the Lush and Lovely competition are (L to R): Barbara Dennis, Annette Hart and Mary Gafford. Not pictured is Pat Muldrow.

The fourth annual Lush and Lovely Holiday Fashion Show was held Sunday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. at the Baltimore Plaza Hotel.

Presented by Flair Studio with Flair's Lush and Lovely models, the affair was a smashing success to a capacity crowd.

With this production, Flair celebrated the winning spirit of their lush and lovely models, the tenacity, courage and commitment that keep them keeping on.

There were accolades and a special salute to Ernestine T. Ward, Flair Metropolitan Woman, retired recently as a supervisor with the Baltimore Department of Recreation.

Flair Favorite Awards went to Ruth Dean, Gussie M. Harris and Leathy Christine Ward (Willia Bland's mother-in-law), for their winning spirit.

Innumerable gorgeous garments were modeled by the models, who tread the runway with style and lovely materials and designs in everything from casual to After 5.

And then, there was the competition for the title of 'Miss Lush and Lovely--1985'.

Winner and 'Miss Lush and Lovely 1985 was Delores Somerville. First Runner-Up was Carolyn Cromwell. Second Runner-Up was Wendy Savoy. The 'Miss Personality' award was won by Margaret "Mesha" Robbins. The 'Miss Enterprise' Award was presented to Eleanor Marie Green, Director of Nursing at the Granada Nursing Home.

'Honorable Mention' was given to Barbara Dennis, Annette Hart, Mary Gafford and Pat Muldrow.

Other Lush and Lovely models and competitors were Earl Deith Allen, Catherine "Candy" Black, Carol Ann Borum, Gwendolyn Brown, Maxi F. Davis, Barbara L. Dennis, Charlene E. Eaton, Donetta C. Gingles, Barbara Gonzalez, Seretha Griswould, Annette E. Hart, Carolyn L. Hill, Florine James, Darlene "Lady Dar" Langley, Casaline Lewis Bey, Patricia R. Muldrow, Sheila Pettigrew, Beryl Thomas, Melvine J. Turlington and Denise D. Warren.

The ladies come from all walks.

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