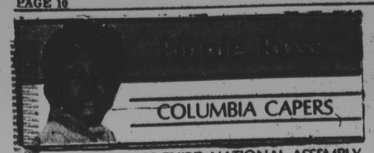

PIERIANS CELEBRATE THIRD NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Pierions, Inc. Third National Assembly was held at the Columbia Inn just recently. The Columbia Chapter was the hostess chapter. Assembly chairperson was President, Celonia B. Walden.

"In Celebration of the Arts" was the national theme chosen which was focused on during a musical program with guest artists following lunch.

It was a beautiful morning as the Baltimore and Washington Chapters of lovely ladies made their way to the city of Columbia for their Third National Assembly and to fellowship with new and old members.

Registration began at 8:30 un-9 a.m. Doris H. Ligon and Doris truly along with Carole L. Bell and Frenzela R. Credle greeted chapter members prior to conversation over coffee and sweets.

Greetings and response were given by Presidents of various chapters — Celonia B. Walden, hostess chapter, Doris Wallace, Baltimore chapter, Winnifred C. Lee, Washington chapter followed by a proclamation presented by Dr. C. Vernon Gray, Chairman, Howard County Council.

Mrs. Lydia W. Mussenden, National Vice President, presided over the opening session. That session included reports, roll call and recognition of new members.

Columbia hostess chapter introduced their new members who were: Rayna W. Woodford, Carol Small and Brenda Ellis, who was not present.

The reports continued with Charlotte Mebane, National Parliamentarian, National Assembly Rules, Financial Report committee member Betty J. Fennell, and Majurial Crawley, Financial Secretary.

Pierians charming national president Dr. Jessie Colson presided after a coffee break unjust before the lunch was served in the Keys Lounge.

There were several important reports given at this session including program and recommendation from all three chapters.

Roberta Briscoe, planning/program committee member from Columbia chapter and national procedures and guidelines chairperson gave a fine report. Also our dear friend Hazel Fleming, chairperson of national projects.

The Highlights of the reports came when Dr. Pearl Brackett, chairperson of chapter establishment, gave a fantastic report.

Dr. Brackett and Agnes Reaves, national treasurer and others, traveled to Pittsburgh's Hyatt Hotel for induction ceremony and reception given for ten outstanding women in the Artesians. The line president of the Pittsburgh Chapter is Mrs. Anita Williams who was in attendance at the national assembly.

Dr. Brackett's report continued with another prestigious group of twelve ladies that were installed in the same month as the Pittsburgh group. This group is from Palm Coast, FL, and its president is Mrs. Doris Wheeler; she too was in attendance at the assembly in Columbia.

A hearty welcome and applause came from the three chapters to new chapter presidents. (cuff note) A dozen red roses for chairperson Dr. Brackett and her diligent working committee for a job well done.

After a delicious luncheon served at 12:30, we were entertained by four talented professional artists from Columbia, Maryland. "In Celebration of the Arts" was definitely carried out by the program committee members. They were Mary Brady, Chairperson, Irene J. Cessena, Sylvia Cochet-Martin, Donna L. Rice, Dr. Sandra N. Smith, Sylvia B. Stanford and Rayna W. Woodford.

Entertaining the group for one hour were pretty Miss Kimberly A. Kelly, a soprano, an honor graduate from Howard High School. She also graduated from Catholic University; John M. Wesley, a distinguished poet and creative writer, a graduate of Tougaloo College, a fellowship awardee to Yale University; Daniel Cemegys, nationally known lyric baritone, a native of Baltimore, a Morgan University graduate with an M.A. degree from the University of Maryland.

He studied from the Academy of Music in Salzburg, Austria; The Conservatory of Music in Fontainblue, France and The Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm, Sweden. He was accompanied by his gracious wife Dr. Daphne Cemegys.

Also entertaining was our very own member, Rayna W. Woodford, an accomplished pianist, organist, guitarist and music arranger, a graduate of Howard University and Peabody Institute.

She is a music director, middle division at the Glenelg Country School. All four artists were enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was highlighted with the election of new officers. They are: Lydia W. Mussenden, president, Baltimore chapter, vice president, Dr. Sandra Noel Smith, Columbia chapter; Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Bouey-Yates, Washington chapter; Corresponding Secretary, Florence Davidson, Washington chapter; Treasurer, Agnes Reeves, Baltimore chapter; Financial Secretary, Donna Rice, Columbia chapter.

Dr. Colson, outgoing president had this to say before passing the gavel to incoming president. "As outgoing president, I wish to express my appreciation for your confidence in me as your first national president, for your strong support, for the personal courtesies that you have extended me."

"Perhaps the culmination of my term in office has been when I saw the realization of our fondest goal and that was to induct new chapters into the organization...."

Dr. Colson was very delighted to have had three additional chapters to be inducted during her administration with several others on the threshhold for early culmination.

Some members of the Pierians boarded a large van provided by Irene Cessena while others traveled in cars to an art exhibit, African Art Gallery, Pierian Doris Ligon, owner.

At 6:30 p.m. the hostess chapter hosted the most talked about fabulous reception ever to be given by a chapter.

Guests dined and listened to swinging music by The Purnell Williams Trio, Baltimore, MD, while they wined and dined with piping hot hors d'oeuvres. As soon as a tray was emptied, it was replenished. What a lovely evening to have had with special friends like the Pierians.

You must know the reception was totally sponsored by Anheuser-Busch of Washington, D.C.

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JAMES WALKER is pictured with his wife, Mrs. Mae Walker, during the recent surprise retirement dinner held in his honor at Comfort Inn.

GALA RETIREMENT FETE

A gala celebration was hosted recently in honor of James Walker a retiree from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co., after 30 years of service.

Held at the Comfort Inn, 24 W. Franklin St., the surprise event was attended by approximately 100 guests.

The grace was offered by the Rev. Samuel Moore, pastor, Unity Baptist Church, where the honoree and his wife are members. A delicious buffet dinner was served, catered by Mrs. Ethel Owens. Music was provided by William Quinn.

Emcee for the occasion was Mrs. Rachel McClellan. Tom Tracy, the honoree's former boss, presented him with a silver plaque. He was also presented with a monetary gift by Wayne Jones.

A poem was done for him by Mrs. McClellan and a solo by Mrs. Elizabeth Brown.

A speech, telling of the honoree's sterling qualities, entitled 'This is Your Day' was done by Mrs. Hattie Garcia.

The honoree, who was thrilled by it all, thanked everyone graciously.

Hostesses were Mrs. Corine Brown and Mrs. Edith Pitts.

At the guest table were Mrs. Mae Walker, the honoree's wife; Mrs. Emma Walker (his sister) of Brooklyn, NY; Mrs. Annie Batte (his sister) of Petersburg, VA; Mrs. Rachel Walker, Mrs. Budette Reaves, Mrs. Charlotte Quinn, Thomas Tracy and friend, Baltimore; the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garcia, Baltimore.

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Mrs. Olivia Weems, SSA Retiree and Lee Tams Club; Mrs. Mildred Nelson, Kings Landing Women's Club; Charles Chambers, chairman, Deacon Board, Concord Baptist Church and Mrs. Vivian Bailey, retired SSA executive.

The honoree also received a letter of congratulations from Herbert (Herb) R. Doggette, Jr. Deputy Commissioner, Operations, SSA and from Vincent Riel, former Chief, Disability Critical Case Staff, Bureau of Disability Insurance.

Music was provided by William "Bill" Cummings. Hostess chairperson was Odessa Woods Matthews and in charge of graphics was Walter Carr. The floral display was done by Enotha Bennett.

Committee members for the retirement were Deanie Green, Caradella Robinson, LeVenia Ryce, Doris Street and Jean Weaver.

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of life and many are multi-talented.

Their supporting cast of Flair male models included Ronald Boozer, Robert Gafford, Joel Holmes and Eric Tharrington.

Willie Bland and Andrea Bland-Travis, president and vice president of Flair Studio respectively, were presented with unique money corsages. Alice Tucker, production associate, was also recognized.

Flair Studio was founded 16 years ago by one of Baltimore's first black models, Willie Bland. Now established as Maryland's only licensed black modeling agency; this instutition was founded to help women of all ages develop and maintain a positive self image.

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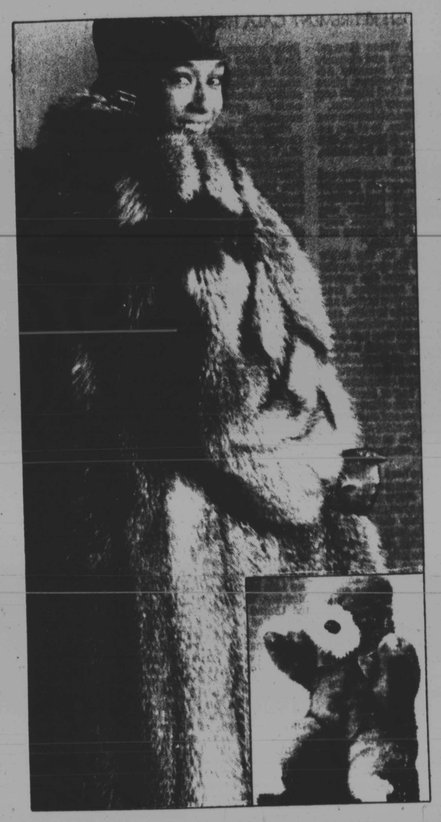

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