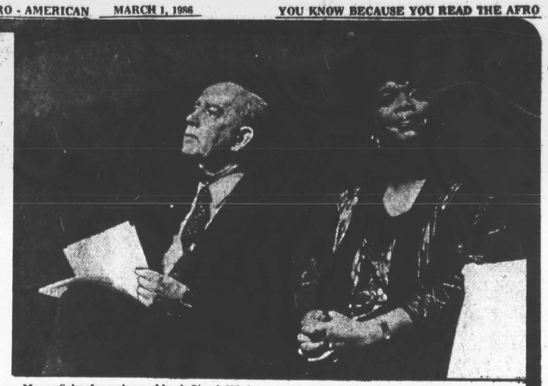
Dorothy Brunson, broadcasting executive and local advocate of minority enterprise smiled broadly when the AFRO photographer snapped her picture while she held her award.



Mayor Schaefer welcomed back Oprah Winfrey, successful talk show host and fledgling movie star.

Chervonne Cherry was an interested spectator at the recent Baltimore's Best ceremonies.

Willie L. Grier, Sr. was a proud recipient of an award.

Last Week's Festive Ceremony

Baltimore's Best

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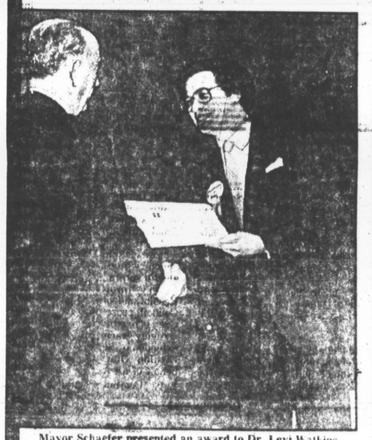

Mayor Schaefer presented an award to Dr. Levi Watkins.

Oprah Winfrey gave an emotion-filled speech when she received her Baltimore's Best Award. She praised Baltimore and its people.

Floraine Applefeld is the head of the Baltimore Is Best Awards Program.

Craig March could scarcely contain a grin as he held his award.

Shirley Brown of the Non-Denominational Gospel Group won an award.

Tracy Hamlin, Miss Baltimore's Best helped with the award presentations.

OUR WORLD

500 at Columbia AKA's Founder's Day

AT THE HEAD TABLE during the 78th Founders' Day celebration hosted by the Iota Lambda Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of Columbia, MD and held Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Turf Valley Country Club, Ellicott City, MD are (from left): Soror Mignonette Keller, basileus; Barbara Smith, and Dr. C. Vernon Gray, Howard County Council President.

OTHER HEAD TABLE PARTICIPANTS are (L to R): Sarah Dorsey, Soror Idell Pugh, North Atlantic Regional Representative; Soror Elaine T. White and Soror Barbara C. Smith, chairperson, Founders' Day Committee.

VISITING BASILEI from other chapters are (from left) Sorors Eva Chevley, J. Cecelia Spinks and Delores Willis.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR—AKA kin (L to R) are: Sorors Helen Fitzpatrick and Deborah C. Green (aunt and niece respectively) of the Columbia Chapter; Emma Jordan, guest, and Dorothy Green of the Glen Burnie Chapter. Sorors Helen Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Green and Mrs. Emma Jordan are sisters.

ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES are (L to R): Mrs. Grace M. Dixon, Thomas Briscoe (standing); Dr. Carroll S. Woodford, Soror Rayna W. Woodford, immediate past basileus; and Atty. Brenda W. Gladden.

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FOUNDERS' DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS are (L to R) Elizabeth Moseley, Virginia V. Watkins, Vera H. Hayes, Roberta M. Briscoe, Lynn C. Coleman, Barbara C. Smith, chairperson; Elaine T. White, Rosemary H. Craig and Delace Burch. Not pictured is E. Marie Johnson.

The Iota Lambda Omega Chapter (Columbia, MD) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority hosted its 78th Founders' Day celebration Saturday, February 8 at the Turf Valley Country Club, Ellicott City, MD.

They could not have picked a more elegant setting. The tables in the ballroom all had centerpieces of gleaming three-way goblet candelabra (with real miniature candles) sparkling inside.

These rested on ecru tablecloths on which pink and green napkins alternated at lovely place settings. Parts of the room, including the ceiling, were even pink and green, a stroke of good luck since they are AKA's colors.

The atmosphere of soft lighting was punctuated by the ear pleasing music of piano music, compliments of Soror Carol White, who did the musical prelude. Heard also was the joyful chatter and laughter of the gathering sorors and their guests.

Following the processional of dais members, the Occasion was given by Chapter Basileus Soror Mignonette Keller, the introduction of dais guests by Soror Barbara C. Smith, chairperson for Founders Day who also presided and the invocaton by Soror Sarah Dorsey.

Most uplifting was the singing by the audience of our Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing!"

Most delicious was the luncheon which was served to gleeful sorors and their guests.

Very impressive was the Resolution from Howard County Council, presented by C. Vernon Gray, Chairman of that Council.

Highly gracious were greetings extended by Soror Idell Pugh, of Epsilon Omega Chapter, on behalf of all AKAs in the North

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Allen's Manor Club reception—spectacular

DR. ARIS T. ALLEN, a prominent citizen and Republican, was honored recently at an elegant reception held in the beautiful Manor Club, a private facility on Eutaw Street that is rapidly gaining popularity with people in the Baltimore-Washington corridor.

DR. CHARLES SIMMONS, (right) President of Sojourner-Douglass College, greets Del. Edwards, well-known newscaster from WWIN-AM.

ERNEST JONES & SAUNDRA DOBSON, the proprietors of the Manor Club, have transformed the former ME-DE-SO Club into a cozy, sophisticated and contemporary environment with ambience to spare.

MELVIN BILAL, (right) President of the Marylanders' organization and the owner of Howard Security Agency discusses politics with fellow Republican Jeanette Wessel at the Aris T. Allen reception at the Manor club.

FRANCINE BEAN-WATERS (left) and Wemi found the reception provide an excellent opportunity to promote the Bethel Women's Resource Development Center's presentation of Susan Taylor, the editor of Essence Magazine, at the Omni International Hotel on March 7th.

TOMASINE KIRKLAND (left) and Lois Gilliam exchange amusing anecdotes while soaking in the plush ambience of the Manor club.

More and more people are finding that the Manor Club located at 1800 N. Eutaw Place, is the ultimate place to go for receptions, parties, unique soirees and other events wherein the facility housing the occasion must exude classy ambience of the highest calibre.

One recent event, which serves as a prime example of how superb the Manor Club is for hosting a reception, was a ceremony held by the Marylanders, a dynamic group of young black Republicans, for Dr. Aris T. Allen, the dean and mentor of ebony persons of this

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