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DOUBLE BETHROTHAL

It was truly a celebration of Thanksgiving and family unity when Mary and Charles Robinson entertained Cheryl Louise and Debra Lynne, the daughters of Cardrienne and James M. Griffin.

On this happy occasion the engagement of Cheryl to Jay Lawrence Threatt of Petersburg, VA and Debra (the Robinsons' God-Daughter) and James Gregory Marshall of Lynchburg, VA was annnounced. Cheryl is employed as a Physical Therapist at Griffin Associates, P.A. with her father.

Jay is the son of Mrs. Grace Threatt, Petersburg, VA and James L. Threatt also of Petersburg and is employed as a Salesman for Philip Morris Tobacco Co., in Richmond, VA.

Debra is employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield National Capitol Area in Washington, D.C. as a Marketing Training Instructor.

James is the son of Mrs. Shirley Marshall of Lynchburg, VA and James A. Marshall Hampton, VA, and is employed at Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation in Reston, VA as an Accountant II.

All four are gradutes of Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA. Cheryl and Debra are Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Sorors. Jay and James are members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

The beautiful Dennlyn Road home of the Robinsons expressed the spirit of love and family togetherness that was felt by all the family, Godparents, (to the Griffins' four children), classmates and friends who attended.

Readings and Words of Wisdom were given by Charles Robinson, Dr. Anne O. Emery, Mrs. Gerri Desbordes, Mrs. Marion Patterson and Dr. Julia Davidson (Aunt of the Honorees.)

James M. Griffin, the proud father of the Brides-to-be expressed thanks for the love and support given to the family and the importance of Black Families. Mrs. Threatt gave a beautiful response for the Threatt and Marshall family. It was a joyful experience to greet Mrs. Mary Threatt, Carson, VA. Jay's grandmother.

Out of town guests here to join in the celebration were: Karen A. Harvey, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Jeane Case, Norfolk, VA; Janet Turner, Petersburg, VA; Isadora Batts, Petersburg, VA; Grace Threatt, Petersburg, VA; Cedric and Julie Jordon, Reston, VA;

Peter and Louraine Covington, VA; Lola A. Carter, Norfolk, VA; Rita Johnson, Norfolk, VA; Joseph and Jocie Quinchette, Landover, MD; Shirley Marshall, Lynchburg, VA; Wylisa A. Marshall, Lynchburg, VA; Bill Brown, Alexandria, VA; Mary Threatt, Carson, Va and Lawrence Minter, Petersburg, VA.

Cheryl and Debra'a sister Jewel called from Virginia State University where she had just been elected Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority there. Brother Malcolm, senior at City College, was on hand enjoying the celebration.

SIGMA GAMMA RHO MARKS FOUNDERS' DAY

Saturday, November 15, marked the culmination of Founders Week activities for the Baltimore Chapters of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the youngest of the eight member Pan Hellenic Council of Greek letter sororities and fraternities.

Sigma Gamma Rho was founded at Butler University in November, 1922.

At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November the 9th, the sorors worshipped with the congregation of Union Baptist Church. The beautiful music and the uplifting sermon by Paster Vernon Dobson served as inspiration for the continuance of the sorority's positive efforts. Basileus Patelle G. Harris presented a contribution toward the church's scholarship fund.

AT 4:30 p.m. sorors and their friends gathered again at Union Baptist Church for a Public Meeting with co chairperson Landa McLurin presiding. The "Afternoon With Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority" began with a tribute to the sorority's seven founders, each of whom was symbolized by a yellow tea rose.

Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Coppin State College gave an excellent address in which the primary thought was the critical need to motivate, nuture and provide role models for male students.

Dr. Hrabowski received the Sigma Gamma Rho Community Service Award for Dedicated Leadership in Education.

To encourage personal development among young people, five students from local public schools demonstrated skill in musical performance and public speaking.

Jelani Rucker, Woodlawn Middle School played a Scott Joplin piano selection; Kelly Jones and Karen Robinson, William H. Lemmel Middle School, gave prize winning readings; Catherine Drayton, Fallstaff Middle School, played a melodic flute solo and Derrick White, Forest Park Senior High School played "Yesterday" on the baritone horn.

Principals Dr. Gwendolyn Cooke and Mrs. Jean B. Owens graciously accepted scholarship awards for Lemmel Middle School and Frederick Douglass High School, respectively.

Co-Chairperson Alice Lee brought closure to the brief and interesting program with acknowledgements and gifts for the student performers. A beautiful reception followed in the Harvey Johnson Memorial Center.

The culminating activity was a Luncheon and Fashion Show on November 15, at the Forum on Primrose Ave. Patria Hill presided. Greetings were given by Karen Sykes, Coppin State College, Gamma Phi Chapter and Soror Saundra Davenport, Morgan State University, Beta Tau Chapter introduced the dais.

The occasion, a replica of a scroll, was read by co-chairperson McLaurin.

A highly significant program

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J.U.G.S. host annual Charity Ball

With a lively cocktail hour, continuous open buffet and bar, foot-stomping music by the Soul Explosion, the Baltimore Chapter of the J.U.G.S. Inc. (that group that stands for Justice, Unity, Generosity and Services) burst on the scene at the Forum Saturday, Nov. 22 for their 17th annual celebration, and Charity Ball. With the theme, "Touching Others" the group's affair, held from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. was a resounding success.

The more than 500 guests who attended got a chance to dine at tables festooned gaily with purple and white balloon center pieces, to dance and socialize, to meet and greet old friends and to hob-nob with J.U.G.S. members from visiting chapters.

Highlight of the evening was the Living Ads presentation by Flair Studio, at 10:15 p.m., with Teri Joyner, choreographer. Lovely young women, many daughters of the Baltimore Chapter members, entered, escorted, in beautiful gowns were presented certificates which named their Living Ad sponsors and a single-long stemmed red rose. The Living Ads represented J.U.G.S.' sponsors which were numerous---

Following this, the youthful Flair Dancers of Flair Modeling Agency, did a highly well choreographed dance.

This year's Ball proceeds, to touch others, will go to establish a trust fund for medical care for Lorenzo Simpson, Jr. (Huggie Bear), a six year old boy who was badly burned in a flash fire explosion May 14, 1985. (Cuff Note: Trust the J.U.G.S. to pick a truly worthy cause).

Following the presentation there was more dancing to that lively band, and guests lingered 'til long past the 1 a.m. deadline originally set. You might say, "they had a ball at the ball."

Baltimore Chapter officers are Bernice E. Hardy, president; Mattie Slowe, founder; Betty Dorsey, vice president; Eleanor Gwynn, recording secretary; Shirley Gregg, corresponding secretary; Carolyn Glascoe, treasurer; Bridget Dean, financial secretary; Rosemary Atkinson, business manager; Juanita Smith, parliamentarian, Frances Stith, chaplain. Other members are Helen Boyette, Jeanne Saunders, Carlene Wilkes and Patricia Hall (inactive).

Living Ad Sponsors included: Advance Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Dr. W.O. Bryson; Alco, Inc., Maxine Allen; A.L. Williams Insurance and Securities, Zeke and Jerri Stewart; American Council of Consumer Credit Services, Edward and Nat Martin; Bethel A.M.E. Church, Rev. John Bryant; Brice's, Rhonda Brice; Ced's Bar and Package Goods, Ben Turner; Constant Care Health Systems, Inc., Dr. Harvey Webb; Control Data Business and Technology Center, Ben Mason; Leroy O. Dyett, Leroy O. Dyett; The Everything Store, Clarence Smith; Family Dentistry, Dr. William Mumby, Sr.; 5 Mile House, Wesley Johnson; Flair Studio of Modeling and Dance, Willia Bland; Freeport Transportation Co., Inc., Verloris Edwards; Fuller Products, Archer Gregg; Fullwood Foods, Inc., Harlow Fullwood, Jr.; Hallmin Industries, Don Hall; J.S. Management Specialist, John Saunders; Maurice B. Lee, Esq., Maurice B. Lee; March Funeral Home, William and Robert March; Moor-Rich, Inc., Michael Richardson; Oceanious Florist, Bernard James; Park West Medical Center, Dr. Allan Bennett; Sid-Ellen, Corp., Western Ivey; Sportsmen's Lounge, Robert Haynes; 32nd Street Plahza, Robert Clay; United Black Fund, Dr. Fabian Desbordes; Uthman Ray, Jr., M.D. P.A., Dr. Uthman Ray, Jr. and Otis Warren and Company Realtors, Ottis Warren.

J.U.G.S. INC. MEMBERS from out-of-town who joined The Baltimore J.U.G.S. Chapter for their 17th annual Charity Ball Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Forum were (seated, L to R): Beverly White and Sallie Penman, Chicago, IL; (standing, from L): Teresa G. Holloman, National president; Wanda E. Avery and Aretha Mitchell, (President), Chicago, IL and Helen B. Hunt, president, Norfolk, VA.

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ENJOYING THE CAMARADERIE of the Ball are (from L): Ulysses Murphy, Mozelle Ritter, Earl Barnes and Jean Boone.

LYNN SPRADLEY puts a bug in the ear of Irvin Carrols.

FLAIR'S YOUTHFUL DANCERS put spring in their steps in this well-choreographed number.

DOUBLE BETHROTHAL — Cheryl and Debra Griffin (second and third from L) are pictured with their fiancees (from L) Jay Threatt and James Marshall during the double engagement party hosted for them at the lovely Dennlyn Rd. home of Charles and Mary Robinson recently. Cheryl and Debra are the daughters of James and Cardrienne Griffin.

MEMBERS OF THE BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF J.U.G.S. INC. are (first row, L to R): Helen B. Boyette, Frances H. Stith, Bernice Hardy, president; Carolyn Glascoe, Betty B. Dorsey and Carlean Wilkes; (second row, from L): Bridgette Dean, Juanita Smith, Shirley Gregg, Mattie Slowe, Jeanne Saunders, Rosemary Atkinson and Patricia Hall.

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