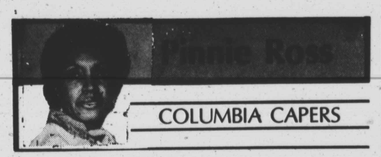
A SERIES of parties were held during December to help raise more than $300,000 for the local United Negro College Fund telethon. On the scene at a recent affair at the Forum were (from L): Pinnie Ross, a leader in the Columbia area UNFC drive; Eugene and Pearlie Freeman, chairpersons of the Harford County UNCF drive; Dr. Ruth Pratt and Clarence Jeffers, both with the Maryland area Business Network, and Betsy Simon, a faculty member at Coppin State College and a member of the telethon Steering committee.

PRINCIPALS in the successful Dec. 27 UNCF telethon are (L to R): Vernard Lalynn, an Anheuser-Busch representative; Mrs. Laura Knight, telethon chairperson; Mrs. Hazel Parks, telethon co-chairperson; Lawson Brooks, UNCF area representative and Dr. Thelma T. Daley, telethon co-chairperson. Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. is the national and founding sponsor of the telethon.



Pinnie Ross

COLUMBIA CAPERS

LINK'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Columbia Chapter of Link's, Incorporated held their annual Christmas Party last week at the officer's club at Fort Meade.

The members started gathering at 12:30 p.m. for cocktails and conversation and OH!!! did they look nice.

Some wore Christmas colors such as a beautiful green suede dress worn by Janice Skinner. Suzanne Price, the club's very able treasurer, chose a stunning emergald green ultra suede classic green suit. A very pretty green silk dress was worn by corresponding secretary Lula Wade and former chapter president, Dr. Iola Smith was absolutely stunning in her long high fashion white wool pleated suit. Luncheon party chairperson, Bettye Fennell, also chose a white tailored suit as did Joy Mitchell, our historian Mabel Beal's daughter. Roberta Briscoe and Doris Brown brightened the party with colors of bright red, very pretty.

After a delightful luncheon, the ladies played a "Getting To Know You" game which was orchestrated by Bettye Fennell, Mabel Beal and Mary Bracey.

Special guests enjoying the fellowship were: Joy Mitchell, Marie Johnson, Louise McCoy, Marie Francis, President of the Baltimore Links, Fannie Mathias, Pat Watty, Dorothy Green, Donna Day, Milissa Richardson, Connie Raton, Esq., Leslie Turner, Esq., (Little) Celonia Walden, Betty Brown, Fran Ware, Dr. Ora Anderson and Carolyn Brown.

Welcoming remarks were offered by President Sandra Gray and the Luncheon Chairperson, Bettye Fenell who thanked the members for donating the beautiful gifts for our adopted family.

DEJOUIR'S FESTIVE PARTY

It was a lively party given by those wonderful Club DeJouir Ladies of the Columbia Chapter at the very lovely home of Jim and Helen Fitzpatrick on the west side of Columbia. A lovely couple.

OH!!! what a party . . . It got under way at 9:00 p.m. and lasted until the wee hours of the morning. It began with drinks and a lot of chit chat while watching the Howard County groups make their contributions at the Lou Rawls United Negro College Fund Telethon on WBAL TV.

When the Columbians appeared, "Oh, there they are" shouted the lively family of DeJouir members as they carefully listened to the pledges and cash presentations.

(Cuff Note) There will be a complete detailing of the Howard County UNCF contributions in an upcoming edition of Columbia Capers.

Christmas lights flickered at the windows of the Fitzpatrick home and on the beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Santa had surely stopped by, especially for their son Kevin, who is a young banking executive at Riggs Banks in Washington.

The scrumptous buffet was a bit too much. But surely not for the jolly husbands of the DeJouir's who tossed their concerns for waist watching out the window as they partook of the hearty holiday treat. Included on the buffet were collard greens cooked with smoked ham hocks, chickens prepared in several styles, string beans, Smithfield ham, deviled eggs and several colorful salads in red and green. The desserts were beautiful and tasteful.

As usual, the ladies looked very fashionable in the colors of Christmas. Likewise, the spirit of Christmas prevailed throughout the evening as gifts were exchanged among the members and the husbands. Charming Connie Rotan acted as Santa Clause calling the names of the gift recipients.

Do you know about "gag gifts"? Well!!!!!! The Diques always have their fun at the annual Christmas party. It's best that the secrets are kept at some point, especially regarding the Diques and the "gag gifts." You wouldn't want to know!!!!!

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

And now is the time for greeting old friends and welcoming those that are new. It is the time for happiness, love, peace and joy. A time for remembering . . . Let this be a season for right choices for a better tomorrow.

HAVE A HAPPY AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

At the beginning of each year, everyone gets over-anxious about how their new year will begin. They make resolutions and promises to themselves only to end up, a few months later, tossing those resolutions right out the door when temptation knocks.

However, there aren't too many parents around wanting to make a new path in being a better parent. Let's face it, nobody is perfect and all parents whether single or married can certainly make a promise to themselves to be more concerned about how they are raising their children; and just what type of person do I want my children to pattern themselves after.

There is a big concern among single parents about the "live-in mate." Recently, there was a television show on entitled "Not In Front Of The Children." The story was about a divorced couple with two children.

Initially, the separated parents had a good relationship until the mother of these children met someone else and asked him to live in with her and the children.

The ex-husband, being from a Christian family, strongly objected to his ex-wife's living relationships ... As the story continued to develop the husband tried to persuade the ex-wife to marry the boyfriend or make him move out.

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Scenes from the Big Sisters Christmas Party

BERNEITA FULLER (L) chats with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Joines during the Big Sisters Christmas party held at the Palladium Friday, Dec. 19.

(Photos by Paris Gray)

ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cooper (seated): and (standing, from L): Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Felder, Mrs. Clarence Coleman and Clarence Coleman (partially hidden).

ON THE COMMITTEE for the party were (L to R): Big Sisters Gloria White, Ernestine Bland, chairperson; Ernestine Press, Joan Johnson Ledbetter and Berneita Fuller.

ALPHA WIVES OFFICERS are (seated, L to R): Odessa Dorkins, corresponding secretary; Margaret R. Land, financial secretary; Dr. Susan Jones, president and Theda Wilson, outgoing corresponding secretary; Standing, L to R): Catherine Stansbury, recording secretary; Zelma Thompson, vice president; Catherine Adams, party chairlady and Ellen Johns, treasurer.

S.S.D. Inc. celebrates Christmas

IN THE NATIVITY SCENE which was a part of the skit at the Christmas party and program hosted by S.S.D. Inc. recently were (L to R): David Thomas, James Hennegan, Anna Triplett, Michael Rott and Donald Sullivan.

(Photos by Paris Gray)

VIRGINIA BACKMON (C) Program Coordinator, chats with (from L): Michael Rott and Shawn Neal.

Recently the staff and clients of S.S.D. Inc., enjoyed a Yule party which included a scrumptuous buffet, holiday music and a skit 'The First Christmas' done by the Clients, narrated by Ms. Heather Hill and directed by Roland Colbert.

The event was held at Lewin United Methodist Church, 4820 Reisterstown Rd. from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The program opened with greetings by Ms. Tresa Farrier, a musical selection by Roland Colbert, introduction of guests by Mrs. Virginia Backmon and the invocation by the Rev. William Brown, of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Following the savoring of the buffet, there was a melody of music by Roland Colbert, solos by John Dietrich, 'Silver Bells,' and Cynthia Simms, 'White Christmas' and musical selections by the Men's Mission Choir, Inc., Annapolis, MD.

Clients in the Christmas skit 'The First Christmas' were Anna Triplett, (Mary); James Hehhegan (Joseph); Paul Abremski (innkeeper); John Dietrich, Diane Loomis, Michelle Goodman and Tresa Farrier (angels) Donald Sullivan, David Thomas, Michael Rott (Wise Men); Arnold Silverman, William Muller, Robert Shover (shepherds) and Cynthia Simms, Edward Harcum and Richard Klein (townspeople).

Remarks were forthcoming from Mrs. Sylvia S. Hill, Executive Director, S.S.D. and Mrs. Virginia Backmon, Program Coordinator.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Anne Stokes, Ms. Michelle Richardson, Ms. Sherri Turner,

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