Jack & Jill hosts Founders' Day

YOUNGEST MEMBERS AT BALTIMORE JACK and Jill Founders' Day festivity, held recently at the Forum are First row: Geremy Styles, Greta Styles, Todd Galloway, Kyle Harrison, Fern Stalling, Christopher Weaver, Ryan Galloway. Second row: Justin Weaver, Gerred Styles, Argin Hutchins, Kristin Green, Eric Brooks, Reginald Stalling.

The Baltimore Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. recently welcomed the new year with their annual Founders' Day luncheon which was held at the Forum. In celebration of the renewed and much needed emphasis on the family, the theme for the afternoon was "We Are Family."

The highlight of the afternoon's program was the delightful presentation by each of the age groups of Jack and Jillers. Each group rendered its interpretation of how each might lift up and celebrate together as successful families and as successful individuals, particularly as black persons.

Age groups 2-4 and 5-6 joined together with their mothers to welcome the entire gathering into "The Family Circle of Love" which, at its conclusion, stretched completely about the room in a touching full circle.

The presentation of the 7-9 age group was "Christmas Lullaby for a New Born Child," a poem in praise of children.

The 10-12 group did an energetic "Guidance Rap" to the tune of "Lean On Me," encouraging all young people to steer clear of hazards and even reach for the heights with the help of family and friends.

A skit presented by the 13-14 age group consisted of excerpts from award winning essays entitled "Black Leaders" and focused on looking to these leaders as a constant beacon to follow.

Many of the young people in the teen group, ages 15 and up are winding up their high school careers. The gathering was pleased and proud to hear of their accomplishments and future plans.

Finally these members of the oldest group paired with the youngest groups as their little brother or sister to "Reach Out and Touch" in a continuous family circle of love.

Another highlight of the afternoon was the honoring of the charter members of the Baltimore chapter. Those present included Mrs. Charlotte Shervington, Mrs. Charlotte Mebane and Mrs. Zaidie Koger. Each was presented with a memento of the occasion.

The program closed with an inspiring rendition of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," in which all joined.

Chairperson for this most successful event was Mrs. Carol Wright with Mrs. A. Lois Delaine, co-chairperson. Committee members were Mrs. Doris Cooke, Mrs. Miriam Hutchins, Mrs. Carolyn Wainwright, and Mrs. Rita B. Whiting.

Baltimore chapter president is Mrs. Frances Draper.

MANY OF THE JILLS AND ASSOCIATES attending the affair were: First row (L to R): Carol Wright, Joyce Brooks, Beverly Brown, Peggy Drayton, Maggie Caples, Flossie Johnson, Reva Lewis, Maxine Wood. (Second row) Shirley Hill, Catherine Mc-Connell, Pearlette Lansey, Doris Cooke, Eilene Maupin, Frances Draper, Gladys Bragg, Alice Weaver, Lois Delaine, Anne Davis, Rita Whiting. (Third row): Doris Holmes, Barbara Davis, Ann Fuller, Sara Gray, Fern Stalling, Paula Byrd, Elise Mason, Donenette Green, Marilyn Cosby, Gretchen Styles, Doretha Galloway, Mariam Hutchins, Gloria Street, Deloris Ford, Peggy Brown, Elizabeth Brooks, Sheila Richardson, Carolyn Wainwright, Irene Williams, Gwendolyn Smith, Rosalyn Boles, Carolyn Willis.

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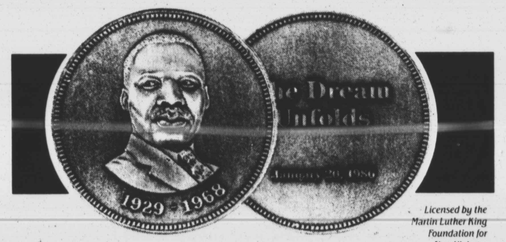

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MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP BALL COMMITTEE, which numbers more than 30 strong, include (L-R) Tiajuana Mosby, Josephine Brown, Bertha Goodman, Flossie Dedmond, Shirley Relf, Audrey Brooks and Vinetta Paige.

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

ONCE THE RELATIONSHIP BEGINS

Once upon a time starting a new relationship with a person was more or less cut and dry. Boy meets girl and they share a soda pop together. Then he gives her his class ring and they live happily ever after.

But with the new wave of the eighties, many people are finding themselves caught between a hard place and a rock. Single parents in their 30's are finding it hard to cope with younger men, new customs, new styles and a new code of ethics. You may even find yourself saying "what's a person supposed to do the second time around."

Well it can be easy or you can make it hard for yourself. Face up to the fact that people are more open and opinionated than in the 50s and 60s. Therefore, you may find yourself meeting someone who may be quite blunt and to the point no matter what the situation may be. You may find yourself feeling old fashioned and unable to break out of your mold.

But the real truth lies within you. What type of person do you want? If you have figured out the type of person you are looking for, and you find he or she, ask yourself, "How do I keep the relationship moving right along?"

More times than enough, people fall into a dull routine. They begin to take each other for granted. They no longer take pride in going to the extremes to have a fulfilling evening.

They become too dependent on each other for all the wrong reasons. It's alright to discuss your problems with your new found love, but the magic key is not to expect him or her to solve your problems for you. Certainly the person is there for you to cry on your love's shoulders but don't overdo it.

Another fault is that people have a tendency to communicate from the waist down. There is more to a person than just the body. There is the creativeness, thoughtfulness, etc.

Keep the candles burning. Intimate evenings, sharing things together, showing affection is all part of the scenario. Don't let the flame burn out. Concentrate on how to keep your relationship full of VIM AND VIGOR? Yes, the vitality and ingenuity that you put into a relationship will keep it from sinking.

Don't assume that it is "that" person's responsibility to make you happy. He or she is there to share with you the joy of being together. Not to pacify you or become your sounding board.

Last but not least, can you hold an intelligent conversation? Relationships are also dependent upon how well you can communicate. You may not want to talk about the weather, but you should be able to carry on a conversation about local and national happenings.

If you aren't sure as to where you stand in the education department, you can usually judge yourself, by the company you keep. Are you surrounded by friends who watch the stories all day, or who gossip? If so, you may need to change your surroundings. After all, what man wants to hear about what Alexis did on Dallas or whether or not Mrs. Chancellor or Jill got custody of Phillip?

On the other hand, this also goes for men. Is your conversation always centered around your job? Who wants to hear about your boring job all evening?

A word to the wise — You may think that you've got it all together, but if you fall into any of these categories, you want to check yourself — you may be in for a surprise.

If you are in doubt about yourself, and would like a refresher course on how to communicate with your special person, then register for the Workshops on Motivation for Single Parents, that is being sponsored by Black Single Parents, Inc.

For more information call 332-4122, write to P.O. Box 26542, Baltimore, MD 21207.

Pinnie Ross

COLUMBIA CAPERS

ALPHA'S 12TH ANNUAL MLK BREAKFAST

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jrs.'s birthday surely was not forgotten in Howard County. Many events were coordinated by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Howard County Holiday Commission, but the event that local residents look forward to each year is the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast sponsored by Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter (Columbia, MD) of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

It was a sit down affair, held at the Turf Valley Country Club, with more than 900 Columbians and local people in attendance.

Two term chapter president Freeman Sands was the capable emcee for the breakfast. The invocation was given by Chaplain Mark J. Bowser. President Sands, in his greetings, thanked the audience for their continuous support, especially in the increased demand for tickets for the affair. The breakfast had grown from about two hundred participants at the Rouse Company Building eleven years ago to over 900 this year.

The occasion was nicely given by Breakfast Chairman, David H. Barrett. The program was replete with great talent such as the young and gifted David Doggett, a student at Oakland Mills High School, whose fingers electrified the piano keyboard with a medley of songs, one of which was "Because of You." He received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his performance.

Another was Richard Shepard, who surprised many in attendance with his God given vocal talent. The internationally acclaimed, Wintley Phipps, stepped tothe microphone with his melodious voice (Oh, what a voice) and after two renditions received a standing ovation. Professor Calvin Forbes of Howard University presented two poems which he had authored, two of which were tributes to Dr. King.

The guest speaker, Dr. James B. Slaughter, Chancellor of the University of Maryland, College Park, was introduced by past chapter president Harold Payne.

Sherman Howell, chapter director of Education and co-chair of the Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, gave recognition to the 1986 recipients. They were David B. Witherspoon, Jonathan K. Hill, Eric D. Pollard, Vanessa D. Phears, Shawn S. McGruder, Lisa M. Williams, Lawrence J. Valentine, Cassandra A. Sparrows, Carla L. Simmons, Eleanor Jennings, Anthony D. Flemmings, Kelly Jackson, Martin D. Payne.

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Past chapter Edward D. Young had as his special guest, Dr. Levi Watkins, heart specialist and cardiac surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

A special proclamation was presented to the Fraternity by County Executive Liz Bobo. A literary commentary on Dr. King was led by Mark Poindexter and the benediction was offered by Dr. Silas Craft, National Board member of NAACP and past president of the Howard County Branch.

The proceeds of the affair go to scholarships for county high school graduates.

On behalf of the Howard County United Negro College Fund Committee, I want to thank Mr. Sands and the fifty-five members of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for the contribution of $500.00 during the recent telethon. Chapter member, Dr. C. Vernon Gray is the county UNCF chair.

Other activities in Howard County during the MLK, Jr. holiday included a presentation by Pulitzer Prize winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks which was sponsored by the Howard County Poetry and Literary Society and an economic symposium at Howard Community College.

The symposium participants were California Congressman Ronald Dellums and Robert Woodson, President of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise. A presentation by Dorothy Colton of Cornell University and a film presentation at the Howard County Library rounded out the holiday activity in the county.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. "LIVING A DREAM" 1929 - 1968

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

GREATER IS HE WHO FOLLOWS THE COMMANDMENTS FROM LOVE THAN HE WHO FOLLOWS THEM FROM FEAR.

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