Our World

Martin Luther King Breakfast—Still beaming the dream

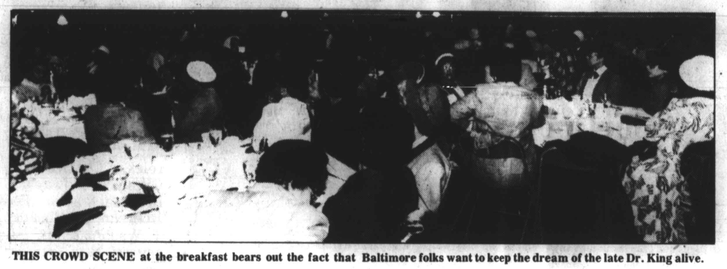
JUDGE MABEL H. HUBBARD, (second from L), guest speaker for the 13th annual Martin Luther King Breakfast held at the Palladium, Liberty Hghts. Ave. and Druid Park Dr., Friday, Jan. 15, is seen at the reception hosted in her honor Thursday evening, Jan. 14 by the Kings' Landing Womens' Service Club with (L to R) KLW President Marjorie Green, Hubbard (the judge's hubby) and Dea Kline, chairperson for this year's breakfast.

Photos by Paris Gray

JUDGE ROBERT WATTS, long-time supporter of the breakfast, introduces the speaker on Friday morning.

SOME OF THE KINGS' LANDING WOMEN seen during the reception are (from L) Mamie Jones, Margaret K. Ross, co-founder, KLW; Myrtle Harrod, Geneva Small, Helen Tucker and Estelle Foster.

BETTYE LINDSAY (L) chats with an avid listener during the reception.



THIS CROWD SCENE at the breakfast bears out the fact that Baltimore folks want to keep the dream of the late Dr. King alive.

The 13th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast was held Friday, January 15 at the Baltimore Palladium. This breakfast, Baltimore's Premiere King celebration, is sponsored by the YMCA and the Kings' Landing Womens' Service Club.

Successful from its inception this event had been held for a full decade before the National Holiday was established. Tickets for the Breakfast are sold out by November of each year.

The prestigious affair has attracted dynamic speakers of national significance. Among its prior speakers are Patricia A. Russell, Esq., Federal Communications Commission and former Congressman Parren Mitchell.

This years' speaker was Judge Mabel Hubbard, the first Black female to sit on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

This years' breakfast was highly significant in the choice of site - The Baltimore Palladium, and in the challenge that it offered to Baltimore.

The Palladium, a black owned catering house located in the heart of a Minority Enterprize Zone, treated the 1,200 breakfast guests to elegant, crystal chandelier comfort.

In keeping with the theme "Sharing the Dream," Marge

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Pattie Hodges

OUR WORLD EDITOR

PARTYLINE

ORA ALLEN'S 100th

It isn't every day that one lives to be 100 years old. I've always felt that those who do have some special magic about them, some ingrained strength of body and/or soul which carries them to the century mark. Or maybe it's proof of the saying, "Only the strong survive."

Whatever the cause, Mrs. Ora Allen, of the 1000 blkock of Cathedral St. reached that pinnacle on Dec. 22, and to her surprise, was feted by her five grandchildren - Dale Knight, Bettie Reed, Barbara McKenny, Shirley Motley and Donald Hardee at a celebration on her birthday at the Chase House on Cathedral St.

In addition to congratulations from intimate friends and neighbors, other highlights of the evening included a congratulatory birthday letter from President Ronald Reagan, two dozen red roses from Mayor Kurt Schmoke and citations from Governor Schaefer and Mary Pat Clarke, president of the Baltimore City Council.

Ora Allen was born in Tarboro, NC Dec. 22, 1887 and migrated to Baltimore in 1919. She was married to the late Walter Allen. She will never have to worry about her immortality. She has one daughter, Dora Hardee, five grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 19 great great grandchildren.

She still lives alone and manages, with a little help daily, to take care of herself. She is fully cognizant and was able to express her appreciation for her celebration.

She states of the secret of her longevity: "If you serve God like I serve my God and behave yourself, you will live to get as old as I am."

Mrs. Allen is a member of Whitestone Baptist Church.

Out to celebrate with Ora, or "Wo-Wo" as she is fondly called, were Herman and Dora Hardee, daughter and son-in-law; Sirvalious Spain, brother; Dale and Ernest Knight, Bettie and Emanuel Reed, Barbara and Walter McKenny, Shirley and Yancy Motley, granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, and Donald and Anne Hardee, grandson and granddaughter-in-law.

Also great grandchildren Stanford, Vincent, Kittrell Knight, Gregory, Ricky, Kenneth and Ranya Reed, Jerry McKenny, James Robinson, Ronald L. Robinson, Deborah Stokes, Joyce William, Yancey Motley, Jr., Gina Motley, Donita Hardee and Sheila Graham.

And great-great grandchildren Cynthia, Nicole and Robyn Knight, Nathaniel Sconiers, Candace Wilson, Unsel Knight, Michael Q. Knight, Emanuel Q. Reed, Tykeshia Reed, Dorian Reed, Joseph Dickerson, La Tia Reed, LaTasha Reed, Ronald Robinson, Marquita Stokes, Robert Stokes, Michael Gomez, Shameka Graham and Kevin Graham.

Special guests included the Rev. William W. Payne, pastor Emeritus, City Temple Baptist Church; the Rev. Grady Yeargin, Jr., City Temple Baptist Church; the Rev. E. E. Warren, Jr., Whitestone Baptist Church; Marion Betts from Aberdeen, MD; Rachael Powers, Boston, MA (niece), Leroy Bryant, Alaska and Deloris Mann, Baltimore.

HOLIDAY EVENSON

A holiday "Evensong" hosted by Les Grande Dames featured piano selections by the 14-year-old musical prodigy Camara Cambon.

The young artist is a student at St. Paul's School. He composed his first piece at the age of seven and has been performing since he was five years old.

The evening's warm gathering was held for members and guests at the home of Les Grandes Dames president, Catherine McConnell.

Earlier that week, the club had made its annual visit to the Ashburton Nursing Home where individual gifts were presented by Santa Claus Rodney Butler to the 37 residents.

Other members of the group are Lillie Myers, Bernice White, Mae Medders, Palestine Anderson, Mary Sprow, Connie Nash, Mary Umphrey, Mary Robinson and Barbara Mitchell.

PINOCHLE BUGS

The Baltimore County Chapter of the Pinochle Bugs inducted five new members during the holidays.

Ceremonies were held at the home of Dr. Mabel Murray. They were conducted by Frances Jolley, founder of the Baltimore County Chapter, and Mae Medders, National President, who is a member of the chapter.

The new "Bugs" are Bernice McDaniels, Mildred Taylor, Ardena Dixon, Harvadene

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Photos by John H. Murphy, III

A CENTENARIAN gets a kiss from her granddaughter, Bettie Reed, as Mrs. Ora Allen celebrates her 100th birthday. Her brother, Sirvalious Spain, 93, joins in the celebration.

GRANDCHILDREN CELEBRATE WO-WO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY (L to R) Herman Hardee, son-in-law; Shirley Motley, Barbara McKenny, granddaughters; Donald Hardee, grandson; Dale Knight, granddaughter; (Seated) Sirvalious Spain, brother; Ora Allen (lovingly known as Wo-Wo) and Dora Hardee, daughter.

Twilah Scarborough

TWILAH SAYS. . .

NCNNW FOUNDER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Greater Baltimore Section, sponsored a Founder's Day Breakfast recently at the S&R Banquet, 5652 The Alameda.

The theme was: "The Mission of the Legacy: Onward, Upward, and Outward."

The Guest Speaker for this event was The Reverend Vashti McKenzie.

The program centered around the Last Will and Testament of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune with quotes of the following:

OUR HERITAGE

"...I leave you Love, I leave you Hope. I leave you the Challenges of developing a thirst for education. I leave you Respect for the use of power. I leave you Faith, I leave you Racial Dignity. I leave you a Desire to live harmoniously with your fellow men. I leave you finally, a responsibility to our Young People." (from Dr. Bethune).

As early as 1944 the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. has had an impact upon the Baltimore community.

Monthly meetings were held at the Madison Avenue YWCA, in the homes of members, and in churches in order to get the message across concerning the philosophy of our great founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

In the early fifties, Associate Memberships were introduced to further enhance membership in the organization.

In the sixties, still moving forward with outreach programs in the community, special emphasis was focused upon programs for women and girls in the areas of cultural and educational involvement.

In the seventies, a reorganization took place as the area section became known as National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Greater Baltimore Section.

Scholarships, interaction with other groups and organizations, participation in civic endeavors, clothes closets for the indigent, just to name a few were programmed.

Now, in the eighties and looking forward to the turn of the century, even more stimulating programs are being developed following the guidelines of our national headquarters.

The Greater Baltimore Section is developing programs for the Baltimore community, programs to combat illiteracy, inferior education, Women's Health Care Issues, Teenage Pregnancy and other areas of concern.

The Greater Baltimore Section is looking forward to joining hands with the women of Baltimore to undertake this mammoth task.

The Rev. Vashti McKenzie gave an inspiring breathtaking "Prayer Breakfast Message." The young Reverend preached and touched many persons in the attending audience. Oh what an occasion. The room was full of warm worshippers.

Keeping in touch with the NCNW, Inc. Theme, The Reverend McKenzie brought the message from her heart and soul straight to all.

The committee for this breakfast was Elvera Richardson, General Chairperson; Twilah Scarborough, Co-Chairperson; Edwardina Brown, Mary Crump, Peggy Seeney-Cooper, Emma Dudley, Dr. Beryl Williams, Hazel Ellerbe, Bettye Lindsay, Odell Payne, Charlene Stamps, and Mamie C. Jones, President.

The officers of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Greater Baltimore Section are: Mamie C. Jones, President; Verna Day, First Vice-President; Edwardina Brown, Second Vice-President; Roseanna Davis, Third Vice-President; Peggy Seeny-Cooper, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mary James, Corresponding Secretary; Beatrice Avery, Financial Secretary; Beatrice Hall, Treasurer; Elizabeth Demby, Historian; Emma Dudley, Parliamentarian; Josephine Maxwell, Chaplain; Dr. Beryl Williams; International Chairperson; Elvera Richardson, Hospitality; and, Martha E. Lindsay, Secretary.

P.H.C.O.B. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

On Saturday, December 19, the Pan-Hellenic Council of Baltimore, Inc. met and duly elected new officers for 1988.

The newly elected officers are: President, Sylvia Gundy, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Vice President, Veta Boothe, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; Record Secretary, Brenda McKinley, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Corresponding Secretary, Randy Edwards, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; Treasurer, Earl Graves, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Parliamentarian, Mary Demory, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Chaplain, Roosevelt Hobbs, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Historian/Recorder, Martin Cheatham, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

The next monthly meeting scheduled for P.H.C.O.B. will be held on Saturday, January 16, (third Saturday each month), 11 a.m., tentatively to be held at 1125 N. Mount St., Baltimore, Maryland (Zeta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Fraternity House).

—More Partyline

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Gustus and Janis Thompson.

There are 20 chapters in the national organization.

Other Baltimore County members are Dr. Janis Langley, Dorothy Short, Helen McDonald, Delores Deaver, June Chapman and Mozelle Johnson.

BIRTHDAY FEAST FOR MR. BOSHINE

There was a great birthday feast and celebration hosted for Louis Williams at his home at 1411 Druid Hill Ave. with his family, neighbors and many friends (Cuff Note: Everyone calls him Mr. Boshine, the mayor of the neighborhood.) The party lasted for two days, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20.

He received many gifts and birthday awards from Mayor Kurt Schmoke and Governor Schaefer.

Mr. Boshine is well-liked in his neighborhood where he has lived for 25 years, always helping someone who is in need. He takes care of the elderly and looks out for the children in the neighborhood.

Gifts for him were also forthcoming from Dr. Donald Hughes and family, city school teacher, Mrs. McAllister and family; Mrs. Thelma Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Epps and Mrs. Geraldine King.

NETWORKING

The Baltimore Junior Chamber of Commerce is a networking/community service organization comprised of young professionals, mostly from the downtown area. We are about to enter our third year and hope to significantly increase our membership. We are writing you to ask for your help in this.

On January 29, they will hold a networking happy hour for young business people between the ages of 21 and 40 to exchange cards and learn about the Baltimore Junior Chamber of Commerce. Beer and soda will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 on the tenth floor of the Provident Bank of Maryland building, located at the corner of Calvert and Lexington streets. Relay the invitation to those in your organization that you feel would enjoy and benefit from an association with a club such as ours.

REFLECTING ON 75 YEARS OF SISTERHOOD

The Baltimore, Maryland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host its Founders' Day Diamond Jubilee Celebration in observance of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Sorority on Saturday, January 23, 11:30 a.m. at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave.

The theme, "Reflecting On 75 Years of Sisterhood," will be addressed by Dr. Helen G. Edmonds. The celebration will consist of an awards ceremony and luncheon.

For ticket information, please contact Merry Macer-Simpson on 484-7918.

— Still beaming the dream

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Green, president of the Kings' Landing Women, announced that the community will be challenged next year to sponsor breakfast tickets for the homeless, the elderly, the young and underprivileged of all races.

To this highly significant setting was added the Marylands' first Black female Circuit Court Judge, the Honorable Mabel Hubbard, who was introduced by Judge Robert Watts. Judge Watts referred to her as a Judge highly respected by "both Bench and Bar". "In the male dominated legal circles, Judge Hubbard is accepted as one of the Boys," said Watts.

Rising to speak to a crowd of 1,200, including Gov. William Donald Schaefer, State controller Louis Goldsetin, Mayor Kurt Schmoke, and President of City Council, Mary Pat Clarke, Judge Hubbard stated that all of us spend our lives building stepping stones or stumbling blocks and that Martin Luther King was stepping stone builder.

She went on to carefully trace the Black journey in America from the slave ships to the day that Rosa Parks refused to give her seat to a white man on a Montgomery bus.

Led by the words of Judge Hubbard, the audience walked again with King on that 381 day Montgomery boycott that would signal the end to transportation segregation in America.

Judge Hubbard reminded the audience that King went on from that victory to lead a civil rights movement that would change the history of this nation.

"He returned freedoms' dream to America; he became the conscience of America," said she. Hubbard went on to say that King was more than a speaker for the weak and voiceless and a drum major for the downtrodden. He was willing to lead the way on a perlious journey that finally took his life. Martin left to us these comforting words, said Judge Hubbard:

"I am convinced that we shall overcome."

"No lie will live forever."

"Truth crused to earth shall rise again."

Following her speech, which was highly well received, the audience linked arms and sang "We Shall Overcome.' Dea. Kline was chair for this year's breakfast.

On Thursday evening prior to the MLK breakfast, an elegant reception was hosted at the Palladium in honor of MLK Breakfast speaker Judge Hubbard.

A cross section of the Baltimore community turned out to meet and greet Judge Hubbard and to savor delectable hot hors d'oeuvres, and raw bar and to tickle their palates with sippables from the open bar.

The warmth of the evening, which lasted from 7-9 p.m. was sparked by KLW president Marjorie R. Green who, with humorously spiked remarks, introduced the various supporters of the breakfast, the members of the King's Landing Women and members of the YMCA (co-sponsors for the breakfast) and the Honorable Judge Hubbard, who was gracious in her remarks. Bettye Lindsay was chairperson for the reception.

Other members of the Kings Landing Women are Gwendolyn Clarke, Myrtle Harrod, Geneva Small, Doris Street, Adele Queen, Mary Smith, Mary Upsher, Estelle Foster, Helen Tucker, Helen Miles, Mamie Jones, Bettye Moss, Gertrude McKella, Joyce Cotten, Rosie Salley and Roberta Keets.

The Lady Elk

By Mattie J. Hawkins

A duel induction

WASHINGTON

The installation of the newly elected officers of the Past Exalted Rulers Council No. 4 and Magnolia Council Past Daughter Rulers will be held jointly Sunday at the Elks Home 1844 Third Street, N.W. at 3 p.m. with District Deputy Willis F. Jackson and District Deputy Leona C. Greene presiding.

P.E.R. Clarence Timmons and P.D.R. Annie M. Williams Official Escorts, P.E.R. Hubert Rivens and P.D.R. Florine Brownlee, Master and Mistress of Social Sessions.

Brothers to be installed are Br. Donald E. Ball, chief antler; Norwood Cohan, vice chief antler; Harry L. Sewell, left antler; Nathaniel Manning, right antler; Bert Overby, first scribe: Elmer Ball, Jr.; second scribe; Karl Hawkins, Bursar; James Williams, Chaplain; Robert Bembry, Foster; John McDonald, Inner Guard; Lawrence Brooks, Tiler; Trustees Antler Stanley B. Barry; Antler Dennis Johnson and Antler George Pointer.

Daughters to be installed are Jean I. Williams, Loyal Vice Dgt. Ruler; Majorie Suiter, Loyal Assistant Dgt. Ruler; Claudette

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Notes from Montgomery County

By Davetta Madison

Alphas share the dream

Early risers from Montgomery County and the Metropolitan area made their appearance at Indian Spring Country Club at the 11th Annual Memorial Breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., sponsored by the Montgomery County Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Monday.

Many of the guests began their day with the breakfast which began promptly at 7:45 a.m., with Dr. Ulysees Glee presiding. The invocation was given by Archie Lemone, and the chapter president, Artie Polk gave the welcome.

The country club was filled to capacity. Guests were still coming and were quietly being seated as the program got on the way. John Goodloe and Carrie Brown provided musical selections. The selections chosen for the occasion were "I've Been Buked and I've Been Scorned," "I want Jesus to Walk With Me," "Nobody Knows The Trouble I See."

The keynote speaker for the affair was Dr. John B. Slaughter, chancellor of the University of Maryland, College Park Campus. His remarks were centered around the theme: "Alpha Shares the Dream." He is a member of the fraternity and was presented a public service award.

Dr. King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the nation's oldest predominantly black Greek-letter organization.

The fraternity also cited three area residents for their contributions to aid impoverished residents of Montgomery County.

Community services awards were also presented. The recipients were Anne Chapman, personnel officer with the U.S. Department of the Interior; Rev. James W. Murphy, minister, First Baptist Church of KenGar, Kensington; DeVance Walker, Jr., former minority affairs officer for Montgomery County's Office of Economic Development.

When the U.S. Senate recently passed legislation authorizing Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Nation's Capital, the project reached yet another milestone.

Earlier last year, the national organization placed the project under the Alpha Phi Alpha Educational Foundation making contributions tax exempt.

The Senate bill, S 322, was sponsored by Senator Paul S. Sarbanes of Maryland. A similar bill in the House, H. R. 640, is being sponsored by Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy of the District of Columbia. Alphas around the nation and friends have been asked to appeal to their representatives in the House to support the legislation.

The memorial to honor Dr. King has also won approval from the National Capital Planning Commission.

Persons and/or groups wanting to support the drive should contact Alpha Phi Alpha/Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Fund, Department 005, Washington, D.C. 30073-005.

THE WOMEN OF WASHINGTON

A very youthful, energetic, attractive group of women billed "The Women of Washington are a reflection of the exceptional women of the District of Columbia Metropolitan Area.

Each of them was selected to be a part of this group because they exemplified the charm, intelligence, poise and beauty that the promoter said is characteristic of "The Finest Black Women in the United States."

"These young women are making their mark in the Washington area; they give fashion shows and exhibit their talents at the same time." He said, they have a very impressive calendar on the market with beautiful photographs. They are sponsored by Flair Promotions, Inc., a public relations firm.

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