Our World

Deltas hold Diamond Jubilee Founders' Day fete

LOOKING AT THE GOVERNOR'S CITATION presented by Pam Kelly (R) of Governor Schaefer's office which was presented during the Diamond Jubilee Founders' Day celebration of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, Saturday, Jan. 23 are (from L) Dr. Helen Edmonds, keynote speaker for the occasion, and Rebecca Carroll, chapter president. The event was held at the Forum, Primrose Ave.

DELTAS WHO WERE ALL DECKED OUT in their colors of red and white are (L to R): Carolyn Willis, Minnye King, Susan Jones, Debbie Lee, Maralyn McDonald and Debbie Swann.

MORE DELTAS are (from L) Brigitte Nash, Doris Nash, Dorothy J. Barrick and Lousonia Jefferson.

THREE GENERATIONS OF DELTAS — Cecelia L. King, (far R) poses with three generations of Deltas (from L): Mrs. L. Burns, Shae-K Habbersham and Sieglinda Habbersham.

DELTA HONOREES Are (L to R): Lillian Brooks Lansberry, Frances West, Bernita Fuller, Peggy Seeny-Cooper, Goldie Queen-Wood, Constance S. Philpot and Laura Knight.

CO-CHAIRPERSONS ROSLYN SMITH (L) AND GWENDOLYN LINDSAY are all smiles about the success of their Founders' Day fete.

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was out in full force on Satuday, Jan. 23. The Delta sorors and their guests numbered more than 400 as they thronged the Forum, Primrose Ave. for their Diamond Jubilee Founders' Day celebration, which began at 11:30 a.m.

The theme was "Reflecting on 75 Years of Sisterhood."

Roslyn L. Smith and Gwendolyn A. Lindsay, co-chairpersons of the Founders' Day Committee, presided with charm, starting with the welcome and introductions.

Opening prayer was offered by Peggy Willis, chapter chaplain, and Dr. Rebecca E. Carroll, chapter president, brought greetings and the occasion, which pointed up the importance of the historical achievements of Delta sorors.

An impressive spiritual-candlelight tribute to the founders of the sorority was also handled by Peggy Willis, who lit the main candle in front of the head table.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, a native of Lawrenceville, VA, a distinguished history scholar, nationally acclaimed administrator and teacher, experienced advisor and participant in both national and international activities, and a published author of resource material in Negro history.

Dr. Edmonds, a graduate of the then Morgan State College, stressed the importance of black colleges, stating that they gave us "a sense of excellence" and "a will to strive for scholarship."

She reflected in her address on the fact that Delta has always reacted to the "spirit of the times." She cited particularly the period of the great depression which changed the way fraternities and sororities functioned. She stated that they began to say that "they were their brothers' keepers, and therefore began programs that fed the hungry and clothed the naked. They provided books for libraries, facilities for hospitals, and did many other worthwhile deeds. She reminded all, Delta has always participated in these kinds of activities.

Several awards were given to sorors for continued and devoted service to Delta, who also uphold the goals and ideas of the 22 founders, with Mary J. Demory and Dorothy J. Barrick presenting.

Receiving these awards were Sorors Peggy Cooper, Bernita Fuller, Lillian Lansberry, Constance Philpot, Frances West and Goldie Wood.

A very special award, Delta's highest, the Vashti Turley Murphy Award, went to Soror Laura Morris Knight. In her acceptance speech Soror Knight stated: "True to the belief of Founder Vashti Turley Murphy, we must continue to support our institutions—our colleges, our press, our elected officials."

The award is given annually to perpetuate the memory of Founder Murphy, one of the original 22.

The late Vashti Turley Murphy has four daughters who also are Deltas — Sorors Ida Murphy Peters, (who was in attendance) Bettye Murphy Moss, Frances L. Murphy, II and Carlita M. Jones.

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Pattie Hodges

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WHAT IS SWA?

The Suburban Womens' Association (SWA) a newly formed organization, which had its inception in October, 1987, boasts 40 members.

Its purpose is to engage in educational, civic and cultural activities, and to enrich the lives of the suburban Baltimore community, with the target area being Baltimore county. And, SWA has been busy living up to its objectives. In November, the members contributed a an abundance of food for the needy to the Maryland Food Committee, a great civic service.

In December, several SWA members participated and worked diligently with the UNCF Telethon.

In January, 1988 SWA members turned to cultural and educational as well as civic endeavors. Several members worked with the Maryland Kidney Foundation's fundraiser.

On January 15, Dr. Gretta G. Burnett was invited to attend a press conference and program held in Murphy Hall at Morgan State University where she met Stevie Wonder. Wonder (Steveland Morris) was there in keeping with his past efforts to have January 15 celebrated as a national holiday in tribute to the late Dr. King who made the difference in so many lives of both black and white Americans.

And, on Sunday, Jan. 17 the Suburban Women were represented by Dr. Gretta G. Burnett at the recent lecture of Dr. Barb Landrey, noted professor of Sociology and the University of Maryland. Dr. Landrey, in keeping with Dr. Martin Luther King observances, spoke at the Enoch Pratt Library's main branch on that day.

Dr. Landrey's topic "The New Black Middle Class: Legacy of the King Years" was enthusiastically received. The program narrator was Dr. Anna Curry.

And, now, in February, even as I write this, the Suburban Womens' Association has put up a fantastic exhibit entitled "Maryland African American Trailblazers," in the Woodlawn Public Library, Woodlawn Dr. in honor of Black History Month. Pictures and other memorabilia featuring all Maryland women who have impacted on black history from Harriet Tubman (1820) to Dorothy Brunson and others of the present time are now on display.

The exhibit, which opened Feb. 1, will be up until Feb. 29. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. (Monday through Thursday); 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (Friday and Saturday) and 12 noon until 5 p.m. (Sunday). Try not to miss it.

Chairperson for the exhibit is Catherine T. McConnell. Other committee members included Reva Lewie, Romaine Ball, Gretta Burnett, Gretchen Styles and yours truly.

SWA JACK AND JILLERS

Mrs. Catherine McConnell was one of the many Suburban Women in attendance at the National Jack and Jill Convention held in Philadelphia, PA during the weekend of January 17. Others attending were Shirley T. Hill, Peggy Brown, Gretchen Styles and Romaine Ball. There was a full agenda and a lively, well-planned social atmosphere. Glamour was the obvious and a service agenda, the priority.

SWA president, Flossie Johnson, also a J & J member, was unable to attend due to illness. Congratulations to our Suburban Women who also are members of Jack & Jill.

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SHOWING SMILES OF PRIDE at the Maryland African American Trailblazers exhibit which highlights black Maryland women who impacted on history from the days of Harriet Tubman until now are (from L): Reva Lewie and Catherine T. McConnell. Both are members of the Suburban Women's Association (SWA) which is responsible for the exhibit. Catherine McConnell is chairperson of the Exhibit Committee.

Lucas' Youth Foundation hosts successful fundraiser

KEYNOTE SPEAKER JACKIE MCCLEAN laughs it up with Andre Lucas at the recent Lucas Youth Foundation fundraiser held at the Five Mile House.

KELLY BRYANT APPEARS with Lucas in a scene from the play 'For the Love of Nick and Hazel' during the fundraiser.

MINNIE CARTER belts out a song with soul.

MODELS AIR STYLES during the fashion segment of the fundraiser.

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The Andre Lucas Youth Foundation recently held a Fund Raiser at the Five Mile House, 5302 Reisterstown Rd.

The evening's festivities include dinner, a sizzling fashion show by the Lucas Exquisite Models, Act II of the comedy skit "The Love of Nick and Hazel" (performed by Andre Lucas and Kelly Bryant), and the dynamic vocal stylings of Minnie I. Carter. William Allen, Dennis Jones and Tracey Brooks.

Councilwoman Jacqueline McLean was the guest speaker for the evening. She stressed the importance of education for today's youth,. and complimented the Lucas Youth Foundation on the wonderful work they are doing.

Community Service Awards were given to the Rev. Willie Ray, Eugene C. Dunn, Vice-Principal of Mervo High School, Kenneth Hamlim, Superintendent of the Baltimore County Public School System, and Ms. Marguerite Campbell.

The Lucas Youth Foundation has been in existence since October, 1986. In addition to recruiting and promoting local talent, the Foundation also awards scholarships to deserving youth.

In June, 1987, scholarships were awarded to students from Carver-Vocational Technical High School, Douglas High School, and Walbrook Senior High.

Special rules help divorced parents

Divorced or separated parents must use special rules to decide whether they or their former spouse can claim the exemption for their child when they file their tax return. The special rules for divorced or separated parents apply only if:

1. The parents are divorced or legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance, are separated under a written separation agreement, or lived apart at all times during the last six months of the calendar year, and

2. One or both parents provide more than half the child's total support for the calendar year, and

3. One or both parents have custody of the child for more than half the calendar year.

Although there are some exceptions, the parent who has custody of the child for most of the year is usually treated as the parent who provides more than half the child's support. It does not matter whether the parent with custody has been actually providing more than half of the child's support.

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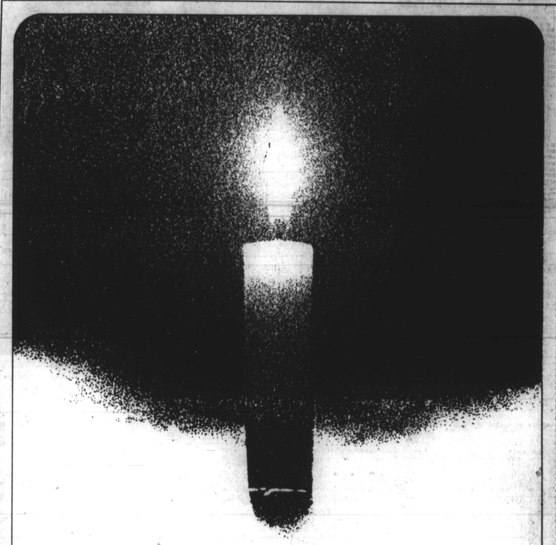
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