Our World

Omegas host Mardi Gras '88

Photos by Bruce Smallwood

A SCINTILLATING TINA TURNER LOOK-ALIKE who did not care to be named (according to our photographer) walked away with First Prize in the Costume Parade in the 'Individual' category last Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Mardi Gras '88 hosted at the Palladium by Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for the benefit of their scholarship fund.

Hear them say, "Come to the Mardi Gras" .... seemed to be the echo in the inner ear of each one of the nearly 1200 folks who attended the annual Mardi Gras '88, hosted by Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for the benefit of its Scholarship Fund last Saturday, Feb. 13.

Held at the Palladium, 2900 Liberty Hgts. Ave. from 7:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. the affair, as usual, had everything. First, there was the cocktail hour - where the merrily costumed guests jostled the more formally clad, and warmth and conviviality flowed.

A hot buffet dinner of mammoth proportions helped to warm up the guests for spirited dancing to the tunes of the Bobby Felder Band.

The highlight of the evening, as always, was the Costume Parade and judging for awards.

Winning first prize in the individual category this year was a scintillating Tina Turner look-alike who preferred (according to our photographer) to be unnamed. Top honors in the Best Couple category went to Mary and Ben Jones, who came as a king and queen; and in the group slot, reminiscent of California raisins, the first place honors went to a group who called themselves the Omega Raisins.

There were also second and third place winners in each category, and happily, all winners in First, Second and Third place received a monetary award as well as certificates. All parade participants received certificates.

Among the judges this year were George and Nancy Barrick, of the Arena Players; John H. Murphy III, retired president of Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers; June Thorne, Arena Players and Camilla Carr, local TV news anchor.

Of course, those Omega men were super hosts, and of course, they topped the highly enjoyable evening off with their Omega Hymn.

On the Mardi Gras Committee were Benjamin C. Whitten, Chairman; Walter E. Riddick, Co-Chairman; Garland A. Brown, Thomas Crosby, Ernest B. Curtis, Luther W. Day, Melvin Fossett, William H. Ghant, James Grant, Thomas L. Hasty, Roosevelt Hobbs, Paul M. Johnson, Lewis Logan, George K. McKinney, Edward McDaniels, Benjamin F. Mason, Arthur E. Milburn, William G. Neal, Elmer Patterson, Charles Payne, Luther Reeder, Eugene Ward and Judson Wood.

Pi Omega Chapter Officers are Arthur W. Lambert, basileus; Lester Buster, vice basileus; Walter E. Riddick, keeper of records and seal; William L. Reaves, asst. keeper of records and seal; Roderick E. Richardson, keeper of finance; Edward A. R. Lane, asst. keeper of finance; Melvin L. Fossett,

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BEST COUPLE TOP HONORS went to Mary and Ben Jones who are seen here with James Grant (C) a member of the Mardi Gras committee.

JUST US OMEGA RAISINS was this group which garnered First Place in the "Group" category.

MAYOR AND MRS. KURT SCHMOKE (C) are flanked by (from L) Del. and Mrs. Pete Rawlings and Dr. Glenwood Brooks.

HAVING FUN (L to R) are William B. West, II, Debbie Sanders, Renee and Clarence Jones.

MASKED AND UNMASKED MARVELS are (L to R) Mary Davis, Betty Williams, Preston Davis and Virginia Hurst.

PIRATE DERRICK SMITH (R) is seen with Candy and Stuart Simms.

Pattie Hodges

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PARTYLINE

INNER HARBOR ABWA MARKS 8TH ANNIVERSARY

On January 26 the Baltimore Inner Harbor Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) held its eighth anniversary celebration. The meeting was held "Bazaar Style" at the Forum, Primrose Ave., with nearly 30 booths set up highlighting the members' jobs as well as showing some of their hobbies/avocations.

The members sold ceramics, clothing jewelry, silk flower arrangements, handbags, etc.

Many local politicians were invited. Baltimore's Mayor Kurt Schmoke sent a Proclamation declaring Jan. 26, 1988 'Inner Harbor Chapter of ABWA Eighth Anniversary Day.'

The members and guests feasted on hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

The entire evening (four hours) according to Hospitality Chairperson, Patricia Aquilla, was especially nice because 47 of the 78 members and 14 guests braved Baltimore ice and snow that night and a temperature of 15 degrees to be on hand for the festivities.

Ms. Aquilla said that there were several frozen batteries at the end of the affair, but as Patricia's sister, Marlene Young, who is president of the chapter and a charter member said: "The bad conditions outside made the atmosphere inside that much nicer."

Ms. Young also said that the guests were really exceptional to have braved such conditions.

One of the busiest booths in the room was the ABWA Inner Harbor Chapter Booth, with its scrapbooks, mementos, awards, a picture display of the past presidents and the Women of the Year; other chapter members and literature on the Association with pictures from many ABWA conventions and spring conferences.

It was a memorable evening for everyone.

BOSHINE'S VALENTINE FEAST

A Valentine's feast hosted by Mr. Boshine at his home at 1411 Druid Hill Ave. on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 was attended by members of his family and by his neighbors and friends.

The atmosphere was festive with all of the pretty red and white decorations in the dining room. Guests who arrived for the feast at 5 p.m. were in for a treat.

The menu was tantalizing. Dinner featured barbequed chicken, roast turkey, dressing, gravy, collard greens, candied sweet potatoes, deviled eggs, baked ham, rice and punch.

Everyone dressed in red and white in keeping with the colors for the occasion, and everyone had a ball.

EPSILON OMEGA SALUTES STEVIE WONDER

The Cultural Arts Committee was pleased to present a plaque to Stevie Wonder on January 15, 1988 at Morgan State University from Epsilon Omega Chaper.

The plaque was presented for the tireless efforts of Stevie to have Dr. King's birthday observed as a national holiday.

Those present for the presenta-

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Marjorie Green

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

POST OFFICE CHOIR PERFORMS

We experienced a pleasant surprise when we recognized John Wells, talented son of "Aunt Pauline" Wells Lewis, directing the U.S. Post Office choir last week when they rendered the music for the program honoring the issuance of the James Weldon Johnson Black Heritage Stamp. John also sent a shock wave through the audience with his magnificent solo rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." His wife, Vivian was one of my bridal attendants many many years ago.

CITIZENS CELEBRATING BALTIMORE

Citizens Celebrating Baltimore celebrated Valentines Day with a love concert salute to 17 loving couples who were recommended by members of the choir.

Nearly 200 guests received engraved invitations to attend the concert on the Harbor Campus of the Community College of Baltimore. The choir, under the direction of Hugh Carey, rendered several Broadway show hit songs as well as some of the all time favorite love songs.

Several performers wore costumes accented by top hats, bow ties and parasols to dramatize medleys that included "Good Ole Summertime, Bicycle Built For Two, Picnic and scenes from Porgy and Bess. Former NAACP Act-So gold medalist, Miss Jarvis Cates, starred in a rendition of "Georgia."

ANNAPOLIS LUNCHEON

More than 70 members of the Black Caucus and other selected members of the House and Senate attended a luncheon in the second floor Senate reception room recently. The luncheon was sponsored by the Mass Transit Associations Citizens Advisory Board chaired by Mrs. Verna Day.

The sponsoring group had been lobbying for the Light Rail (trolley car) concept that is expected to run from Dorsey Road in Glen Burnie to Hunt Valley with a Spur running to the BWI airport.

The buffet luncheon included fried chicken, assorted cold cuts, salads, rolls, coffee, tea and soda.

NATIONAL NAACP AND POSTAL SERVICE HONORS FAMED BLACK

The National Office of the NAACP and the Baltimore Postal Service held a special ceremony in the cafeteria of the Main Post Office in downtown Baltimore to commemorate the issuance of a Black Heritage Stamp honoring James Weldon Johnson last Thursday afternoon.

Johnson served for ten years as the third Executive Secretary of the NAACP.

Before his death in 1938, he was widely known as a writer, teacher, poet and lawyer, but he is best remembered as the author of the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Johnson now joins the ranks of several other influential Black leaders inlcuding Martin Luther King, Harriett Tubman, Benjamin Banneker, Whitney Young, Jackie Robinson, Scott Joplin, Carter G. Woodson and Mary McLeod Bethune, all of whom were previously honored.

Baltimore Postmaster James A. McDougald presided during the program which included brief remarks by the National Executive Director, Benjamin L. Hooks and music by the Post Office Glee Club.

TOASTMISTRESS LUNCHEON

The Woodlawn International Toastmistress Club will hold its Annual Speech Contest and Luncheon Saturday, February 27 at 12 noon in the Multi-Purpose room of Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Hts. Ave. Deadline for reservations is February 19.

For additional information contact Bernadette Smith or Phyllis Reaves at 594-1645.

FAREWELL

A farewell Happy Hour to celebrate Steve Howe of the Foster Care Review Boards new position will take place at Ethel's Place on Cathedral Street, Friday, February 19 at 5 p.m. Call 333-6353 for reservations.

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

The Maryland State Penitentiary NAACP Branch will hold a program in celebration of Black History Month at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 27. In late January, the group held a successful Jubilee Day Program. Dr. Calvin Burnett, Rev. Benjamin Foust and Delegate Clarence Davis were featured speakers. Mr. John McDonald is president of the newly organized MSP Branch.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mary Conaway and Nathaniel Barr. A trustee of Centennial United Methodist Church in East Baltimore, Mrs. Conaway was presented as the Messenger for the Trustees Anniversary on Sunday, January 31 when she preached her trial sermon.

She chose as her subject "We've Been In the Storm Too Long."

The Rev. Mamie Williams-Munjoma is the Church pastor.

Deacon Barr chose the previous Sunday to deliver his trial sermon to a packed congregation at Concord Baptist Church where the Rev. Matthew Jones is pastor.

NEWS DIGEST PREMIERES

Zions Gate News Digest, a quarterly publication for Black Baptist Women clergy in the United States, recently made its premiere issue available in Baltimore with the Rev. Lainie Dowell as its editor/publisher. We look forward to hearing more about his publication in the near future.

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tion were Soror Heloise Frazier, Basileus; Soror Gloria Jones, Anti Basileus; Sorors Gretta Burnett and Rebecca Quille, Co-chairpersons of the Cultural Arts Committee.

BIG SISTERS' PRESS STRESS WORSHOP

The Big Sisters Club of Baltimore sponsored a stress workshop on Saturday, January 16, from 11:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Steuart Hill Elementary School No. 430, South Gilmor St. A panel of experts explored the topic, "Learning to Live Successfully in a Stress-filled World.

Big Sister Charlene Cooper Boston chaired the workshop. Vivian Burnett, chairperson of the committee, and Flora Johnson, president of the club, brought greetings. Big Sister Sydney Lee introduced the speakers. There were presentations from Dianna Den Boba, Consultant NIA; Dr. Astra Brantly, clinical psychologist and Edward Turner, M. S. W., psychiatric social worker. Dr. Ernest Brown and Dr. Nina Rawlings shared comments and reactions.

Mary Robinson, co-chairperson of the committee facilitated audience participation. Participants were encouraged to identify stressors in their lives and succesful ways of handling stress.

Committee members Dr. Barbara Wheeler and Shirley Roberts disseminated literture related to living with stress. A five dollar ($5.00) donation subsidized the light lunch which followed the presentations and discussions.

AKA FASHIONETTA RECEPTION HELD

Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. announced plans to sponsor its second Fashionetta for the purpose of providing stipends toward post high school expense to young men and women in the 11th and 12th grades of public and private schools from Baltimore City and surrounding counties.

These young men and women will be attending colleges or technical schools of their choice, following graduation.

The 1988 theme is "Today's Teens, Tomorrow's Promises."

A reception for the contestants, parents, sorors, sponsors and co-sponsors was held on January 17 at the Liberty Medical Center Auditorium, Towanda Ave. from 2 until 5 p.m.

On last Dec. 30 a "Get Acquainted" social activity was held at the Brentwood on 25th St. and Guilford Ave.

This project is designed to focus on enriching cultural, educational and social activities of the young men and women,

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Photos by Bruce Smallwood

SEGOVIA (L) producer of shows at Tubbs Entertainment Lounge, 201 N. Greene St., is seen Feb. 4 during an evening of zesty fun with (from L) Debbie Poole, vocalist and Leroy Mason, General Manager of Tubbs.

Folks enjoy Tubbs' Entertainment Lounge

On Thursday night, Feb. 4 at Tubbs' Variety Entertainment Lounge, 201 N. Greene St. nearly 100 folks gathered for an evening of zesty fun and entertainment which was a good opener for the upcoming weekend.

Featured were open buffet, soft sounds (ballads) performed by vocalist Debbie Poole and dynamite recorded jazz played by the House deejay. (Cuff note: There is live jazz performed every other week by Hassan Sabree and other local jazz greats).

Also on hand for Feb. 4 was comedian Warren Hutcherson who kept everyone in stitches.

Tubbs has been in operation since September, 1987, but the format for Thursday nights is new. Production Manager and host for Tubbs is Segovia. Leroy Mason is General Manager.

On Sunday, Feb. 14 Tubbs hosted a Sweetheart Dinner show from 5 p.m. until a.m. Featured was a menu consisting of a choice of filet mignon or stuffed breast of chicken, choice of vegetables and dessert; entertainment by the 19th Show and Band, vocalist Debbie Poole and magic by the Amazing Josini. All loving couples were highlighted.

Show times at Tubbs are always at 6 and 9 p.m. This was also hosted by Segovia.

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One of the only regrets Malcolm X had was not getting a formal academic education. Instead, he taught himself.

Through reading and, later on, travel, he learned about the vast, rich, complex culture and heritage of which he was a part. The more he learned, the more he developed that sense of pride, confidence and identity that comes from knowing one's roots.

Malcolm X had learned that being smart is not enough. Knowledge is what enables people to make daring strides and new discoveries.

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