Our World

J.U.G.S. Inc. marks its 20th anniversary

MEMBERS OF J.U.G.S. INC., Baltimore Chapter, who celebrated their 21st anniversary Sunday, Feb. 21 at the Regatta, Reisterstown Rd. are (L to R): Rosemary Atkinson, Bernice Hardy, Betty Dorsey, Shirley Gregg, Jean L. Griffin, Juanita M. Smith, Ina Bryant, Jeanne Saunders and Eleanor J. Gwynn. The acronym J.U.G.S. means Justice, Unity, Generosity, Service.

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HUSBANDS OF THE BALTIMORE J.U.G.S. are (L to R): Herbert J. Stith, Jr., William A. Dorsey, Albert Griffin, Sr., Louis C. Hardy, Dr. Dr. Donald Atkinson, Walter Slowe, John Saunders, James Smith, Archer Gregg and Calvin Glascoe.

LORENZO "HUGGY BEAR" SIMPSON, JR. (C) holds the $2,000 check presented to him as the recipient of the J.U.G.S.' 1987 Charity Award as he poses with Bernice Hardy (presenter) and his father, Lorenzo Simpson, Sr.

FRANCES STITH, (C) chaplain and Chairperson for the anniversary event, is seen with (from L): Baltimore J.U.G.S.' founder Mattie Slowe and Carrolyn Glascoe, chapter president.

BALTIMORE J.U.G.S.' FOUNDER MATTIE SLOWE (R) presents an award for outstanding service to Carrolyn Glascoe, chapter president.

J.U.G.S. ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, Feb. 21 was a banner day for the Baltimore Chapter of J.U.G.S., Inc., an acronym for Justice, Unity, Generosity, and Service, tenets which the J.U.G.S. have lived up to since their inception as a group 20 years ago. And that's what they were celebrating, their 20st anniversary. It all began at church.

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Those members who were able to sever their personal and church-related activities of the hour gathered to worship together at Grace Presbyterian Church to attend the first of the three activities planned in observance of the J.U.G.S.' Founders' Day.

A beautiful self-satisfying service was rendered. One of the most joyful activities was the "Passing of the Peace" (the fellowshipping by greeting and shaking hands with each other), by the congregation.

Each member of the J.U.G.S. was greeted by the congregation and the minister with personal sentiments.

Mrs. Carrolyn Glascoe, president of the organization graciously presented to the church the J.U.G.S.' donation.

The Chancel Choir's renditions of its music, as well as the bass soloist, Elliot Harrington, who sang "Deep River," added to the pleasure of worshipping together.

The highlight of the service was the eloquent sermon "After a Castastrophe—A Rainbow."

Each worshipper could not help but feel that he had received a special treat just by hearing the Rev. Arthur St. A. Reynolds developed his thoughts into a masterpiece, leaving each in a pensive and reverent mood.

After the worship service the coffee fellowship hour sponsored by the Chancel Choir in the multi-purpose room, seemed liked a reception just for the J.U.G.S.

Many of the J.U.G.S. renewed old friendships with former high school and college classmates, former neighbors and friends in the friendly atmosphere.

Continuing their celebration after worshipping together, members of the J.U.G.S. gathered at 2 p.m. at the Regatta, Reisterstown Rd. Here, with joy and lively camaraderie, they carried out their theme: "Once More With Love" with a program, a luncheon of fine food and drink, and the presentation of $2,000 (their 1987 Charity Award) to Lorenzo "Huggy Bear" Simpson, the little boy who was so badly burned seveal years ago.

Presiding was Frances H. Stith, chairperson for the event. Opening prayer was by Jean Griffin, and greetings were extended by Carrolyn H. Glascoe, local J.U.G.S.' president.

Chairperson Mrs. Stith recognized special guests, a musical selection, "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" by Elliot Harrington. Grace was offered by Donald Atkinson and the Occasion by Rosemary Atkinson. Mrs. Atkinson spoke of the Baltimore J.U.G.S.' beginnings, 20 years ago under the leadership of Mattie Slowe, and surprised Mrs. Slowe and everyone else by reading a thought-provoking statement concerning what the group was about and thanking friends for support in its efforts. The surprise was that it was the first speech made by Mrs. Slowe as founder 20 years ago.

Mrs. Atkinson also touched on the group's continuing service its giving joy to youngsters, and having unity among themselves.

J.U.G.S. is well known for its annual "Living Ads' Ball, during which they raise money for charity, as well as involving young people in the Living Ads event.

Bernice M. Hardy made the presentation of the $2,000 to Lorenzo "Huggy Bear" Simpson, Jr. and his father.

Mattie Slowe, in her reminiscing, about the group, much of which drew chuckles, also presented an award for service to Carrolyn Glascoe, present Baltimore J.U.G.S.' president. She also announced the intended presentation of another award for service to Carleen Wilkes, who was absent.

A toast was offered by John Saunders, husband of J.U.G.S. member Jeanne Saunders.

Betty Dorsey, gave the closing thought in an original and touching poem, which summed up the love, the generosity, the unity, the service of the group, and gave honor to its founder.

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DELTA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is celebrating its 75th Diamond Jubilee. This sorority, started on the campus of Howard University by 22 women in 1913, has over 750 chapters and over 125,000 in the United States, Haiti, Liberia, Nassau, the Virgin Islands and West Germany.

On Saturday, March 5, 1988 at the Forum, Primrose Ave, Maryland's nineteen chapters will celebrate a joint Founder's Day.

These chapters are located on college campuses and in counties throughout the state. Membership averages over 25 members per chapter.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, president of SD Bishop Junior College in Mobile, Al., is the National First Vice President of Delta Sigma Theta.

Members of the Sorority include Dr. Thelma Daley, Dr. Rebecca Carroll, Mrs. Mary Demory, M's Lena Horne, M's Leontyne Price and M's Ruby Dee.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

In celebration of Black History Month, the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society, Inc. will present, "Black Authors in the Mainstream of American Literature," on Sunday, February 28, at 2:30 p.m., at the Liberty Medical Center's Helen Fuld Auditorium, located at 3101 Towanda Avenue. Admission is free.

The program will feature Evelyn Patterson Burrell, noted author of "Of Flesh and the Spirit." Her poignant, dynamic and moving collection of forty or more poems depict the physical and spiritual dimension of man and spans the good and bad sides of man's experience in this cosmos.

This outstanding author has a variety of literary forms ranging from the traditional sonnet, ode, and narrative to the modern haiku and cinquain.

A unique vision of life is expressed with a mixture of free verse and rhyme. The Honorable Elijah Cummings, delegate, and Professor Thomas J. Wilcox, instructor at Morgan State University, will critique the book.

The program will feature special appearances by Cleveland Chandler, young prodigy of the violin, and Trazana Beverly, the Tony Award Winner of Broadway's "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enough," and Philip Brown, author of "Separate But Equal."

Pattie Hodges

OUR WORLD EDITOR

PARTYLINE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

Recently, over 300 enthusiastic alumni and friends joined the members of the Howard L. Cornish Metropolitan Baltimore Chapter, Morgan State University Alumni Association, at the Forum to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Guest speaker, Dr. Joseph T. Durham, President, Community College of Baltimore and himself a consummate achiever, addressed the audience on the topic, "Are Martin's Dreams Being Fulfilled?" The answer was a rousing NO.

NO, because Martin dreamed of a world devoid of violence and hatred, yet, twenty years later Blacks killing Blacks and other crimes have reached alarming proportions.

NO, because Martin's dream of integrated public schools now show segregation to a greater degree than in 1954.

Regent Francis O. Gates and Dr. Earl S. Richardson, President of Morgan State University, promised Alumni that they would continue their determined efforts to maintain MSU's right to remain a strong and viable institution for higher education in this State. Dr. Richardson expressed his appreciation for the broad-based support and encouragement received from the Alumni.

The following individuals were honored by the Cornish Chapter: Dr. Nathan Carter received the Howard L. Cornish Chapter Anpreciation Award; Dr. Thelma Banks Cox received the Althea S. Cornish Appreciation Award; and Mr. Victor Frenkil, Sr. received the Howard L. Cornish Humanitarian Award. All of the awards were given in recognition of the recipient's service to Morgan State University and the community.

The Morgan choir's stirring rendition of "If I Can Help Somebody" and "The Lord Will Make A Way Somehow," had the audience clapping and rocking.

Dr. Clayton C. Stansbury, the emcee, carried the day with his wit and humor.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN HOLD WORSHIP DAY

The National Council of Negro Women, Greater Baltimore Section, held its' Annual Black History Month — Worship Day recently at the Enon Baptist Church.

The Rev. Arnold W. Howard is Acting Pastor.

It was Mission Sunday at Enon and the theme for the service, "Mission, Love In Action."

The speaker for the service was Mrs. Bertha G. Phillips, widow of the immediate past minister of Enon. Mrs. Phillips addressed the them, moving the congregation favorably toward the mission with her eloquent presentation.

Musical selections were rendered by the Sanctuary Choir. An impromptu and spontaneous singing of an old Negro Spiritual "Sit Down" by the president of the Missionary Society, Mrs. Madeline Miller, was a very moving experience.

Entwined in the service was the NCNW-CBS Black History Month Recognition Ceremony. The Council honored Educators, Humanitarians, Counselors, Leaders and Entrepreneurs from the Baltimore Community.

The Program co-ordinator/Second Vice President, Miss Edwardina Brown of NCNW made the presentations to the delight of the congregation.

She stated that the honorees were considered as guardians of "The Flame That Perpetuates The Legacy of Our Founder, Dr. Mary McCleod Bethune, Who Challenged us- To Accept Excellence As Our Standard."

The Outstanding Women honored were Mrs. Victorine Adams, Mrs. Sissy Bryant, Mrs. Evelyn Beasley, Mrs. Agnes Callum, Mrs. Bea Gaddy, Miss Essie Hughes, the Rev. Cecelia Bryant, Mrs. Odel Payne, and Mrs. Mildred L. Nelson, posthumously.

Chairperson for the Worship Day activities was Odel Payne. Mamie C. Jones is President of the Greater Baltimore Section, NCNW.

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THE CITIZENS CELEBRATING BALTIMORE CHOIR render vibrant music during the love concert presented by them on Valentine's Day.

(Photo by Bruce Smallwood)

Citizens celebrating Baltimore Choir celebrates love

Citizens' Celebrating Baltimore, Baltimores' first show choir, were presented in a love concert on Valentines Day. The show was called "Lets Celebrate Love." The show choir, under the direction of Hugh Carey, transformed the C. C. B. Harbor Campus auditorium into a Valentines Day Fantasy Land.

They sang, danced, and acted their way into the hearts of a standing room only crowd in excess of 200 people.

During the show, the choir paused to honor 17 loving couples. The loving couples were drawn from the friends and families of the choir members. Each loving couple was invited to the stage by the Citizens who invited them. Each couple was sent a formal handwritten invitation.

Without their knowledge, 10 of the couples, friends were also invited. While on stage, each person was given a gift and a proclamation from the Mayor.

With their singing, dancing, and acting, the choir brought Anthony and Cleopatra, Porgy and Bess, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and the lovers from the movie "Picnic" to Living - breathing life before the very eyes of their audience.

The women in the group were dressed in long skirts with a sophisticated split. The Black skirt was coordinated with a white blouse having long, luxurious sleeves and high ruffled collars. The Men were in white tuxedo jackets, black formal pants, red bow ties and cummerbands.

During the Finale, choir members went into the audience and brought their special loved one to the stage while the choir sang "My Funny Valentine."

MRS. BETSY SIMON (C) Cornish Chapter member, looks on as Lorenzo Felder (L) President, Howard L. Cornish, Metropolitan Baltimore Chapter MSU Alumni Association presents an Appreciation Award to Dr. Joseph T. Durham, President, Community College of Baltimore, at a recently held MLK Scholarship Breakfast.

HONOREE THELMA BANKS COX (L) is seen with Dr. Earl S. Richardson, President, Morgan State University and Catherine P. Stansbury, Cornish Chapter member.

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SIGMA GAMMA RHO SPONSORS BLACK HISTORY ACTIVITY

The Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. sponsored a Black History Activity for sixty elementary school students.

A field trip to the Baltimore Museum of Art on February 19, 1988 culminated a writing contest in which students in the third grade classes at Rosemont Elementary Shool were the participants. Dr. Norman Smith is principal of the school.

Rosemont pupils were encouraged to develop essays about selected Black Americans, including Dr. George Washington Carver whom the sorority emphasizes on a national basis. Essay criteria included structure, neatness and evidence of comprehension of the research materials used.

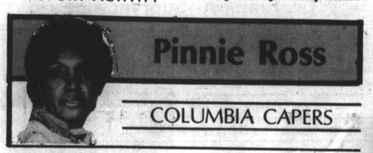
At the Baltimore Museum of Art, the students, their teachers and supportive parents toured the Black History Exhibits, guided by docents highly capable of interacting with youthful elementary children. following the tour, students retired to Garden Room where they listened to Black History oriented stories told by Soror Verna Day.

The winners of the writing contest were announced and awarded prizes, and students who proved masters at the Black History games and quizzes received additional prizes. Winners were Justine Featherstone, LaTosca McCulloh, Lorin Barnes and Tyneka Howard.

On Presidents' Day, members of Alpha Alpha Sigma, were part of the audience for Governor William Donald Schaefer on the "People Are Talking" Show. After this program, Soror Mary West Miller taped a public service announcement promoting the museum activity.

The essay contest and museum tour were exemplary of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's commitment to the intellectual development of young people, especially regarding the Black culture.

Soror Sonia Lynch, a staff member at the Rosemont school served as chairperson, and committee members included Verna Day, Hortense Franklin, Julia Medley, Frankie Miller, Ethel Thomas, and Betty White. Patelle G. Harris is Chapter Basileus.



Pinnie Ross

COLUMBIA CAPERS

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR ENROUTE TO AUSTRIA

Columbian Jean Toomer, one of our first residents and a civil rights activist/community leader, has gotten together politicians, educators, community leaders and friends in general to support the Eastern High School Choir's Austrian tour.

The choir will be in concert at Howard High School on April 17 at 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Toomer lived in Washington, DC prior to moving to Columbia in 1969. Clarence is a District of Columbia native. Now you can see why Jean is anxious to support the District's all Black Eastern High School choir. Jean would work hard as usual to aid all Black youth.

ABOUT EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL

Eastern High School is located at the end of East Capitol Street near the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium. I understand that about two thirds of its students qualify for the federal free lunch program. They are residents of Wards 6, 7 and 8 where about 24 percent of the families are below the poverty level according to documents from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development.

The Eastern High School Choir has more than 60 voices and has been invited to represent the United States at the 17th International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna during the month of July.

This special invitation to participate in this world music festival has been extended to 36 high schools in North America. Eastern was selected because of its outstanding performance at the Eastern Division of the National Music Educators Conference in 1987.

The cost of the trip is approximately $160,000.00.

The invitation is not only an honor for the school and the choir but for the District of Columbia as well.

Travel abroad for these 70 deserving students surely is an educational experience which will broaden their horizons most certainly enhance the quality of life for them; and most Baltimore residents also agree.

All of the monies from the Friends of Eastern High School concert will be used for travel expenses, room and board and uniforms.

An official fundraising committee has been formed with four honorary chairs and one general chair in the District. Mayor Marion Barry heads the list, which includes former superintendent Floretta McKenzie, former School Board President R. David Hall and Capitol Hill Merchants and Professional Association chair Dan Denton.

Each member of the choir is involved in fundraising as well as the more than 50 Friends of Eastern High School. Each student is expected to raise $500.00. At the end of the fundraising a souvenir booklet will list all contributors and will include their photographs.

The choir is directed by Joyce Garrett who has taught at Eastern for 15 years. Garrett says, "No one will believe that a group of students from 17th and East Capitol Streets would have the opportunity to represent the United States of America." She is like a mother to all of the students in the choir.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT

The choir has made other notable accomplishments in addition to receiving the invitation to the International Youth and Music Festival. They include a certificate of excellence from the Eastern Division of the National Music Educators Conference; first place in the National High School Gospel Choir competition in New York, an excellence citation by the Washington Magazine, superior rating at the DC City-wide Music Festival and performances at the home of Vice President George Bush and at the Omega Talent Hunt in New York.

We welcome the Eastern High School Choir and super director Garrett to Columbia for we are truly Howard County Friends of Eastern High School.

Admission is only $5.00 for all seats. Patrons are listed for $25.00 or more.

Call Jean Toomer for more information on 730-3334.

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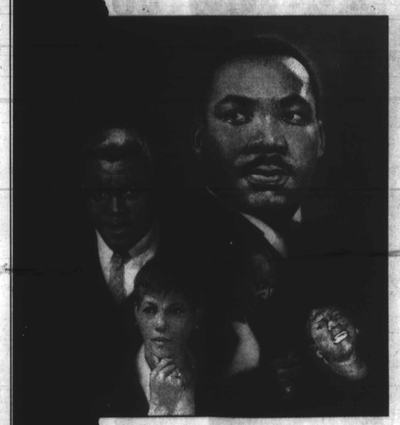

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