Our World

Freedom Chapter:
ABWA holds Woman of the Year luncheon-fashion show

AIRING FABULOUS FASHIONS during the fashion segment of the Woman of the Year Luncheon-Fashion Show hosted by the Freedom Chapter, American Business Women's Association are (from L): Edna Moseley, Cee Cee Stokes, Donyelle Dorsey, ('Ms. Black Maryland') and Arlinda Harris.

LINDA JANEY (R) is presented Freedom Chapter's 'Woman of the Year' award by Debbie Wright, Money Team reporter, WJZ-TV.

Photos by John H. Murphy III

DONNA JANEY (L) chairperson for the event presents Pattie Hodges Berry with an Appreciation Award.

By Pattie Hodges Berry

Opening up the spring season with great warmth and camaraderie was the Freedom Chapter, American Business Women's Association at ABWA's annual Woman of the Year Luncheon-Fashion Show.

Held Saturday, March 19 at the Forum, Primrose Ave. from 12 noon until 3 p.m., the affair was superb in every way.

There were cocktails, during which members and their guests chatted animately. There was a luncheon of fine food which was savored with zest.

There were fabulous fashions — fashions — and more fashions, most of which had been designed by Catherine Wooten, and some from Seton Hill Boutique, there were luxurious furs by Fred, of Fred and Fur Vault, all gloriously aired by local professional models and members of ABWA, Freedom Chapter.

Those with Easter outfits in mind got an eyeful. Betty Dorsey was commentator for the fashion segment of the afternoon.

There were awards. Linda C. Janey, a dynamo of a businesswoman, a planner for the State of Maryland Department of Planning who also deals in sales, skin care products and free lance and proposal writing, was presented the Freedom Chapter's

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ON THE COMMITTEE for the Women of the Year luncheon - fashion show are (seated, from L): Edna Mosley, Cee Cee Stokes and Theresa Krause. (Standing L to R): Chrystal Matthews, Gwen Kellam, Betty Dorsey, Nancy Saunders, J. D. Timmons, Linda Janey and Donna Janey. Not pictured is Gayle Westmoreland.

BLSA hosts annual Awards Banquet

FUN WITH BLSA—Having a great time during the annual awards banquet hosted recently by the Black Law Students Association at the Sheraton, Inner Harbor are (L to R): the Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, Karen Johnson, Stephanie Henderson and Congressman Kweisi Mfume, guest speaker for the occasion.

Photos by Bruce Smallwood

JUDGE MICHAEL LEE enjoys a private joke with (from L): Karen Jones and Alicia Brumbaugh.

DR. LEVI WATKINS (L) is seen with (L to R): Atty. Juanita Mitchell, Sylvester Cox and Atty. Larry Gibson.

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA), of the University of Maryland School of Law hosted its 13th annual awards banquet, Friday, March 4, at the Sheraton Hotel downtown.

More than 300 friends, family members, and supporters of BLSA were on hand for the event which honored four distinguished guests for their contributions to BLSA and to society.

Congressman Kweisi Mfume

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Pattie Hodges
OUR WORLD EDITOR

PARTYLINE

CALVIN RHUE'S MARK FIRST ANNIVERSARY

To show and share with many of their family members and friends the love and happiness that they've had in their first year of holy matrimony Calvin and Vera Rhue gave an anniversary party Saturday, March 12.

To start the evening Vera modeled her gown — the beautiful gown she wore a year ago (but which seemed according to Vera, like only yesterday) when she went down the aisle to take her husband's hand. The gown, made of lace, satin, boasted pearl buttons down the back and a five-foot long train.

Vera says, "As my husband held my hand walking down the steps a year later I recreated March 7, 1987, in my mind all over again. The happiness, joy, love and of course the nervousness had all come to the forefront of my mind."

She added, "And here we stand a year later with lots of freinds and family members, beautifully decorated tables, pretty flower arrangements, ceiling decorations, champagne and a lovely sheet cake with a big red heart in the middle and two doves — repesenting us, Calvin and Vera."

There were drinks, an abundance of food, including ham, turkey, barbequed chicken, string beans potato salad, corn, rolls, pies and everyone's favorite, peach cobbler.

The music was played by Davis' D.J.'s and the feet didn't stop tapping 'till the music stopped playing.

Flashbulbs were flashing, the video camera was rolling. Even the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper's photographer stopped by to take pictures.

The Rhues repeated their wedding vows while exchanging gifts with a few added words of love from their hearts to each other.

Calvin gifted Vera with two lovely dresses and said, "When I saw the dresses, I fell in love with them. I pictured all the love and beauty in you through these dresses and as I will say a million and one times, I love you."

The Rhue's first anniversary was a night to remember.

They would like to thank everyone for the wonderful presents, for sharing the night with them, and for helping with all the hard planning and hard work.

Special thanks from them go to the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper photographer, for finding the time to stop in; Alberta Williams, for the beautiful flowers; Davis D.J.'s, for the delightful tunes; Janet, for doing such a great job of video taping the entire affair; Kendish

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augmented the evening cited the history of the black judiciary in Maryland and congratulated the organization on its growth and achievements. Even with all of the progress made, Mfume concluded that there is still much more to be done.

"To maintain justification, we must move beyond the legacy of the past. You've crossed a river BLSA, now you've got to cross a sea," he said.

"Congressman Mfume addressed our theme with vigor and everyone seemed to find him stimulating and motivating," BLSA President Karen Johnson said.

Designed to offer support to black law students, BLSA is the largest black student organization in America.

"We are successful in getting distinguished members of the legal community to attend our banquet, but we would like to see more students attending," Johnson said.

Recipients of thisyear's awards included University of Maryland Law Professor Alice Brumbaugh, Hopkins faculty member Dr. Levy Watkins, Chief Judge Michael Lee of the Orphan's Court, and pioneer attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell.

Brumbaugh was chosen for the Teaching Excellence award because of her constant willingness to help students. Watkins received the community service award, in large part because of his contributions in the area of heart disease, particularly as it appears in blacks. Judge Lee pledged his continued devotion to BLSA as he accepted the Service to BLSA award. She is the first black woman to practice law in Maryland.

Following dinner and awards presentations, many of the young attendees remained for an annual traditional finger-popping disco.

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'Woman of the Year' Award by Debbie Wright, Money Team news reporter, WJZ-TV. Linda received a trophy and a bouquet of flowers. She is eligible to compete for the 1988 Top Ten business Women of ABWA Award. Former winners of the chapter's Woman of the Year Award were also recognized and presented awards.

There was even an Appreciation Award for this writer (who was thrilled and thankful) and for Debbie Wright.

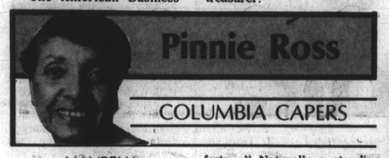
The afternoon, so invigorating with such an atmosphere of friendliness, passed all too quickly.

Greetings were by Donna T. Janey chairperson, who presided; the Occasion by Gayle Westmoreland, the invocation by J. D. Timmons and acknowledgements by Melanie Shaw, president, ABWA, Freedom Chapter.

The American Business Women's Association is a non-union, non-partisan, nonsectarian and non-profit organization. Founded in 1949, it now has 2,100 chapters. Freedom Chapter was chartered on June 1978. The objective of the Association shall be to grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

On the Woman of the Year Committee were: Donna T. Janey, Chairperson; Betty Dorsey, Linda Janey, Gwendolyn Kellam, Theresa Krause, Chrystal D. Matthews, Edna Mosley, M. Nancy Saunders, Cecelia Stokes, J. E. Timmons and Gayle Westmoreland.

Freedom Chapter Officers are: Melanie Shaw, president; Patricia Davis, vice-president; Deborah R. Knight, recording secretary; Salome Peters, corresponding secretary and Lisa Gee, treasurer.



Pinnie Ross
COLUMBIA CAPERS

NANPBW FOUNDERS' DAY

It was a beautiful day last Sunday when the energetic ladies of the National Association of Negro Professional and Business Women's Clubs, Inc. presented their annual Founder's Day Awards Luncheon at the Columbia Hilton Hotel.

"Moving Into Action With New Directions" was the theme chosen by the National Organization and perfectly carried out by the Columbia Section.

The program was dedicated to the memory of E. Josephine Lowery, the last District Governor who passed four months ago.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Vera I. Wilson, vice president of the club presided and gave the Founder's Day greeting. Greetings also came from Jocelyn Chaney, President of the Columbia Young Adult Club. Lisa Corbett, the young lady with the golden voice, gave two musical renditions accompanied by Rayna Woolford.

Miss Talented Teen Maryland, cute little Caya Lewis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Lewis, did a tap dance routine which brought thunderous applause from the audience. Mrs. Pinnie L. Ross introduced the guest speaker.

THE CONGRESSMAN SPEAKS

The guest speaker for the occasion was the Honorable Kweisi Mfume, Congressman from the Seventh Congressional District for the State of Maryland.

"Moving into action with new directions, unless we know what directions we really want to go, then it doesn't matter" Mfume said as he stood tall and straight and waxed, eloquent and articulate. "This is a strange world that we live in, it's a world where both definition and direction can change overnight. But if we are not careful, that which we seek may be used against us and that which we have sacrificed for may be taken away.

"We fought the evil of discrimination only to be told that the court's definition of it existed in reverse. And that became both the purpose and the premise for the action of denial and the end to the affirmation action efforts...." Naturally a standing ovation came at the end of the Congressman's dynamic speech.

Dr. Daphane Harrison Comegys, Club President, author and professor of Black History at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County presented a beautiful plaque to our guest speaker.

AWARD RECIPIENTS 1988

The Rev. Dr. John L. Wright, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Guilford and the dynamic President of the Maryland State Conference of Branches of the NAACP was presented the Man of the Year Award. Mrs. Mary H. Bracey graciously accepted the Professional Award. She is a Regional Counselor with the District of Columbia Public Schools and the Club Corresponding Secretary. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mrs. Muriel Mitchell, an Assistant Principal and Reading Specialist with the Montgomery County Public Schools and the Club's Membership Chairperson. The lovely Mrs. Agnes Carter, wife of the late Mr. Roger Carter and owner of the Carter's Bus Service was the Business Award recipient. Her company services customers in Howard and Baltimore Counties and the City of Baltimore.

The Special Appreciation Award was presented to Mrs. Jean W. Toomer, Executive Secretary to the Howard County Human Rights Commission and Director of the Office of Human Rights. Ms. Jocelyn Chaney, President of the Club's Young Adult Club and Financial Services Trainee at ITT received the Young Adult Club Award.

All of the awards were presented by Club founder Celonia B. Walden. Miss Rita J. Mimms recognized the Special Guests. Mary Bracey and Doris Brown were responsible for the door prizes. And Oh what wonderful prizes the guests received!

A special presentation was made by this writer to those diligent committee workers who labored long and hard to make the program a success.

The program was closed with remarks by President Comegys.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

GIVE TO THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE AND THE BEST WILL COME BACK TO YOU.

—Partyline

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Hassen, Vera's niece, for doing the announcements, and last, but not least, William Stewart, who melted Vera's heart when he sang 'One In A Million' to the couple as an anniversary gift.

90th B'DAY FETE

The Forum, Primrose Ave. was recently the scene of fun and celebration on the occasion of Mark A. Powell's 90th birthday. Friends young and old gathered to reminisce and toast the honoree.

Hosts for the event were his wife, Blanche Powell and four close friends — James T. Dorsey, Samuel T. Daniels, Ronald D. Scott and Harry L. Macer. The affair was a sit-down dinner for approximately 200 guests.

Samuel Daniels was emcee for the evening's events.

There was an exhibit of photographs and snapshots showing Mark from teenage years to the present.

Tributes and citations were brought by persons who have known Mark Powell for many years. These included Mrs. Cleoda Walker from the Cherry Hill/Cherry Dale community; Mrs. Gladys Greene from the Mt. Winans community; Albert Beads from Mt. Winans United Methodist Church; Lorenzo Felder from the Ashburton neighborhood; Richard Davison from the Mt. Royal Management Corp. and Charles E. Powell, representing the Powell family.

Other program participants included the Rev. Marion C. Bascom, pastor, Douglas Memorial Community Church, and the five hosts and hostess.

One high point of the evening was the introduction of Mark's sisters and brothers to the guests. Mark, as many recall, is one of 11 siblings. Three — Estella Hawkins, Walter Powell and George Powell are deceased.

Eight of the sisters and brothers are still living. They are James Powell, Julia Brown, Ruth Nophlin, Theodore Powell, Charles Powell, Erma Hebron and Dorothy Jackson. They range in age from 90 down to 64. Four are in their eighties, one is ninety, one is seventy and two are in their sixties. Upon being presented, they received a standing ovation.

The evening ended in a "roast" for the honoree.

Music for dining and dancing was provided by The Big Blues Band, under the direction of Vernon Wolst.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Marolyn Quarles of Ettrick, VA: Arnold Redmond, Bristol Heights, MD; Willie Appling, Upper Marlboro, MD; Miss Gladys Williams, Havre de Grace, MD and Mrs. Laura Greene, Aberdeen, MD.

SOCIETY'S SHOWCASE

The Society, Inc., Baltimore Chatper will present its premier Showcase of Young Artists on Monday, April 4, at 11:30 a.m. at the Engineers' Club, 11 Mount Vernon Pl.

The participants are:

Melvin King, artists, 9th Grade student at Northwestern High School;

Jennifer Richeson, ballet dancer, 10th Grade student at Western High School;

Cameron Kambon, pianist, 9th Grade student at St. Paul's High School;

Khari Kambon, Artist (various media), 7th Grade student at Falstaff Middle School;

Jayfus Tucker Doswell, Violinist - Pianist. 16 year old student at Baltimore City College,

Jacqueline Washington, Violinist, 11 year old student at Garrison Forest Middle School - member of the Middle School Ensemble;

Stephanie Lansey, Dramatist, 5th Grade student at the Arlington Baptist Middle School - member of the Arena Players Youth Theater. Dramatic Bible Prose - Seventy Time Seventy Ballet - Pianist - Big Sisters, and Cleveland Chandler, Jr., 16 year old junior at the Baltimore School for the Arts and a student of the violin at the Peabody.

For further information call: Mrs. Janet Woolridge, 664-6106.

Photo by John H. Murphy III

FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED — In her wedding gown Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rhue (Vera) are more in love one year later. Friends helped them celebrate recently in their Morley St. home.

HONOREE MARK A. POWELL who celebrated his 90th birthday recently at the Forum, Primrose Ave. with nearly 200 friends and family members poses with his wife and hostess Blanche R. Powell.

Jacqueline Washington violinist

Stephanie C. Lansey dramatist

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