FEMININE ACCENT

Virginia Social Whirl

Links raise umbrellas for friendship

By Estelle Clarke

PETERSBURG, LINKS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

Under the umbrella of friendship, reflections and delightful amenities, the Petersburg Chapter of Links, Inc. recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary with high style and glittering elegance.

Approximately 275 Links. Connecting Links and guests gathered in the second floor Atrium of the Omni Hotel in Richmond, on Sunday, May 20. At a 6 p.m., a cocktail hour served as the "opener" for this festive occasion. Beautiful background music was provided by Pianist James Branch.

Moving into the Banquet Room, Link Ann C. Taylor, Chapter President, welcomed those in attendance and Link Mildred Hayes offered the invocation.

Following a sumptuous dinner Link Betty King Obiajulu, Eastern Area Director, extended special greetings. Links Margaret G. Dabney and Myrtle M. Dunn presented historical reflections of past years of service, friendship and fun.

Link Ann C. Taylor honored charter members - Eastern Area Vice President, Link Marietta H. Cephas, Links Cleopatra W. Armstrong, Alma Brown, Josephine W. Jones, Uarda Parnell and Helen S. Williams.

Link Gwendolyn D. Robbins introduced special Link guests including past Eastern Area Director Link Mignon Johnson of the Arlington Chapter.

Music by the Carlton Blount band provided the setting for enjoyable dancing by all.

Chapter members are Ann C. Taylor, President; Doris W. Adkins, Vice-President; Cynthia N. Snugg, Recording secretary; Langhorne J. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary; Madge H. Allen, Financial Secretary; Gwendolyn D. Robbins, Treasurer; LaVerne Goodridge, Archivist; Margaret G. Dabney, Parliamentarian; Mildred S. Hayes, Chaplain; Cleopatrica W. Armstrong, Jocelyn M. Barnwell., Evelyn L. Barry, Antoinette B. Boone, Blanche W. Bridge, Luberta G. Caldwell, Marietta H. Cephas, Ruby C. Cooley, Elizabeth A. Cooper, Dayle T. Dunn, Myrtle M. Dunn, Ola M. Edmonds, Felicia B. Greenfield, Lillian W. Jenkins, Carrie W. Johnson, Margaret C. Johnson, Alice T. Jones, Josephine W. Jones, Hermione Carter King, Marguerite S. Long, Maggie B. Nelson, Faye J. Nicholas, Elizabeth H. Sanders, Helen C. Sparks, Sandra A. Vaughan, Sybille L. Whitaker, Gertie B. Williams, Helen S. Williams and Doris W. Woodson.

This classic event was co-chaired by Cynthia N. Snuggs and Gwendolyn D. Robbins with Langhorne J. Anderson, Blanche W. Bridge, Margaret C. Dabney, Dayle T. Dunn, Gertie B. Williams, and Doris W. Woodson."

RICHMOND URBAN LEAGUE GUILD

The Richmond Urban League Guild held their monthly meeting at the Urban League Headquarters on last Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Deloris Green, the president, presided.

The new officers for 1988-1989 were installed by Randolph C. Kendall, Jr., Executive Director of the Richmond Urban League.

The slate of new officers: President, Mrs. Lillian D. Green; Vice President, Mrs. Marjorie D. Brown; Recording Secretary, Miss Dietra Bailey; Correspondence Secretary, Miss Karen Brown, Financial Secretary; Mr. Leory McIntyre; Treasurer, Francisco Newman, Jr. and Historian, George Wingfield.

The president expressed her appreciation to the Guild members who served as host and hostesses for the Richmond Urban League, Inc. 74th anniversary Meeting and Dinner at the Marriott Hotel. They were: Karen Brown, Marjorie Brown, Grace H. Charity, Alfred Delaney, Lillian D. Green, Grover C. Goodman, Jr., Carrie E. Jenkins, Beatrice Clark Jones, Francisco Newman, Shirley Smith and Elaine Twyman.

Plans were finalized for the Guild's picnic which will take place at the home of Guilder Henrietta Greene.

Lillian D. Green, the president, presented a plaque to each of the following persons for an outstanding performance while in office: Grace H. Charity, Elaine C. Twyman, Grover C. Goodman, Jr., Dorothy Bruce, Henrietta Greene, Francisco Newman, Catherine Ready, Vanessa Harris, Alease Payne, Nancy Jackson and Alfred Delaney.

A very enjoyable repass was served by the Host and Hostesses, Leroy McIntyre, Sallie J. Dance and Mary Dance. After which some brainstorming took place, preparing for the National Conference which will take place in Detroit, Michigan in August 1988.

Members president: Marjorie D. Brown, Nancy Jackson, Dee Bailey, Karen K. Brown, Leroy McIntyre, L. Delores Green, Grace Charity, Grover C. Goodman, Jr., Vanessa Harris, Keith J. Blair, Sallie J. Dance, Francisco Newman, George T. Winifred, Catherine M. Ready, Carrie E. Jenkins. Mary Dance and Dorothy Bruce.

Guest for this meeting was Mrs. Julia Brown.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Elvertt E. Gregg of Virginia Beach announced the engagement of their daughter. Tracey Laverne of Richmond to Eric Michael Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hunter of Richmond.

Miss Gregg was graduated from Norfolk Catholic high school and Virginia Commonwealth University. She made her debut at the bachelor Benedict Debutante Ball in Norfolk. She is presently an area supervisor for Shoney's of Richmond.

Hunter was graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and attended J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Virginia Commonwealth University. He is manager of Al Hunter Printing Company and is a member of the Virginia Air National Guard.

LINKS

The Richmond Chapter of Links, Inc. proudly announced the addition of two new members, Link Lisa Townes, daughter of Link Grace Townes and niece of Link Irma Browne and Link Lizbeth Hayes, daughter of Link Frances Hayes and niece of Link Ruth Gayles.

These two lovely ladies were installed at a lavish dinner party hosted by City Treasurer, Franklin Gayles and Link Ruth Gayles.

Prior to the installation ceremony they were entertained at an orientation session in the home of Link Eunice Wilder. Orientation was interspersed with reminiscent moments and frivolity followed by luncheon.

Members of the Richmond Chapter of Links are Pamela Royal, Frances Hayes, Laura Wesley, Verdelle Bradley, Thelma Hawkins, Betty Joelle Hawkins, Grace Townes, Mildred Tynes, Karen Savage, LeMoyne Savage, Pearl Wood and Ruth Gayles.

Also, Yvonne Carter, Fay Howlette, Glenyce Lewis, Beresenia Hills, Georgia Williams, Sandra Williams, Rizpah Welch, Marija Jones, Janet Ballard, Dorothy Chambers, Louis Carter, Angela Bowser, McEva Bowser, Joyce Melton, Loier Glasper, Wendolyn Johnson, Laura Bright, Julia Thornton, Kathryn Reid, Evelyn Kindle, Violet Winston, Carmen Foster, Delores Pretlow, Caroline Tucker, Lisa Townes, Lizbeth Hayes, Irma Browne, Diane Marsh and Eunice Wilder.

ALUMNI MEETING

A special call meeting of the John W. Barco Alumni Chapter of Virginia Union University was held on Tuesday, June 14. President Earl Turner presided.

Plans were made for the annual picnic and a reception for the incoming freshmen students from the Richmond area.

These projects will be held on Saturday, July 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Henderson Center and on the Patio. For additional information contact Carlisle Fields, acting alumni affairs director, 257-5720 or 257-5721.

Homecoming will be earlier this year, Sept. 17, 1988. The game will be with Hampton University.

Mrs. Marvin R. Edwards

Miss Pamela Alexander weds Marvin Edwards

Pamela Regina Alexander, daughter of Mr. Robert Alexander and Mrs. Loretta Alexander of Richmond became the bride of Marvin Ray Edwards, son of Ms. Edith H. Saddler of Richmond on June 4, in the First Independent Methodist Church. The Rev. John L. Harris officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and godfather, Mr. Leroy Hines, Jr.

The maid of honor was Margie Carter. The matron of honor was Tabetha Edwards. Bridesmaids were Selena Seay, Vanessa Jackson, Kim Smith, Yvette Onree, Gwen Gunter and Gizette Gunter, all of Richmond.

Antonio Hall of Richmond was the best man. Music was rendered by Sterling Hines.

A reception was held at the Days Inn, Brook Road.

Sharon Swainson

Va. model selected by hair firm

CHICAGO — Sharon Swainson, a 22-year-old Fairfax, Va., native was crowned the 1988-89 grand prize winner of the Johnson Products Company's Sixth Annual Gentle-Treatment Model Search Contest. Ms. Swainson was one of seven finalists from across the nation chosen from more than 5,000 entries in this year's contest.

The first prize winner was Debra Cutler of Tampa, Fla.

Since its inception in 1982, the contest has attracted more than 30,000 young women interested in entering the fields of fashion and modeling.

Johnson Products Co., Inc., an industry leader in ethnic hair care and cosmetics, manufactures Ultra Sheen, Ultra Star and Gentle-Treatment products.

Ms. Swainson is a student at George Mason University in Fairfax where she will graduate with a degree in English in August. While pursuing her studies, Sharon is the producer and on-camera hostess of a local cable-TV sports program in Manassas, Va.

An accomplished pianist, drummer and singer, she is one of seven children. Her ultimate goal is to be a National Football League sports commentator.

In addition to a cash prize of $5,000 Ms Swainson receives a professional modeling contract from Johnson Products Co., Inc., as well as serving as the national spokesperson for the Gentle-Treatment brand of products during her reign.

NEW DIRECTOR — Ms. Rasheedah Sabreen Ali has been named director of corporate communications, Apache Division, Southwest Gas Corporation in Tucson, Ariz. A native New Yorker, Ms. Ali attended Hunter College in New York and took a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Arizona. She is active with several civil rights and professional organizations. Ms. Ali is married and has four children

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CANCER (June 21-July 21): Wednesday is your only favorable day during the first part of this week. And both Thursday and Friday may find you in a more annoying mood than normally so. Beginning late Sunday evening, the stage for more favorable conditions and opportunities should be set - and will continue way into next week.

LEO (July 22-August 20): Both Thursday and Friday cosmically are favorable for forming a private alliance and dealing with matters of money or career. As the Monday and Tuesday, you may feel in the best of moods, but Saturday and Sunday, into Monday of next week promise to be much better.

VIRGO (August 21-September 21): Care of the greatest kind has to be exercised this week should you be asked to sign legal papers - or else you could wind up going around in circles. This coming Saturday and Sunday are the only two favorable days you have. Watch out for Monday and Tuesday - don't let others get on your nerves.

LIBRA (September 22-October 20): Cosmically both Thursday and Friday are indicated as stressful in the extreme. Be on guard against deception from others, and possible money loss. The following day afterwards will be considerably better, especially after the weekend, for making important changes and improving your present condition.

SCORPIO (October 21-November 21): Both Wednesday and Thursday are excellent for getting into the nuts and bolts of any situation. However, Saturday and Sunday are cosmically stressful and therefore should be handled accordingly. The opening days of next week are mild.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Misplaced trust could be a problem if not properly anticipated on Wednesday. Friday and Saturday should be a cinch by comparison. Monday and Tuesday of next week tells an entirely different story. Stay alert against deceptions, pettiness and possible slander to your name.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Monday and Tuesday are the only days that could possibly be out of synch with the rest of your cosmic week. Act accordingly as far as money matters are concerned. After the days you should be sitting in the driver's seat.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Between now and Friday you should expect financial help to come your way. It may not be in a big way, but helpful nonetheless. The weekend is likely to put a damper on things, though, so it's best not to expect much. Monday and Tuesday of next week should be favorable.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Like Aries and Taurus, you have the best aspects to make transitions in your life, along with financial potential. Opportunities are present for meeting influential or authoritative types of persons who just may be of help to get you to that next step.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): This week should be extremely favorable for you from end to end. Wednesday and Thursday are especially noteworthy from the standpoint of finances. Monday and Tuesday of next week should be good for relationships of all kinds and enhancing your personal reputation.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20): Like your Aries brother or sister, you should have one of the best charts this week. Be receptive to money, gifts and favors from those especially in positions of authority. And Saturday and Sunday of this week should be especially favorable, so make the most of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Aspects for Wednesday look a little uncertain, so stay alert to advice given to you. The next two days are considerably better by comparison for any financial dealings. Thursday and Friday are extremely favorable days for making transitions and boosting your name and aim.

Pen Pals

Need a friend? Single male, 40, 5'11", 185 pounds, presently incarcerated, but will be free in near future. College education,vast interests. Immediate goal, pursuing career in journalism, seeks correspondence from career oriented females. Willing to write regularly for possible future friendship. Can send photo upon request. Write soon. Darius Marcus, 167-831, MCI-H, Rt. 3, Box 2000, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

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Black male interested in meeting lonely black college males, females, for sociable relationship. For more, write to: Jose Pedro-Amaz Harrison, 4228 Loch Raven Road, Baltimore, MD 21218.

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Incarcerated female would like to establish friendship through correspondence. I enjoy basketball, baseball and travels. Debra Nelson, 1479 Collins Avenue, Marysville, OH 43040.

29-year-old confined male would like to establish friendship through correspondence. Glenn A. Nash, K-9366, Post Office Box 200, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

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Confined male, 36, seeks friendship through correspondence. Robert Thomas, K-9813, Post Office Box 200, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

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Lonely 37-year-old male, incarcerated would like to correspond with all sincere people. Donald Robinson, 160-028, P. O. Box 7010, H-2-A, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

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Lonely confined male, 32, would like to correspond with all who are interested in writing and friendship. Thomas Brant, F-8439, Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612-0286.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Lonesome Hearts
Pen Pals
Searching

To have a notice published in the Strictly Personal section, write the message you want printed clearly in the space below. Enclose five dollars ($5.00), check or money order for 25-word notice. Additional words will cost 20 cents each.

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Lonesome Hearts

Middleaged male, employed, churchgoer and sincere would like to meet sincere female, 50, in the North Carolina area. For more, write to CC 54.

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Loving, Christian black female, 40, 5'11", lives life in a varied fashion - sharing and exploring avenues of others as well. I like being independent and dependent. Interested in meeting a male companion and friend, preferably in Richmond, VA area who is open, caring, loving and willing to accept me as I am. If possible, send telephone number in first letter. CC 55.

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Lonely, Christian lady, 78-year-old retired teacher, would like to meet Christian gentleman, minister or deacon for friendship in Virginia. For more, write to CC 56.

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Professionally employed gentleman, 45, 5'10", 155 pounds, thoughtful, loving and understanding, would like to meet Virginia lady for meaningful relationship, possible marriage. CC 57.

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42-year-old black female, professional, would like to meet an honest, caring, down-to-earth gentleman for a meaningful relationship. CC 58.

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Lonely, handicapped black lady seeks friendship with interested gentlemen, black or white through correspondence. Respond to CC 49.

Christian female, 38, would like to meet relatively handsome, black male, who is sincere, honest and family oriented. CC 50.

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Handsome, 33-year-old, 6', slim, light complexioned, bearded, English teacher, SBM, seeks attractive, affectionate, clean, down-to-earth female. Non-drinking, smoking or drugs. Phone and photo appreciated. Will reciprocate. Washington, DC area. CC 51.

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Good looking, lean, professional black male, 34, 5'11", desires attractive, intelligent, warm-hearted, Islamically-oriented female. Photo and phone number requested. All serious replies will be answered. For more, write to CC 52.

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63-year-old lady, 5'2", 120 pounds, sincere, would like to correspond with interested, sincere gentleman, 55-65 for meaningful relationship. No drug users. For more, write to CC 53.

Searching

Anyone knowing whereabouts of Susie White, Mary White, Patricia Gale or Lisa White, contact P. J. Hairston, SSgt., USAF, PCS Box 3368, APO San Francisco 96399-0006.

Tell it to Jan

If you have a problem you feel our counselor Jan might be able to help you with, why not write to her. All letters will be answered in this column.
Write: Tell it to Jan, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21201.

Dear Jan:

I am 38 and my boyfriend is 37. We have been going together for four years.

Before I met him, I had three children. Now I have a ten-month baby by him. I work two jobs and I stay home all the time.

Jan, for the past two years he has been staying out all night on weekends. He doesn't come home until the next day. However, he does give me his paycheck.

My problem is he doesn't spend any time with me. He says he stays with a friend. I think he is messing around with another woman. I cannot take it anymore.

He says that he loves me, but he doesn't act like it. What must I do?

Nicole

Dear Nicole:

The only thing you can do is put him out since you said you are buying the house. However, you'd better think twice about that because there's not many men out here who will give a woman his whole paycheck to provide for children who don't belong to him.

You'd better consider yourself lucky to find such a person. You don't know a good thing when you've got it.

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Dear Jan:

I am 12 and I'm enrolled in Baltimore County school.

I was suspended last month. My parents were very upset and I got a beating that same day. The problem is, everytime I get in trouble I get a beating. My parents never sit down and talk with me. Sometimes they say "Don't speak to me. You're not my son!" I'm really hurt inside, but my parents don't seem to bother or pay any attention to how I feel.

M. T.

Dear M. T.:

Have you ever thought about pleasing your parents and staying out of trouble? I think that would solve the whole thing and the relationship with them would be much better.

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Dear Jan:

I am 26 and my friend is 28. We have been going together for three years. I have two sons, the youngest one is his.

We broke up about seven months ago, but we are still the best of friends.

The problem is I find myself loving this man more now than before we actually broke up. We talk about our relationship, past and present.

We don't plan to live together again. However, he comes over and stays a few days at a time and everything is back the way it was before we called it quits.

I know that he sees other women. I also see other men. We do, however, remain friendly.

Jan, I find myself wanting to give up, but I know my love for this man just won't let me. Believe me, I have tried. We have such a good time together and the feeling is mutual. He's someone special and I feel with time, he will want us to be together again.

He hasn't come right out to say so, but his actions and attitude prove otherwise.

Sometimes I want to simply forget this man and get on with my life. He tells me to be strong. Presently, our relationships seem more meaningful. I am more settled and my head is on straight.

Since we've been apart, I have taken a second look at ourselves — we are more open. We communicate better. Perhaps with a little more time we can enjoy life as a whole. I really don't intend to spend the rest of my life waiting on this man.

Knowing how we both feel, I think it's just that we both need this time and space between us to get to know each other differently.

Really he's not a hard man to live with. He provides for the kids. He's not the type to run around with every woman and he does respect me and the kids.

I am not into any other relationship. What do you think? Am I wrong for feeling this way?

Confused

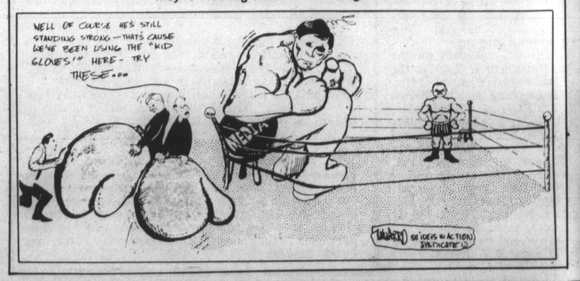
Dear Confused:

There's nothing wrong about how you feel.

If you enjoy each other without commitments, then go to it. Often relationships sour when there's an overload of obligations like going steady indefinitely, living together or a feeling one shouldn't go out at all without the other.

If you enjoy this relationship, why change?

Editorial cartoon on the Media's statement that they're treating Jesse with "kid gloves."



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