Woman Power conference

1988-89 OFFICERS FOR WOMAN POWER — Front, L-R Lillian Dorsey, President, Victorine Adams, Founder, Eula McKrimmon, 2nd. V.P. Rear, L-R Miki Johnson, Treasurer, Hortense Henry, Assistant Treasurer, Joyce Smith, Member-at-Large, Betty Warren, Financial Secretary, Anita Stenette, Historian.

Woman Power, Inc. held its 30th Annual Conference recently co-chaired by Mrs. Shirley Fisher, Mrs. Barbara Jackson and Mrs. Adrienne Jones.

This year's theme was "Three Decades of Leadership: Political Action, Community Involvement, Educational Commitment."

Following the morning workshops, the audience had a chance to review a very detailed display, depicting activities of Woman Power over the past 30 years. The display was set up by Mrs. Shirley Fisher with assistance from Mrs. Sammie Green.

In addition to the memory lane display, the audience was able to gather information on retirement and ballot issues from Mrs. Ruth Daniels. Also displayed were posters depicting Voter Awareness by our city school children.

The luncheon keynote speaker was Ms. Althea Simmons, Chief Lobbyist, Executive Director, Washington Bureau, NAACP who spoke on the need for blacks to become involved in the election process and where blacks are headed, 1990 and beyond.

Officers for Woman Power's 1988-89 year were installed by founder Victoria Adams for the National Chapter as well as the three-year-old Baltimore County Chapter.

The new officers installed at the luncheon for the National Chapter are Lillian Dorsey, President; Eria McKinnon, 2nd Vice President; Mikki Johnson, Treasurer; Hortense Henry, Assistant Treasurer; Anita Sterrette, Historian and Joyce Smith, Member-at-Large.

New Officers for the Northwest Baltimore County Chapter of Woman Power are Adrienne Jones, President; Hope Lewis, 1st Vice President.

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Mr. and Mrs. William March (Roberta) of March Funeral Homes presented AFRO's Mrs. Santa Ida Peters with check for $1,000 to help needy families on her list.

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity helped Mrs. Santa when they held their Christmas party at their December meeting. They collected wonderful new tot toys for Mrs. Santa. Above seated, Larry Ward, treasurer; Anthony Workman, Polaris; Joshua Bessicks, vice-polaris; Dorian Walker. Rear from (L), Jerry O. Pe Pittman, committee chair; Michael Paylor, Ricky Westbrook, Paul Brooks, Clifton Burant, and Gary Neverdon, Sr.

It's not too late to help a needy family!

By Ida Peters

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters is in her workshop very late tonight trying to figure out how to help all her families. We are gearing up on FAITH that you and you and you will help her make her goal.

This week Mrs. Santa met with Lt. Seay of the Maryland National Guard and made arrangements to pick up truck loads of new toys from the Metro West Building of Social Security Administration.

Starting Wednesday, The Guard will be delivering 200 baskets donated by the Korean Businessmen's Association. All plans are GO to help everyone who has written to Mrs. Santa or been referred.

How can you help!

Bring your collected canned goods to our office. We will add chickens and bread and recycle to various key agencies.

Please, we urge elderly citizens NOT to try and help people by themselves. Select the case you want and be sure to take someone with you when you deliver.

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The Social Security Administration Toy Drive to help the AFRO Mrs. Santa Program has been a roaring success at Woodlawn and Metro West. You still have time to bring a toy thru Friday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m.

The good neighbors who are coordinators of Holiday Projects at SSA are:

Metro West, Virginia Parron; Dickinson, Vernon Savoy and Stan Keasal; NCC, Diane Coucher and Main Complex, Monica Allen and Mike Reynolds. SSA has a Holiday Tree Program; the Toy Drive for AFRO's Mrs. Santa; and Parties for the community. They will hosts parties for children, December 20 and one for senior citizens, Dec. 21.

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THANKS to Dr. Catherine L. Washington, the dentist in Sutton Place Apartments. Her patients are bringing canned goods to help AFRO's Mrs. Santa.

Orchids to Mod 17, Social Security Administration in the Metro West Building. They have adopted one of Mrs. Santa's families. The group includes Jackie White, Vivian Rhames, Gloria Johnson and Bernice Pumphrey.

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We wish to thank with all our hearts the fine young men of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity. At their Christmas meeting held at Control Data they collected beautiful new toys for Mrs. Santa.

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Just want you to know that the AFRO's Mrs. Santa has been in touch with Mrs. Clarice Scribner and will use many of the beautiful new toys contributed by The Chums Inc. for a party at City Jail for children of inmates at Women's Detention Center.

Also helped this week, the Bethel A.M.E. Teen Parenting Program with new toys; the Welfare Rights Organization and East Baltimore Foster Parents United.

TOYS FOR MRS. SANTA—The Social Security Administration has been sponsoring Toys for AFRO's Mrs. Santa to Metro West, Woodlawn, Dickinson, NCC and Main Complex. Thanks, thank, thanks. At Woodlawn, (L), Sheila Abrams, Ben Prestbury and Mallika Harris. Right, Evy Gilliam, Dawn Wade and Monica Allen.

(Photo by Paris Gray)
Ernest Murphy of Meritocrats Inc. presented AFRO's Mrs. Santa's helper, Coral Nicholas with $300.00 to help feed hungry families.

Officers of the Korean Business League who presented 200 baskets of food to AFRO's Mrs. Santa and to various other Baltimore Charities at a luncheon last week. Formal presentation of baskets will be made Monday, Dec. 19 in the lobby of Police Headquarters with Commissioner Edward Tilghman and Mayor Kurt Schmoke. From (L, Jin Ho, Kang, KBL president; Pyong Kuk, Park, vice-president; Chung Yong, Chung, K.A.B.C., president; Byong Rak, LIM; Mrs. Doo Hwan, Killian, Chang; and Peter Shin.

(Photo by Paul Greene)
The Impact Democratic Action Organization made a $100.00 donation. Members of the organization pictured above include John L. Hawkins, Coral Nicholas—accepting the check and Mattie Hawkins. Not present, Vernon Simms-President and Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Chairperson of the Organization.

MONUMENTAL CITY FRIENDS—Members of Monumental City Friends contributed $122 for a deserving family and presented food basket and gifts to AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Members pictured, from left, Frances Mitchell, president; Lucille Venture, Bernice McDaniels, Jeannette Hairston, Florence Bailey and Blanche Beckham. This civic-social club recently inducted five new members. They are, Hattie Wells, Mae Medders, Vera Carrington, Priscilla Marshall and Mrs. Hairston, pictured above.

Call 728-8204 to Adopt Mrs. Santa's Cases

Case 98 — I lost my husband several years ago and had to move in with my mother. I would like very much for us to have a very happy Christmas. Could you give us both a little something? It would really cheer up my 86-year-old mother. You will be doing us a big favor.

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Case 99 — I have four boys and two girls and am in need of any kind of help you could offer us for Christmas. Anything you could do would make it nice.

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Case 100 — I really need your help this year. I have so many bills to pay, I don't have enough to buy my children food for the holidays. My children are 11, 7, 5, and 4. Please help.

"7 Children"

Case 101 — Please help us any way you can. We have a large family of 7 children, who need everything. Their ages are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 10 years.

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Case 102 — I am a single mother and I need help for me and my kids for Christmas. I get a small Social Service check but that money is going for bills. I have two girls, 6 and 4 and a son 12.

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Case 103 — Would it be possible for me to get a little help this year because of the death of my husband. My daughter and I thank you with all our hearts.

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Case 104 — I am a concerned mother. Please help my daughter. Her boyfriend stole her rent money and she has to pay two months rent because of that. She has two school-aged children so I hope you can help her.

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Case 105 — I am writing for help for my three children. With the bills I have and being a single parent I don't know which way to turn. I don't care about myself. All I need to see is the smiles upon their faces Christmas Day. I would really appreciate any kind of help.

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Case 106 — It is just me and my two children. My 10-year-old daughter and my 6-year-old son. I just moved into a house and it is a mess. I couldn't do any better with my income of $350 a month. My rent is $280, and I am on energy assistance to keep my gas and electric on. It is very depressing. I can barely keep clean clothes on us. If I could have Mrs. Santa's help this year, hopefully my kids could have a Christmas. If it is not asking too much, can you help us find a better place to live. I am desperately in need of help.

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Case 107 — I have been disabled since 1987 and am a mother of four, two boys and two girls. They are doing very well in school. Since I've been disabled, money for food and clothes has been very troublesome. I would be very thankful for any help you can give.

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'Indeed in Need'

Case 108 — I am indeed in need. I am laid-off and don't have any income yet. I would like to have a little Christmas for my kids. I have an 11-year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son. Please help me if you can.

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Case 109 — I am in great need for something for my children for Christmas. Their ages are 3, 5, 6, and 7. I live on a fixed income and cannot afford to buy them anything for the holidays. This year I am praying that someone will reach into their hearts and help me and my family.

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Case 110 — I am in need of clothing for two boys or anything that may help us. I only receive S.S.I. and by the time the bills are paid there is nothing left for me to help with the boys for Christmas. It is just the three of us. Please help.

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Case 111 — I am in need of a basket and toys for my three grandchildren and two of my own. I work part-time and don't receive any other outside help for food. My children's ages are 16, 15, 3, 2, and 1. We will appreciate whatever you can do.

'Fire Victims'

Case 112 — I have four children in need of help for Christmas. Just a few weeks ago, I had a fire and lost everything. Presently, I am staying with my girlfriend until I can get money together to relocate my children. Can you please help me with food, clothes and toys for my children? Their ages are 8, 5, 4, and 2.

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