LIFESTYLE

Les Grandes Dames host holiday Evensong

Photos by Ray Gilbert

GUEST PEARLETTE ANDERSON-LANSEY is seen during the Holiday Evensong presented by Les Grandes Dames Sunday, Dec. 11 at the lovely Callaway Ave. home of Bernice and George White from 4 until 7 p.m. chatting with (from L) Grandes Dames Bernice White and Palestine Anderson.

GRANDES DAMES Connie Nash and Mary Sprow (from L) greet Edith Marshall during the festivities.

GUEST ARTIST JAYFUS DOSWELL is seen at the keyboard during the program part of the evening.

STEPHANIE LANSEY, another guest artist, thrills the members and guests with her drama.

LES GRANDES DAMES

Members of Les Grandes Dames, a cultural, civic and social organization, hosted a Holiday Evensong on Sunday, December 11 from 4-7 p.m.

Held at the lovely Callaway Ave. home of George and Bernice White, the affair featured guest artists Stephanie Lansey, a youthful dramatist, and young Jayfus Doswell, who is gifted not only at the keyboard, but who is an expert violinist. These two entertained the members and their many guests royally.

Greetings were extended by Grande Dame Bernice S. White, president of the group. The opening song was rendered by Grande Dame Lillie N. Myers, who is a highly gifted singer in her own right. There was an inspirational reading by Grande Dame Mary T. Sprow, remarks by Grande Dame Catherine T. McConnell and moving closing meditation by Grande Dame Mary E. Robinson.

The Christmas medley done by members and guests, and led by Lillie Myers and Mary Robinson, seemed to spark the guests with the Yuletide spirit.

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Featured also was a menu of sumptuous foods of such variety that one could almost call it a smorgasbord. To complement this, there was a variety of sippables available.

The house was festively decorated in the holiday motif, and the members all turned out in red and/or white or a combination of the two.

Folks enjoyed the evening so well that when the entertainment was over and the food gustfully consumed, many repaired to the club basement for more drinks, lively conversation and for a look at the White's Christmas tree, which has artificial snow (looking just like the real thing) constantly falling from beneath the angel on top. It was a fun soiree.

Members of Les Grandes Dames include Palestine W. Anderson, Flossie P. Johnson, Catherine T. McConnell, Mae M. Medders, Barbara A. Mitchell, Lillie N. Myers, Connie L. Nash, Mary E. Robinson, Mary T. Sprow, Mary E. Umphery, Bernice S. White and Marguerite A. Wilkins.

PARTYLINE

By Pattie Hodges

BETA WIVES MARK 30TH YEAR

On a recent Saturday night the members of Beta Wives, an auxiliary of Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity, celebrated their 30th anniversary at the Forum. Upon entering the lobby, the guests were warmly greeted by the Beta Wives and led to a table of delectables containing various appetizers and a well-stocked bar to quench one's thirst.

After meeting and greeting friends there was a short program during which the Beta Wives introduced each other to all the assembled guests and presented each other with roses.

The Forum Caterers had prepared a delicious meal of stuffed Italian shells, chicken Angelique with apricot and brandy sauce, rissole potatoes with parsley, vegetable medley, rolls and butter, tea, coffee and cake. After the meal there was dancing to the soulful music of Lionel Jiggetts and his group.

The Anniversary Committee, under the dynamic leadership of Helena Johnson, did a fantastic job of planning this activity.

Other committee members were Marie Brown, Dolores Cornick, Adell Sutton, Parrish Griner, Doris Wilson and Delores Wilson, who is president.

Other members of Beta Wives who made outstanding contributions to the anniversary celebration are Alice Cole, Louise Holley, Flora Williams, Evangeline Pearson and Elizabeth Scribner. A good time was had by all.

VAUGHAN'S 56TH ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, Dec. 3, from 7 until 11 p.m. Bernice and Edward Vaughan celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary at the Oliver Recreation Center, 1600 N. Spring St., Baltimore.

The couple, married on December 2, 1932, were introduced by Carolyn S. Brown. Following their processional, a duet in their honor, was done by Robin Nesbit, (grandchild) and Tyrone Vaughan, their youngest son. The renewal of vows was officiated by the Rev. Walter E. Paige.

Lorraine Watson handled the presentation of the wedding certificate, with the toast coming from sons-in-law Robert M. Banks and Calvin B. Scruggs, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan officially cut their cake, and Tayna Queen, grandchild, read a poem in their honor. The children did a Remember When? segment which gave an overview of the couple and their family.

After grace and a palate-pleasing dinner, the celebration continued with a salute from the great grandchildren given by Miesha Watkins, and a musical salute by the children.

The Vaughan's 13 children include James O'Dell Vaughan (deceased); Ms. Lorraine V. Watson, Walter E. Vaughan, Delores Vaughan, Sr., Robert L. Elizabeth V. Nesbit; Delores M. V. Queen, Beulah J. V. Neal, Mrs. Bernadine V. Scruggs, Mrs. Janice V. Faulkner, Carroll Edward Vaugha, Sr., Robert L. Vaughan, Sr., Garry Maurice Vaughan, Sr. and Tyrone Earl Vaughan. The honorees also have 31 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

New chapter of AKA chartered

Photos by Jay Baker

OFFICERS AND SORORS OF RHO XI OMEGA, newly-formed chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are (first row, l to r) Yvonne Davis-Robinson, Ivy Leaf Reporter; G. Corina Alston, Grammateus; Bertha McCloud, Hodegos; Shirlene H. Snowden, Tamiochus; Karen Barland, First Anti-Basileus; Idell S. Pugh, North Atlantic Regional Director and chartering officer; C. Yvonne Holt-Stone, Basileus; Doris Wilson Hall, Second Anti-Basileus, Marjorie V. Edmonds, Financial Secretary, and Pamela Williams Morgan, Epistoleus; (standing, l to r): Vivian V. Braxton, Jeanette B. Hairston, Wonza Fay Spann, Tanya Renee Council, Moncenya Broadus, Member-at-Large; Jeanne H. Cummings, Anti-Parliamentarian; Lydia T. McCargo, Member-at-Large; Gwendolyn Barbour, Parliamentarian; Dorothy M. Simpson, Philacter; Pamela A. Wright and Geraldine V. Barbour. The chartering took place on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Sheraton Towson at 10 a.m., with a capacity crowd luncheon following.

MORE SORORS OF THE NEW CHAPTER are (first row, l to r): Anita Turks-Hunter, N. Sheila Mallory-Whitaker, Davette A. Conner, Myrna C. Jackson Cann, Claudette R. Edgerton, Sheila M. Carr-Spence, Janet Nance, Wanda McEachern-Pleasant, Sheryl L. Nelson and Joanna Langston; (second row, l to r): Rhonda L. Pierce, Paula W. Wheatley, Linda Cummings, Delores Kelley, Norma C. Jones, Artrice Baker, Dorothy J. Nelson, Valerie R. Boyd, Bobbie J. Daniel, Blanche J. Booker, Yolanda P. Johnson, Marva F. Randolph and Chelseia Harold-Miller; (third row, l to r): Pamela M. Heard, Anne S. Davis, Pat Richie, Bonita Dancy, Theresa Moore, Lesly Ogungbemi, Terri Whitehead, Donna Price and Antoinette Sekou.

OTHER SORORS OF RHO XI OMEGA are (first row, from l): Marie V. Price, Linda H. Bessicks, Michelle R. Johnson, Edith Aydlett Whitmore, Vanessa Smith Ray, Helen Griffin Anderson, Virginia Steele Deane, Celia V. Lofton Carr, Janet Lynne Cooper and Charlene McCargo; (second row, from l); Anastatia P. Benton, Robin T. Hillen, Linda R. White, Joan M. Pratt, Phyllis B. Douglass, Gertrude R. Smith, Sonya Harrell-Fleming, Beverly Carter, Robin Smith-Ott, Laverne Lockwood Brooks, Brenda Bowe Johnson, Shirley M. Reddick and Delores A. Dorsey.

—Dames

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COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Christmas is the happiest and busiest time of the year for millions of people in all parts of the world. Many look forward to the family dinner and parties and some especially the exchanging of gifts. Many christians observe the holiday solemnly with religious ceremonies and prayer. Christians should unite in their feelings of joy on the birthday of Jesus Christ. "Peace on Earth, Good Will to all Men."

We all know the Christmas story which comes from the Bible. Many times our children have heard the Christmas story, seen it on television and have listened attentively to it being read to them. Yes. I recall it told how the three wise men and the shepherds followed the star of Bethlehem to the stable where Jesus was born. Most christians observe Christmas on December 25, the birthday of Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Joy to the World !!!! The Lord Is Come. Let Earth Receive Her King Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room and Heaven and Nature Sing."

Joy to the World is a Christmas carol, among many, that happens to be favorite because of the meaning of the words. We should celebrate Christmas because He has brought so much joy to the world.

EXCHANGING CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There are people who get very upset when they receive an inexpensive gift at Christmas and have the nerve to call it cheap, not thinking in terms of the spirit in which it is given. So, be thankful and accept all gifts of Christmas graciously.

The custom of giving and exchanging Christmas gifts begins with the memory of the gifts which the shepherds and wise men brought to the Christ child.

In some countries children believe that gifts are brought by Saint Nicholas. This saint was a kindly bishop famous for giving surprise gifts. But perhaps the most joyous symbol of gift giving is dear Ol Santa Claus. His cheerful face and twinkling eyes seem to set the mood of happiness and good cheer for little tots as well to grown-ups during this season of joy and love.

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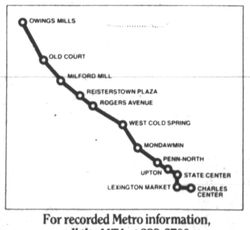

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