LIFESTYLE

Continentals host annual festive yuletide gala

ENGAGED IN PARTY PATTER during the annual Christmas Gala hosted Monday, Dec. 26 at Martin's West by the Baltimore Continentals are (L to R) Paul and Blanche Beckham and Marcellus and Christine Moore.

IN A FESTIVE MOOD are (from L) Irving L. Green, Betty and Franklin Fitzgerald, Dorothy Green and Brenda Bowe Johnson.

What were more than 1,000 folks doing at Martin's West on Monday, Dec. 26? Why were they so effervescent, so filled with camaraderie, so-o very festive? If you haven't guessed by now, it was because of that much-looked-forward to annual event—The Continental Societies, Inc.

No one would have ever believed that anyone was tired from either Christmas shopping or from preparing a Christmas dinner. From 6 until 11 p.m. guests "partied heartily" on open bar, a delectable buffet dinner, lots of table hopping and lively banter and much dancing to the tunes of the Bobby Felder Band.

At times the dancing spilled over from the dance floor and in between the tables which were festively done in red, white and green linen and napery tres' Christmasy.)

Some of the Continentals even formed a line and did the "Continental Dance."

Needless to say, the affair was a real sparkler. Ladies sparkled in their glamourous attire, men glowed with dapper poise in theirs. The constant vibrations of lively conversation interspersed with super music made this year's affair, as in the past, a stellar event of galactic proportions.

Continentals Muriel Johnson and Sina Reed were co-chairs. Connie Butler is president. All three welcomed guests and explained that the monies raised by the Continentals always go to benefit underprivilege youth. The Continental's Special Award (a plaque for the person who has done the most for the cause of needy youth) will be presented to Rudy Miller (WBAL-TV) who created Wednesday's Child, a program which helps to put together adoptive children with parents who wish to adopt.

Out of town Continentals were recognized, and the Continentals sang their special song to the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Members are Frances Branch, Zelma Brown, Constance Butler, Madeline Campbell, Servilla Carroll, Frenzela Credle, Odessa Dyson;

Also Magdalene Fennell, Elnora Fullwood, Audrey Harden, Ellen Howard, Serena Holmes, Constance Jackson, Vivian Jackson, Muriel Johnson, Susan Jones;

Priscilla Marshall, Ann Parker, Beulah Parker, Emily Peck, Helen Quarles, Sina Reid, Ruth Ross, Doris;

And Ruth Ross, Doris Smith, Mary Tucker, Margaret Turner, Joann Trusty, Elmira Washington, Marjorie Washington, Marlene Wise and Delores Young.

To Our Continental Friends:

The Baltimore Continentals sincerely thank you for helping them reach their goal year after year. The pleasure of your company is needed and greatly appreciated.

CONTINENTAL ELNORA FULLWOOD (L) laughs it up with hubby, Harlow and guest, Mary Demory.

CONTINENTAL SERENA HOLMES (L) greets Bernice and Argin Hutchins.

ALL GRINS are (L to R) Florence Herbert, Vera B. Flint, Ernest and Elizabeth Custis.

Sina Reid, (L) co-chairperson for the event is seen with (from left) Connie Butler, Baltimore Continental president who holds the Continental award earmarked for Rudy Miller of WBAL-TV and Magdalene Fennell.

PARTYLINE

By Pattie Hodges

ME-DE-SO WIVES ENTERTAIN

Opening the Yuletide season with warmth, congenality and liveliness were the members of the Me-De-So Wives who hosted their annual Christmas dinner-dance on Saturday, Dec. 3 at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave.

Nearly 200 members (wives of doctors and dentists) and their guests decked out in finery as glowing as their spirits gathered for the festivities at 8:30 and did not depart until 12:30 a.m.

They sipped from a continuous open bar, supped from the more than ample sumptuous buffet, engaged in animated party patter with friends and danced non-stop to the upbeat music of the Dennis Fisher Band. They had a ball. Key people who coordinated the event were Me-De-So Wives Louise Owens, chairperson; Ruth Hunt, co-chairperson, and Jimmy LaForest, president.

Other members of the Me-De-So Wives include Mabel Alleyne, Mildred Campbell, Florine Camper, Jeannette Christmas, Vashti Christmas, Delores Hunt, Ann Samuels, Pauline Watts and Verda Welcome.

AFRO STAFFER DEPARTS

Jill P. Carter, former AFRO staff reporter is now at City Hall as Assistant to Iris Reeves, 5th D., City Council.

Jill P. Carter

Miss Carter holds a B.A. degree from Loyola College in English and Media. She is currently working on a Masters Degree in Law at the University of Baltimore. She plans to become an attorney and contribute to civic welfare.

Jill is the daughter of the late Civil Rights Activist Walter P. Carter and local schoolmarm Joy Carter. Jill resides in the Ashburton section of Baltimore.

CITYMOLES "BOAST" and "TOAST"

As the year 1988 descends Baltimore Moles proudly revere and "boasts" of their new members. At an intimate initiation ceremony and accompanying celebration, Mrs. Doretha Beckham, Dr. Margaret Fountain and Mrs. Glodie Wood were inducted into the Baltimore Chapter of Moles.

Mrs. Doretha Beckham is the vivacious and charming daughter-in-law of Mole Blanche and Mule Paul Beckham. "Dot" and Paul, Jr. reside in Severna Park with daughters, Kimberly and "baby" Lauren. With both having keen interest in real estate and marketable, executive, expertise Dot and Paul, Jr. are indeed asserts to the computer era. How about our special commodities.

Dr. Margaret Fountain is the "prominent and dynamic" arthritic specialist whose office and residence are located in the prestigious Village of Cross Keys. Her "expertise and laughter" are indeed a plus for easing many pains one may endure! One of her prescriptions obviously is "effervescence!"

Mrs. Goldie Wood, librarian and "hubby" Judson Wood, Principal add abundant resource to Moledom and to academia, Baltimore. . . . The City That Reads . . . . Literacy, no doubt, has been a vital contribution to their "total" lifetyle. Profiles of their achievements and their children in the medical world are indeed assets to the com-extension. Charm City Moles share your pride!

Mole and Mule Hairston (Helena & Alonzo) provided the ambiance and graciousness of their suburban "rancher" for the induction of the new members. A very intimate and lovely party ensued. Few were anxious to recall the "caloric" intake of the delectable repast the next day. All were in glee of the occasion and appreciatively remember the hospitality.

As the New Year 1989 ascends, Baltimore Moles envision and "toast" a year of revitalized commitment via sisterhood, energized with comraderie.

Scenes from the mayor's Open House

MAYOR AND MRS. KURT SCHMOKE (C) are seen greeting a few of the several thousand folks who showed up for the mayor's Open House hosted at a festively decorated City Hall, Sunday, Dec. 11. The affair, which featured a guided tour (via hosts and hostesses) of the hall, a chance to listen to a different Baltimore area choir every half hour (beautiful music!) and punch and cake as refreshments on the lower level, lasted from 2 until 5 p.m., with many lingering to listen to the music and to look at the lovely poinsettias.

MRS. PATRICIA SCHMOKE exchanges greetings with guests in the constantly-flowing line.

IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Proud mom

Proud mother we watched recently; Mrs. Llewellyn Husketh Walker, the retired teacher, lifetime East Baltimore resident and widow of **Dr. Orris G. Walker.**

She is the mother of the **Rt. Rev. Orris George Walker, Jr.,** the Bishop Co-Adjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of New York—a first black bishop from Maryland and a first for that area. He was elevated to his prestigious post in April 1988.

Bishop Walker is a graduate of Baltimore's City College, and from the U. of Md., the General Theological Seminary and Drew University, where he earned a doctorate.

In his brief 46 years, Bishop Walker has blazed trails in church and community circles.

He delighted the audience at the Palladium on Monday evening, with down-to-earth accounts of his experiences and his frank and open advice for others to follow.

He made no bones about the fact that racism still exists in church and other areas and it will not go away unless you face the problems and deal with them openly.

"Amens"

He was speaking at the George G. Bragg Church School Fund Dinner. It honors the memory of the late St. James Church rector and also an activist minister who died in 1940.

Speakers described his work in establishing a school for boys as "a real giant."

Bishop Orris Walker, Jr.

And, Bishop Walker received "amens" when he observed, "Father Bragg would never have been elected bishop . . . because he spoke his mind."

Cuff notes: The audience listened attentively as Bishop Walker detailed his experiences and challenged them, the community and the church to move ahead in "the 21st Century, expressing the hope that things have truly changed significantly and that more young people will come to the church "and not experience the things we did."

AFRO Founder

Father Bragg, mentioned above, was a co-founder of the AFRO-AMERICAN News paper.

History records that he edited at St. John AME church and community organ he called "The Ledger." In 1907 Rev. Bragg merged **The Ledger** with the AFRO-AMERICAN, owned and edited by **John H. Murphy, Sr.**

For a time the papers were known as **AFRO-AMERICAN Ledger** and with Mr. Murphy as publisher and Rev. Bragg as editorial writer.

Earlier, **Mr. Murphy** started his newspaper career by purchasing the AFRO-AMERICAN, a four-page sheet from Sharon Baptist Church pastor, **Rev. William M. Alexander** — the first print date was August 13, 1892).

More Cuff: Bragg kin in the audience — 58 - year - old Grandson, **Arthur George Bragg,** of Los Angeles, where he is deputy probation officer.

He and his wife, the former **Marie Handy,** also a Baltimorean, reside in LA, have a 16-year-old son also named Arthur. Mr. Bragg guested here with his cousin, **Frances Eubanks.**

Family

More Cuff: **Bishop Walker** lives in Garden City, L.I., with his wife, **Norma,** a teacher. Son, Richard, 22, is a Wayne U. student. Daughter, Angela, 15, attends St. Paul School.

Other Baltimore kin - a brother, **Lance Walker,** the lithographer. Family friend present to hear Bishop Walker—**Ms. Dannette Small** the actress. She was seen last week on the Cosby show "It's a Different World," she played part of former matron at Hillman School remember?

Dr. Benjamin Whitten is the president of the Bragg School Fund board, administered by the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rt. Rev. A. Theodore Eastman, bishop of Maryland, was in attendance.

For UNCF

Proud and productive was the Committee of 17 Baltimore women, with the dedication, determination, and expertise to do what must be done NOW—provide immediate and more involved support for a critical need, The United Negro College Fund.

With the theme, "Friends Playing With Friends," Marion Patterson, Chairman, Mildred Williams, coordinator, and fifteen members, sponsored a luncheon with cards, Wednesday, (December 14) at Omega House.

At the opening, **Anethia Williams** presided, **Ovella Queen** gave an inspirational invocation.

There were congratulatory expressions from **Ruth Daniel,** chairman of UNCF Telethon; **Wendy Moore,** Assistant Area Development Director from UNCF's staff; Marion Patterson, chairman; and **Mildred Williams,** coordinator.

Special contributions came from many sources underwriting the cost of the affair and/or providing special services. Unforgettable contributors were Pi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Wo/Be/Co, Errol Taylor, Jr., Hauswald Bakery, Evelyn W. McIntosh (Evelyn's Place), Samuel Stewart, Mack Williams and David Wright.

Other committee members: Eugenia Britt, Zelma Brown, Jeanne Davis, Grace E. Dorsey, Mattie T. Gardner, Maisie Gibson, Gwendolyn Hillen, Ethel J. Hunter, Gloria B. Jones, Ovella Queen, Lucille P. Wade, Lucille Williams, Goldie Wood, and Beatrice L. Wright.

STAFF SGT. Windford L. Washington of northeast Baltimore, an administrative technician, Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard, recently received the Maryland State Service Ribbon Basic Award from Brig. Gen. Edward R. Clark, chief of staff, Maryland Air National Guard.

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