LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

By Paula Brooks
Lifestyle Editor

AKA's visit Rosewood

A traditional trip to Rosewood Center was made on Christmas morning when Sorors from Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha were joined by relatives and friends at the center to spread Christmas joy. The group joined the Rosewood staff for breakfast and then went to Roberts and Woodside Cottages to distribute gifts to residents.

The highlight of the visit was when Soror Maria Stockton-Thompson donned her Mrs. Santa Claus outfit. Veris Lee led the group in the singing of Carols and Sorors Rosalind Lee and Esther Bailey took pictures of some of the precious moments.

Sorors and friends present included: Soror Gloria Jones, Basileus; Soror Heloise Frazier, immediate past Basileus; Soror Esther Bailey; Soror Bernice Evans; Soror Cheryl Frazier;Soror Henrietta Harcum, Soror Veris Lee; Soror Rosalind Lee; Soror Geraldine R. Waters; Mr. Prince Evan; and Ms. Tanya Rich.

Everyone agreed that the Rosewood visit epitomized the real meaning of Christmas.

AKA's celebrate Kwanzaa

A Kwanzaa celebration was sponsored by Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha recently at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Nataska Youseff, Griot, provided background information on the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

African stories and songs were shared. Children were given gifts and the audience enjoyed fresh fruit as a symbol of a rich harvest. Kwanzaa is an Africa-American celebration which is rapidly gaining wide recognition as a tradition capable of enriching the knowledge of African-Americans concerning their culture.

Spurlock Elected

By Pinnie Ross

At its December meeting, the Howard County Human Rights Commission elected Commissioner Marshal J. Spurlock Chairperson for 1990. chairperson Spurlock has been a member of the Commission since 1987 and serves as chairperson of the Commission's Community Outreach Committee, editor of the Commission's newsletter, HUMAN RIGHTS COURIER, and host of its Cable - Tv 15 program, HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE.

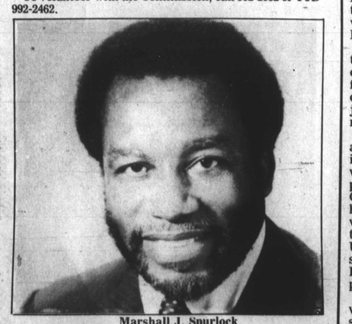
Bringing additional attention and solutions to the increase in racial, religious and ethnic hate activities is a top priority, states Chairperson Spurlock. Additional priorities include re-establishing the body, "Friends of the Commission," development of a Speaker's Bureau, planning a county - wide human rights conference and completion of the employment data base study of Howard County employers.

Volunteers who become Friends of the Commission can assist commissioners assigned to areas covered by the law — Employment, Financing, Housing, Law Enforcement and Public Accommodations — as well as commission committees on human rights contests and celebrations, community outreach, budget and structure.

Chairperson Spurlock is President of Marlock Publishing Company, Inc., and Marlock News Mart, Inc. He is also a health care consultant. His educational attainments include a BA degree in Political Science, an MA degree in Urban Affairs, and a master of Professional Studies degree in Health Care Administration. Additionally, he has completed executive training programs at Harvard and Yale Universities and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His civic and community affiliations include memberships on the Howard County Board of Supervisors of Elections and the Howard County Commission for Women. He is also a former member of the Howard County Task Force to Study the Development Process, Owen Brown Community Association Board of Directors and of the Sewell's Orchard Community Association Board of Directors.

To volunteer with the Commission, call 992-2162 or TTD 992-2462.



Marshall J. Spurlock

Continentals Christmas party

More than 1,200 patrons gathered at Martin's West for the annual Christmas Ball sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc. The fundraiser, looked upon by many as the highlight of the yuletide season, lived up to its reputation. The beautifully gowned guests, the delicious buffet and the music by Bobby Felder, all helped set the mood for the gala.

The Continental Societies, Inc., a public service organization, has a membership committed to foster, promote and develop the welfare of disadvantaged and underprivileged children and youth. The organization has gained national and international recognition as one of the leaders in improving the quality of life for children.

The group's annual Memorial Award went to Mrs. Bea Gaddy, operator of the Patterson Park Emergency Food Center, who also recently opened a shelter for homeless women and children. Ms. Almepa Torin, a volunteer at the food center, accepted the handsome plaque and $500 contribution on Mrs. Gaddy's behalf.

All monies raised from this event will be used to fund the club's 1990 charities. 1989 contributions include three college scholarships, Maryland Educational Opportunity Center, AFRO Charities, Camp Farthest Out, League for the Handicapped;

Florence Crittenton Services, Blue Chip-In, United Negro College Fund, Camp Glyndon for Diabetic Children, the James Mosher Association, Inc., Project Survival, and the Experience in Country Living Camp.

The chapter also implements the national program — "Operation Awareness: HEER" (Health, Education, Employment, Recreation), to help meet the needs of young people in the local community. Projects range from health fairs and drug abuse programs to educational projects, career workshops, job placement programs, programs for the handicapped and cultural enrichment.

In addition, members volunteer their time and services working with established organizations and programs in the community which emphasize their goals.

Mrs. Elnora Fullwood was chairperson for this year's ball and Mrs. Zelma Brown was co-chairperson. Mrs. Gloria Madeline Campbell is club president. Other members include: Frances Branch, Constance Butler, Sevilla Carroll, Frenzela Creole, Susan Jones, Muriel Johnson, Vivian Jackson, Constance Jackson, Serena Holmes, Ellen Howard, Audrey Harden, Magdalene Fennell, Odessa Dyson, Delores Young, Marlene Wise, Priscilla Marshall, Marjorie Washington, Ann Parker, Elmira Washington, Beulah Parker, Marguerite Walker, Emily Peck, Joann Trusty, Helen Quarles, Margaret Turner, Sina Reid, Mary Tucker, Ruth Ross, Doris Smith, and Goldye Sanders.

Gilbert Gray, Dorothy Green, Irving Green, Idella Gray, Bill Adams, Doris Embree enjoy holiday festivities.

Top Row: Robert Brown, Jr., Gregory Jones, Marvin Redd, Edward Thomas, Front row: Cornelia Brown, Martha Redd, Shirley Jones and Linda Thomas were among Continental party goers.

Elnora Fullwood, Chairperson; Gloria Campbell, President; and Zelma C. Brown, Co-Chairperson of the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin C. Washington, Margaret Jones, and Ronald Denard enjoyed the party immensely.

Christmas party for homeless

Yes — indeed they were. Presents popping up all around. It was like heaven on earth for — "The Homeless" Kids and their parents. It all took place at The Urban Services Agency on Christmas Eve.

Good Ole Saint Nick was there as he talked and handed out toys and gifts, warm faces turned from askance to expressions of happiness and joy. The message of Christmas had touched them.

The message of Christmas also touched those who made it possible to spread the goodwill. Brother John Murdock played the part of Santa Claus. This came easy for him, as John works everyday with tots and school children throughout the year. The U.S.A. Day Care and its entire staff really put one on for The Homeless Kids and their parents.

Hats off to Anne Boyd whose idea snowballed this special event. A big thank you goes to all who took pert to make this event a Blessed Event, a Dashing One!

Then there was the jolly ole clown who truly made his great entrance and turned everyone on with his bubble nose, he seemed to have jumped right out of space and his topsy-turvy antics blazed a trail of giggle everywhere he went. In everyday life this clown is seen hard at work in the U.S.A. family. This jovial chap is known to all as none other than Richard Lewis.

Others equally enthusiasic participated by painting faces, blowing up balloons, engineering the train set around the children's Christmas tree, serving the food and putting up the tables and chairs. In short they all did a fantastic job.

The special added attraction and bonus was Mayor Kurt Schmoke, who stopped by to greet one and accompanied by Acting Executive Director, Lloyd C. Mitchner. The whole house of Urban Services Family had a jolly good time with the Homeless Kids, their parents and staff and plus. Gotta give credit where its due.

Mayor Kurt Schmoke poses with Santa (John Murdoch) and invited guests at party for 75 homeless children and their parents.

Baltimore Partied...

GUARDSMEN NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Guardsmen George Russell and Norman Parker, Jr., greet former superintendent of the Baltimore Public School System Alice Pinderhughes at the Baltimore Guardsmen's annual New Year's Eve party at the Blue Crest North.

(L to R) Guardsmen Charles R. Tildon, Jr., President, Harold Jay Jenifer, Hon. Benjamin Brown (former City Solicitor), Dr. Sidney Burnett, Jr. and Hon. George L. Russell, Jr.

Rose M. Davis' smile lit up the Guardsmen festivities.

AND PARTIED

Newest Guardsmen, Aaron Burnett, Warren W. Weaver, Jr., Esq. and Robert Radcliff.

AND

NEW YEAR'S AT STARDOM

Robin Towsend, Dana Mills and Glenda Brown

And the crowd danced on.

PARTIED

SPHINX CLUB'S NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Pettit

AND PARTIED!

AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE REID MANSION

Cynthia and Tawi Jahi

John Woods and Andy Ogle

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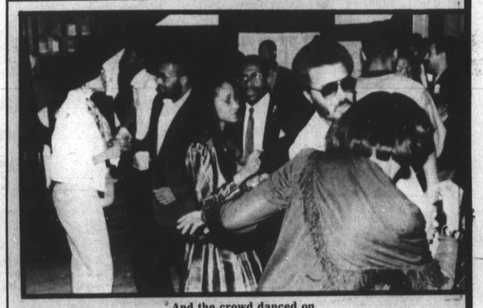

And the crowd danced on.