IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Plenty of smile orchids to members of the Baltimore chapter of Continental Societies Inc. They did it again this year. They attracted over 1200 quests to their Yule gala at Martin's West on Thursday evening.

This annual black tie event raises over $20,000 which Continentals share with several charities. Plus, midway dining and dancing, members paused to present an outstanding community service plaque and $500 to **Bea Gaddy**, the East Baltimore good neighbor who has won plaudits for aiding the homeless and needy.

Moving moment: **Mrs. Gaddy** was ailing with pneumonia. Her award was accepted by **Ms Almepia Torin** who drew a standing ovation when she revealed she herself was homeless with a small child a year ago when **Mrs. Gaddy** befriended her.

More orchids

More smile orchids to **Brenda Baker**. She's the very pleasant good neighbor who was recently promoted to personnel technician II in the Civil Service Recruitment office.

And to Baltimore-born **Kerri Owings**,, the 23-year-old son of **Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Owings**. He was in town for the holidays, took time to visit his old school-Baltimore School for The Arts where he gave students an insight into his work as manager of Beau Brummel, the exclusive men's store on Madison, in New York.

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To **Charles** and **Ella White** Campbell whose blue and white Yule card was distinctive. Ditto to **Helen Quarles**. Her red and black Yule design was attractive.

And, to **Del. John Douglas** and **Congressman Kweisi Mfume** who sent their usual letters of greetings to their constituents,

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Also to **Otis Warren** chair of the Community College Board of Trustees for his open letter contradicting published statements that the college is dead. Instead, he lists numerous reasons why it is alive and can still live well if it is properly supported . . He says if CCB is funded by the state it will be able to accomplish its comprehensive mission.

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Mailbag: **John Lewis** suggests orchids to **Rev. William Curtis**, assistant pastor of New Psalmist Baptist Church. "He is some speaker."

Mrs. Lillian Cook, writes: "I have never written a letter to a newspaper before, but I want you to know I enjoy the smiles given in If You Ask Me. I want to salute **Henry Revile**. He's my good neighbor on Ashburton St. He's always out in the block making sure the street is clean so, that any strangers don't tarry in our block. He is a very considerate man."

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Editor's note: Let this column salute someone whose smiles and good deeds make your day. Write Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore Afro-American, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201, and smile please.

Hello 1990

New arrivals on the eve of the new year, **Beth and John Hargrove, Jr.** welcomed a baby girl on Dec. 28, at Sinai Hospital.

Taylor Woodland Hargrove tipped the scales at 7 lbs, 13 oz. Happy about the event-older sister, 2-year-old **Sydney** and grandparents, **Dr. and Mrs. George Woodland** and U.S. Judge and Mrs. John Hargrove.

Cuff note: **Beth and John Jr.**, are local attorneys. He's in private practice, she's assistant attorney general.

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First infant to arrive at University Hospital in 1990 was **baby Shaw** who weighed 6 lbs 6 oz. when she came into the world at 1:02 a.m.

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Frist new year baby at Sinai Hospital was welcomed by **Robert** and **Marjorie Daniels**, both local attorneys. They named their first born **Allison Toba**. She weighed in a 6 lbs 12 oz.

Proud grands are the **Donald Friedmans** and the **Myron Danielses**, Great grands, also of Baltimore are **Lee** and **Ellwood Fink**.

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At Hopkins Hospital Janone - Jesse Perkins arrived at 45 seconds after midnight, the first to be born in the city. Parents are April and Jesse Perkins.

More Hellos

Members of Baltimore chapter of Guardsmen hosted their annual New Year's Eve party at Blue Crest.

John (Junky) Wood and **Donald Patterson** co-chaired event which featured music for dancing and dining, (breakfast), by Dennis Fisher and the Chico Jazz Band. President **Charles Tildon** introduced four new members- **Robert Ratcliffe, Russell Frisby, Warren Weaver** and **Aaron Burnett**, the latter two sons of members.

Cuff note: Guardsmen organized in Baltimore in 1933, have three charter members still active, **Robert Diggs, Richard Cummings** and **John Wood.**

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Attractive couples spied dancing in the new year: **Dr. and Mrs. Donald Chambers** (Jacqueline); **Bill and Mattie Mumby, Miriam and Argin Hutchins, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Colyin (Shirley).**

Also Yvonne Lansey and member **Ben Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Burnett (Faye)**, the recently wed **Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kidwell, (Patti)**, he's a member, too, and the **Michael Gambrills**, (Carol), who were among their guests.

Also looking good as they welcomed the new year: Mayor and Mrs. **Kurt Schmoke** (Dr. Patricia). Ethel Murray and **Joe Harris** the **Joel Newtons**, (Sarah), the **Albert Woods**, (Roslyn).

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The evening was a double celebration for the **Drs. Glenwood Brooks, Jr., (Elizabeth)**. He's the psychologist. She's the director of student affairs, counseling and career services at Community College of Baltimore who received her doctorate in Urban education at Temple University on Dec. 13.

Other Guardsmen members: **Raymond Boone, Charles E. Brown, Guy M. Bragg, Frank B. Coakley, Thomas Day, Walter T. Edmonds, Raymond Gray, Harold J. Jennifer, Jr., David T. Mason, Marcus Moore, Steve Moore, Joel Newton, John J. Oliver, Jr., Norman E. Parker, Jr., George L. Russell, Jr., Hubert G. Skinner, and Kenneth L. Thompson.**

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More holiday fare: Those who were there are still taking about that lovely holiday Sunday afternoon party at the Harbor Court Hotel hosted by members of The Club - a group of our town's ladies who have been together 20 years - enjoy relaxing together and sharing their talents with friends.

Unique - the red invite with red ribbon - looked like a Christmas package.

The Club members are, Jimmy Laforest, Harriet Trader, Bea Wright, Alice Pinderhughes, Robbie Chissell, Gladys Daniels, Jean Wilson and **Merita Stokes**, who is ailing and confined to her home.

Remembering

Remember, please, the family of **Mrs. Lucille Hayes Browne, 70**, who was given last rites on Dec. 30.

She was remembered as a kind and loving mother. She was a native of Petersburg, Va., a product of Va. State College, when she met and married her husband, **Dr. Anthony Browne**, the retired Baltimore city educator.

She was a member of Jack and Jill and belonged to St. James Episcopal Church.

Survivors: Son, **Francois Browne,**; daughter, **Romona B. Deshields**; two grandsons, **Francois Brown, 2nd, and Antoine Brown**; granddaughters, **Karla Browne, Tracey Deshields and Tari Minnis.**

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Cuff note: **Mrs. Browne's death is second in the family in the past month. Dr. Browne's brother, Alvarez Browne**, was eulogized in D.C. He was the retired Army research and development officer who was 65.

Survivors: His wife, **Marilyn Ingram Browne**, daughters, **Marilyn Brown - Hata, Elise B. Williams and Carol Browne**; and sister, **Julia B. McDaniels** and three grandchildren.

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Also remember, please, the family of **Randolph T. Tucker**, who was eulogized on Wednesday, (Jan. 3), at Locks Funeral Home. He was the former social worker, teacher and in later life, owner of an East Baltimore pool hall. He was 82.

A native of Baltimore, Mr. **Tucker** was a graduate of Hampton Institute and what is nor Morgan State University.

In his younger life, he was a physical ed teacher and caterer. Some 50 fellow members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity conducted special rites and served as active pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were lifetime friends, **Abdella Campbell, John E. Patterson, Theodore T. Stewart, Joel Newton, Warren Weaver, Charles E. Brown and John M. Wood**, all of Baltimore, and **John T. Dorsey (Rookie)**, who came from N.J.

Mr. Tucker is survived by his wife, **Clara.**

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And, remember, please the family of **Arthur Mackay**, the longtime Druid Hill Ave. resident who died on Wednesday, (Jan. 3). He was 63.

Funeral services will be held 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Edwards Catholic Church.

For many years, **Mr. Mackay** was employed at Bethlehem Steel.

Survivors: three children, **Walter, Clarice and Neal**; four sisters, **Elaine Gomez, Laura Phillips, Beatrice Williams and Edith Finney**, a brother, **Otha Mackay**, and four grandchildren.

On Wilder

Just in case you missed the latest on the Governor's race in Virginia. The Richmond AFRO-AMERICAN reports it's official now.

L. Douglas wilder is the new governor. The official recount demanded by his opponent - **Marshall Coleman**, shows Wilder getting 113 more votes than were registered in the first count in the Nov. 7 election.

And, finally Republican **Coleman** has conceded and announced he will give his Democratic opponent - **Wilder** "my full support to our new governor."

If you're into figures . . . here are the finals . . . **Wilder**, 896,936 votes. **Coleman** 890,195.

Governor - elect **Wilder** will be inaugurated January 13th, the first-Black governor in the history of Virginia.

Mr. Donald E. Russell

Final rites for Mr. Donald Eugene Russell were held Tuesday, Dec. 12 at Church of the Holy Covenant.

The son of the late Edgar D. and Lillian Bass Russell was born in Terre Haute, IN on Sept. 27, 1928. he died Dec. 7.

Mr. Russell attended school in Terre Haute and entered the Navy upon receiving his high school diploma. After receiving an honorable discharge, he entered Indiana State University and received a B.S. degree in Chemistry. He became a classroom teacher and furthered his education earning two graduate degrees.

Prior to entering the Baltimore School system, he taught on the collegiate level at Le Moyne College, Tougaloo College and Morgan State College. His last teaching assignment was as a Chemistry teacher at Polytechnic High School.

He was confirmed at St. Matthews Church, now Church of the Holy Covenant on Sept. 21, 1958 and served as senior warden for many years until his health started failing He was active in various organizations and was aiso an avid sportsman, enjoying boating, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include wife, Mrs. Juanita Murden Russell; two daughters, Mesdames Donna Spicer of Moreno Valley, CA and Vivian Gross, Baltimore; two sons, Donald, Jr., Adelphia and Anthony, Baltimore; five grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Edna Josephine Whitfield, of St. Louis, MO; two brothers, Myron of Gary, IN; and Clifford, Upper Marlboro.

Interment in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery.

Dorothy Johnson

Funeral services for Dorothy Johnson, 64, were held in the chapel of the Marshall Funeral Home in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 12.

Ms. Johnson, affectionately know as "Ms. Dot" died after a short stay in the Washington Hospital Center on Dec. 8.

Born in Ocila, Ga., she was the daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Kinchen and Mr. Ollie Kinchen. She moved to Cuthbert, Ga. at an early age with her parents, where she attended school. She later moved to Washington, D.C.

As a bible student, she studied with Jehovah's Witnesses for several years, where she improved her knowledge of the Bible and made lasting friendships.

She is survived by her father, Mr. Ollie Kinchen, Sr.; her brother, Mr. Ollie Kinchen, Jr.: sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Times; brother-in-law, Mr. James Times; and her roommates, Ms. Ethel Lee and Ms. Juanita Jefferson.

Interment was in the Harmony Memorial Park Cemetery.

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