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Social Notes

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Patterson named Director of Marketing

Gina Patterson

Gina L. Patterson has been appointed as Director of Marketing and Special Events Planning for Bennett Travel, a New England - based agency that specializes in personal, group and corporate travel, group tours, and convention and seminar planning.

In her new position, Ms. Patterson's responsibilities, effective May 1, will include implementing, planning and coordinating national sales meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, personal and business receptions, accommodations, weddings, and family reunions.

Ms. Patterson also will serve as coordinator for Bettina Network, Inc., the parent company of Bennett Travel. Bettina Network, a national Bed and Breakfast organization, provides unique accommodations to individuals and corporations. B&Bs on the average offer a guest a place to sleep and a breakfast.

Ms. Patterson's responsibilities will include international travel where she will visit private homes and host families who have asked to join the Bettina Network.

In the United States there are more than 15,000 Bed and Breakfast, which not only provide accommodations for individuals, but also make provisions for corporations that need coordination of business receptions, workshops, conferences and seminars. Accommodations include elegant, comfortable and gracious private homes.

Ms. Patterson leaves Baltimore with an 11½ year career in finance, where she served as Vice President of Business Development with the Development Credit Fund and as Assistant Program Director for Minority Contractors Technical Assistance Program, a component of the Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity (CEBO).

Ms. Patterson holds a bachelor's degree in business economics from Marymount College in Tarrytown, N.Y., and has completed advanced studies in public relations from Goucher College in Baltimore.

Elsey/Scott

Dayna Elsey

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Elsey of Lauretta Ave. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dayna Renee' Elsey to Ernest Alciers Scott, Jr. of Baltimore, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Scott, Sr.

The bride-elect was graduated from Western High School and attended Community College of Baltimore. The prospective bridegroom was graduated from Baltimore City College.

Miss Dayna Elsey is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Elsey and Mrs. Jessie R. Kimble and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Kimble of Baltimore. Ernest Scott, Jr. is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tarter.

The wedding will take place on June 30.

A Mother's Day Delight

D.C. Accessories Etc. presents "A Mother's Day Delight," an all male fashion show made up of bachelor bartenders, will be held at Wall Street, on Sunday, May 13, from 5-9 P.M. Cheese and one free drink included in the ticket price. Call Clarissa Johnson for ticket information at 728-0661.

Note to Clubs

If you would like to have club news or events covered, please send information to:
Paula Brooks, Lifestyle Editor
The Afro-American Newspaper
628 N. Eutaw St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

We cannot guarantee that notices or articles sent in will run immediately, due to space constraints, so send announcements in early. This notice also applies to wedding and engagement announcements, as well as any social events you think newsworthy.

Sigma Gamma Rho 50th Anniversary

Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, recently held a Public Meeting at Union Baptist Church. The program featured a tribute to the Chapter's six founders, performances by talented Baltimore City Public Schools students and an address by Mrs. Bettye J. Harris, Director of Community Affairs, Charlotte, North Carolina Department of Housing.

The major purposes of the program were to increase public awareness of the sorority's contribution to the improvement of life for others, and to promote local education in a positive light. City Council President, Mary Pat Clarke, 4th District Councilwoman Agnes Welch and Delegate Tony Fulton presented resolutions and expressed appreciation for the group's commitment.

Dr. Rosetta Stith, Baltimore City Public School's principal applauded Sigma Gamma Rho's initiative, "parenting Is No Passing Fancy," a teen pregnancy prevention model aimed at middle school youth. Ms. Wendy Moore, UNCF Area Development Director thanked the group for its vital role in the local UNCF Telethon.

Loy Stuart and Catherine Drayton, students enrolled at Forest Park High School and City College respectively, were joined by Forest Park teacher James Green on a bassoon, violin, oboe trio. Brian Bailey from Forest Park High School provided a vocal selection and Soyina Thomas, a Southwestern High School student read an original prize - winning composition.

Soror Janice Parker read an original tribute to the founders and Soror Victorine Q. Adams shared a synopsis of the local Chapter, beginning with events of April, 1940. Mrs. Bettye Harris, a soror, spoke of the service challenges faced by Greek letter organizations as they enter a brand new century. Financial contributions were made to the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and the Dunbar Middle Schools.

Principals John Dohler and Frances Jolley were present to receive the awards. Soror Emily Bryant received the Exceptional Community Service Award. A gracious and warm reception was available to guests following the program.

Betty Harris, Speaker and Edna Forrest Brown, 1st N.E. Regional Director

Patelle G. Harris, is Chapter president and Valerie Bell served as chairperson. Committee members were: Veta Boothe, Emily Bryant, Marjorie Caine, Myra Curtis, Vivien Gardner, Reba Matthews, Janice Parker, Wanda Randall, Jenifer Rucker.

(Photo by John H. Murphy, III)
Loy Stuart, teacher, James A. Green, and Catherine Drayton.

Links Join Raise

The Harbor City Chapter, The Links Inc. recently completed its third Umbrella program activity in conjunction with the "Links Join Raise" Career Exploration program with T. Rowe Price Associates.

The Arts Committee chaired by Beverly Carter and committee members; Candace Simms, Patricia Schmoke and Frankie Martin coordinated an exciting afternoon for twenty-three Raise participants. Also in attendance were two parents, five other Link members, three volunteers and T. Rowe Price's Raise Coordinator, Cassie Smith. The activity was held at T. Rowe Price's Raise activity center in Mt. Claire Station.

Columbia AKA's present A Fashion Explosion

The members of Iota Lambda Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presented its 11th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon recently at Martin's West. The affair is a fundraiser for scholarships for young women, featuring the fashions of Lovely Lady Boutique in Bethesda.

This year's scholarship recipients were Caya Lewis-Founder's Award, $3,000 - a senior at Centennial High School; Monica Greene-Merit Award, $2,000 - a senior at Centennial High School; Allegro Estreet-Merit Award, $1,300 - a senior at Baltimore School for the Arts; and Valerie Barnes-Merit Award, $1,000 - a senior at Centennial High School.

Community Service Awards went to Harold Payne, a Columbia resident, ardent civic and community worker and member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter; and Osborn A. Payne, a Columbia resident who owns and operates four McDonald's restaurants in the Baltimore area, and has spent lots of time and resources trying to improve the welfare of others less fortunate.

The Fashion Show Committee consisted of Virginia V. Watkins, Chairperson; Florenzia Davis, Co-Chairperson; Alfreda Bowles, Wylene Burch, Delores Burgess, Doris L. Clanzy, Marian Christian, Anna B. Coleman, Grace Dixon, Denise Hagans, Sharyn Hunter, Barbara Jarvis,

Thelma Harris, Marion Christian, Martha Sands, Anna Coleman, Denise Hagans, Darlene Millner, Sharyn Hunter, Betty Millo, Grace Dixon, Wylene Burch, Virginia Watkins, Elaine White, Basileus, and Leanna Webster.

Rosalind Johnson, Betty W. Mello, Darlene Millner, Collen Ratliffe, Goldye Sanders, Martha Sands, Thelma Vaulls-Harris, Leanna Webster, J. Moy West and Elaine White.

Osborne Payne, honoree, Elaine White, Basileus and Harold Payne, honoree

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, April 29, was called Jean Toomer Day here in Columbia, when her friends sponsored her retirement celebration from the Howard County government. She served as the administrator of the Office of Human Rights, Executive Secretary of the Human Rights Commission and Executive Secretary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

The musical tribute to her retirement was held at Howard High School.

The theme for the affair was "Our Children, Our Future" and was included the musical program of Jean's favorite songs performed by the youth choir and friends from her church, Hopkins United Methodist Church. The program will feature the internationally known Eastrn High School Choir from Washington, D.C.

The proceeds from this retirement celebration will benefit community building in Howard County. This gracious lady, Mrs. Toomer, has requested humbly that any individual or group inclined to present her with a gift or plaque please make the contribution to Community Builders in Howard County. Make the check payable to: Director of Finance, Howard County and mail it to:

Office of Human Rights
Jean Toomer's ¼retirement
9250 Rumsey Road
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Tickets for the affair are Ten Dollars ($10,00) for adults and Five Dollars ($5.00) for youths.

ABOUT COMMUNITY BUILDERS IN HOWARD COUNTY

Community Builders in Howard County is a group of citizens who meet monthly to apply the community building process and concept to issue which challenge society today. CBHC operates primarily in two ways. First, it creates opportunities for persons from diverse backgrounds, cultures and interests in Howard County to meet in a non - controversial setting to explore similarities and differences, to discuss issues and learn to question their own preconceptions. Second, they create opportunities for persons with the same kinds of diversity to work on projects together and to use their community skills.

This group, headed by Jean, who is one of the founders, feels that using the communications skills will enable them to understand and appreciate the value of similarity and diversity in our community.

ABOUT MRS. TOOMER

Jean received academic honors at Howard University, graduating Cum Laude and a fellowship for graduate school concentrating in government. Mrs. Toomer became well known in Howard County when she became the director of community service for the Columbia Association and was instrumental in developing the first Before and After School Care Program for elementary school children.

This innovative program required the cooperation of parents and the county department of education. She also developed the Shopper's Escort Service for Senior Citizens in cooperation with the Office of Aging; Earn a Membership Program where persons of low income earned memberships to utilize Columbia Association facilities.

Jean Toomer is well respected in Howard County for her work in race relations and her many written reports on such including, "Survival of Blacks and Whites in the Next America" series.

Our friend, Jean, has received many honors and awards, among them is the Human Rights Commission Award for outstanding service to Howard County; the first National Council for Jewish Women Award.

She is married to Clarence Toomer and is the mother of five children and they have three grandchildren.

Sigma Gamma Rho Workshop

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Zeta Omega Sigma Chapter sponsored an Assault on Illiteracy Program "partners Involved in Education" workshop recently at the Computer Learning Center. The Computer Learning Center is located at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Turners Station where Rev. Herbert Watson is the pastor and consultant for the program. Dr. Hattie Washington, Chairperson of the AOIP Committee is the Director and Project Coordinator.

Tim Tooten from Channel 11 News, was the guest speaker and he kicked off the program by encouraging the students in attendance to stay in school. Workshop topics presented were Community Resources / Involvement, Financial Planning/Real Estate, Computer Fun For Adults and a Film Festival For Youth.

Zeta Omega Sigma Chapter workshop presenters were Sandre Mitchell, Basileus and Teacher Baltimore County Public School System, Kay Merrill, Mayor's Representative, Mayor's Office Baltimore City, Wendy Prioleau, assistant principal, Elmwood Elementary School, Baltimore County Public School System.

Other workshop presenters were Alice Muden, head teacher, Computer Learning Center, Steve Jones, coordinator, Office of Minority Affairs and Mary Livingston, Dundalk Community College. This program is a collaborative effort among Dundalk Community College, Turners Station Computer Learning Center, Baltimore County Public Schools, St. Matthews United Methodist Church and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Zeta Omega Sigma Chapter.

The program has been in existence over a year and has served approximately 50 students. The students are between the ages of 2 and 14 years old and they have taken advantage of the tutorial services offered at the Computer Learning Center. There has been good parent participation with over 100 parents taking part in the program.

The Assault on Illiteracy Program Committee members are Dr. Hattie Washington, Chairperson, Sandre Mitchell, Basileus, Wendy Prioleau and Patricia Mosley. Kim Ellison and Debbie Hughes members of the Gammette Club at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Campus served as hostesses at the workshop.

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