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EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

Dr. Samuel Banks will receive highest Phi Delta Kappa award.

Mrs Evelen Chatmon, Assistant Superintendent, Baltimore County Public Schools and Dr. Samuel Banks, Director of Instructional Services, Baltimore City Public Schools will be honored by the Johns Hopkins Chapter of Phi Delta Kappas at their Annual Awards Banquet, Thursday, May 17 at 5:30 at Martin's West.

This banquet will give special recognition to Phi Delta Kappans celebrating 5th, 10 and 25th Anniversaries.

New officers for 1990-91 will be installed and include Eileen Banks, president; Joe Wilson, vice-president; Keith Johnson, membership; Sharon Rose Yospe, Research Representative; George Sisson, treasurer; Shirley Stokes, Secretary: Emma Hamlin, historian: Robbin Colbert, Foundation: Dr. Gary Chenowith, delegate. For information, Claudia Brown, 462-5340.

AN EVENING AT THE ENCORE

"The National Council of Negro Women, Greater Baltimore Section are having their Annual Charity Benefit and will host "An Evening at the Encore Theatre," with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and a show entitled; "Harlem Holiday" at 8:00 p.m. at The Forum, 4210 Primrose Avenue, Wednesday, May 23, 1990. Make your reservations early. For tickets and further information call 448-9268 after 6:00 p.m. Verna Day, President."

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Top Ladies of Distinction

The Baltimore Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. will observe its twelfth anniversary during its Annual Luncheon and Founders' Day at The Forum on Saturday, June 2, 1990. There will be a fashion show by MGM Models in the program.

The year has been filled with exciting activities ranging from a one-top "Top Teens of America" Conference at Carver Vocational High School, a dramatic presentations, trips to Cape May and to Sight and Sound, and the upcoming Founders's Day luncheon.

Officers are: President, Marguerite, A. White; Vice President, Ruby B. Lee; Recording Secretary, Majorie Green; Correspondence Secretary, Evelyn Faulk; Financial Secretary, Jonelle Ray; Treasurer, Helene S. Gwynn; Journalist/Historian, Doris Browning Austin; and Top Teens Advisor, Fannie B. Poulson.

Lady Fannie B. Poulson is Chairperson of Founder's Day. Tickets may be secured by calling 764-2232.

DST May Month Calendar

The Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will sponsor several events during the month of May. Honors Day will be held at Lemmel Middle School on Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Patricia Logan Harris will be the speaker, and Juanita Addison is chairperson.

Two C.P.R. training classes will be held at the Delta Community center. The first will take place on Saturday, May 12, the second on Saturday, May 19. Both sessions will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call Soror Ruthie Hall at 747-2855 for registration.

A worship service will take place on Sunday, May 20, at City Temple on Eutaw and Dolphin, at 10:45 a.m. Deltas are asked to assemble at 10:30 a.m. Soror Peggy Willis is chairperson, and Soror Michelle Conaway is co-chairperson.

Richardson elected prexy B&P

Woodmoor resident Jacqueline Richardson was installed Sunday, May 5 as president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Baltimore for a one year term in a ceremony at the Belvedere Hotel. This is one of a number of volunteer jobs Ms. Richardson is dedicated to in order to make Baltimore a better place to live.

The Maryland Classified Employees Association is joining the state in recognizing their working Maryland public servants during "Public Employees Recognition Week" May 7 through 13, 1990.

Ms. Richardson currently works as an Income Maintenence Surpervisor with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services at the Govans/Waverly office. She has been with the department for 22 years, her entire career.

In addition to her volunteer work with the Business and Professional Women's Club of Baltimore, Ms. Richardson donates her time to the Baltimore Museum of Art where she is a Membership Trustee. She is also a member of the Joshua Council there, which is a committee of minorities who puts on the Beaux Arts Ball each Fall to raise money to purchase works of art from Black artists. Ms. Richardson also sits on the Annual Meeting Committee with YWCA which celebrates and renews the organization's commitment to racial justice.

A Tribute to Wileen loving mother & friend

A wonderful tribute in honor of Wileen Shields, was given by her children recently at Martin's West. Her seven children acknowledged the reason for the occasion. "We decided that we wanted to acknowledge publicly how wonderful our lives are blessed by this loving woman. Our mother has been a gift to us from God and we are eternally grateful that she has enriched our lives with her wisdom, faith and devotion."

Although she lost her mother at an early age, she went on to give her own family the utmost love and became a positive role model for her children. She is always available to her family and friends if they have a special need.

(Photo by Ray Gilbert)
Mrs. Wileen Johnson Shields is all smiles at the tribute given her by her children.

Margaret Shields served as Mistress of Ceremonies and James C. Shields, Jr. gave the Occasion. A proclamation was presented by the Honorable Kweisi Mfume. Other presentations were made by sons and daughter-in-law, our mother-in-law, our grandmother, by the grandchildren, our sister; by Rosalie Ivory and James Hubbard;

Our sister-in-law, by Mrs. Shields-Henson; our neighbor, by Ruby Lee, our friend, by Delmo Harris; our spiritual mother, by Sandra Fletcher; and our mother, by the children. Rev. Russell Johnson, pastor of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church also presented the beaming Mrs. Shields with accolades.

Congratulations to all deserving mothers, as we prepare for Mother's Day. One day of honor is certainly not enough when we think of the 24 hour, 356 day a year job, that is motherhood.

(Photo by Ray Gilbert)
Mr. James Herbert, brother of the honoree, and their sister, Mrs. Rosalie Ivory.

Mrs. Shields is surrounded by her loving children, Margaret Shields, Sandra Shields-Ringgold, Eileen Shields-Forman, James Shields, Jr., Elaine Shields-Raines, Joyce Shields-Wade, Linda Shields-Mason.

Pinochle Bugs 34th Conclave Says:

The 34th annual Conclave of the Pinochle Bugs, Inc. named "Richmond - A Place to Remember," convened April 27-29 at the Embassy Suites in Richmond, Va. More than 300 members attended.

Registration for the weekend of festivities began on Friday afternoon. Hospitality and dinner followed. That evening both ladies (Bugs) and men (Pests) completed in an open pinochle tournament. The three highest winners received monetary awards.

Bugs and Pests enjoyed a closed informal dance to complete Friday's kickoff.

The business session begun on Saturday morning with national president Mae Medders of Baltimore presiding.

Events of the afternoon and evening included a closed tournament in which the single Bug with the highest score from each of the twenty (20) chapters competed in a closed tournament for the coveted national trophy.

A highlight of the weekend was the banquet for Bugs only. Saturday night Bugs and Pests enjoyed a formal dance in the hotel ballroom.

On Saturday, out-of-town Pests were entertained by the host Pests. They was golf, a boatride and more to occupy the men while their mates conducted business.

On Sunday morning guests departed following a farewell breakfast. The first chapter of the national organization was founded by Mrs. Mattie Taylor in 1955 in Roanoke, VA. From that small group of women, 20 chapters have emerged in Md., D.C., W.Va., N.C., Ohio, Pa., N.J. and five in the Tidewater (Va.) area.

There is a chapter of Bugs in Baltimore City as well as one in Baltimore County. Annually, the national organization gives $1,000 (one thousand) to a local charity chosen by the host chapter.

Twilah Says: Raise

RAISE is a seven year commitment to help Baltimore City Public School students stay in school and to graduate. This will be done by enhancing their academic skills, strengthening their self - confidence, enlarging their horizons, and providing constructive and enjoyable group activities.

RAISE will provide full time staff persons to support each of seven groups of approximately sixty students completing fifth grade in June 1988. This model draws on the experience of similar programs across the country, but is being customized to fit best Baltimore's needs and resources.

Each of seven sponsoring institutions has committed itself to working with its group of students through high school graduation in 1995 and to providing support in academic, social, cultural, health and recreational areas.

These institutions are: Alpha Phi Alpha, Church of the Redeemer, Equitable Bank, N.A., Goucher College, Morgan State University, New Shiloh Baptist Church, and T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.

This is a demonstration program. Each group of students is drawn from an elementary school located in the inner city. Generally, all students transitioning to middle school from these elementary schools have been included.

The program was presented to the children and parents in May/June 1988, and enthusiastically received. The program is committed to supporting them through graduation from high school in 1995.

The FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE will carry administrative responsibility for this program and the professional staff will work for the FUND. Resources for RAISE are being provided through the generosity of the Abell Foundation and the Caswell J. Caplan Charitable Income Trust.

The objectives of RAISE are to:

* Improve the academic performance of the students.

* Increase the number of students who graduate from high school;

* Increase the number of graduates who develop and pursue a viable career plan; and

* Decrease the incidence of teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, and anti-social behavior.

Beyond the pilot program, our mission is to create a student support program that will achieve these objectives for all students in the Baltimore City Public Schools. Now if you would like more information and more details simply call Joyce Brown (Director), 664-2765 during office hours for their special PROJECT RAISE.

Our Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke has the right ideas and paths toward the reading projects.

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Walbrook Staff Development Session

The faculty of Walbrook High School held its last staff development session of the 1989-90 school year. The theme of this final session, "Techniques and Strategies to Assure the Success of the Walbrook Student," focused on a discussion of problems and issues that arose during the school year. The goal was to identify those issues on situations that had the potential for adversely affecting student or staff morale and achievement and to find workable solutions.

Discussions of problems and adverse conditions often become unproductive gripe sessions. For that reason, the staff development team led by Mrs. Louise Lassiter, Assistant principal in Charge of Staff Development, carefully planned a three part session;

First there would be a discussion of issues of special concern to the faculty; secondly, solutions for those issues would be identified, and, finally, faculty members would be asked to commit themselves to assist in alleviating or improving the issues identified. Three staff members, two of whom were not on the planning committee were asked to be the discussion leaders.

Chosen because of their sense of humor and rapport with other staff members, Mrs. Mabel Gee, guidance counselor, Mrs. Margaret Friend, business education teacher, and Mr. James Johnson, social studies teacher, agreed to accept the task.

After a delicious faculty luncheon coordinated by Assistant Principal, Ms. Pauline Edwards, Faculty members entered the meeting room to the accompaniment of music provided by Mrs Gloria Street, Chairperson of the music department. Using charts listing concerns identified by staff members during the previous week, the three discussion leaders used wit, firmness, and a timer to keep the discussion moving and on track as staff members aired opinions, ideas, and solutions to twelve issues.

Those issues ranged from questions about the progress of the work on the Walbrook's home to questions about qualifications for the National Honor Society. All faculty members were free to respond, and while the principal, Mr. Roy Pope, contributed many ideas, there was no attempt to dominate the meeting or to steer discussion from sensitive topics.

Although it became obvious that solutions would not be found for every problem identified, progress was certainly made in dissipating the weakening morale brought on by the triple catastrophies of the Walbrook family being suddenly evicted from its own building, the transferring of several long-time staff members, and the disappointment of finding out that we would not be returning to our building on schedule.

This staff development session was valuable for rekindling not only our hope but also our feeling that as staff members we are able to achieve success for ourselves and our students.

Contributed by: Mrs. Florence Davis, English Teacher & School Based-Staff Development Team Member.

'LPN's Meet Challenge'

The Maryland Licensed Practical Nurses Association, will hold its Annual Convention, at the Holiday Inn-Belmont, on May 15th and May 16th. The theme for this year's convention is: "LPNs Meet the Challenge."

May 15, 6:30-9:30 Legislative Action Committee for LPNs Annual Dinner/Meeting will be held. The Honorable Mr. Tony Fulton, from the 40th District will be the guest speaker.

All LPNs are cordially invited to attend the one day seminar, May 16, beginning an 8:00 a.m. registration.

The Membership Luncheon at 12 noon, will have The Executive Director, from The National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses, Mr. David Kesterson as guest speaker. (The National Association will hold its Annual Convention here in Baltimore in September 2-6, 1990).

There will also be a ceremony, honoring the lovely Miss Rosamond J. Diggs, one of the Founders and Organizers of MLPNA in 1952.

For further information: please call 467-2010.

Twilah says:

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Friends, Douglass Ducks, Douglass Graduates of the past, present or future. We are calling on you.

The restoration of the old Frederick Douglass High School Auditorium on Calhoun Street, is considered to be an important part of preserving the history of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland and a source of pride for the graduates of the school and the community where it stands.

The idea of preservation of the Auditorium was presented to the Douglass High School Association when renovators to the building, had confirmation that it was entered into the National Register of Historical Places, decided the Auditorium could not be made into apartments as could the rest of the building.

Warren McDonald Development, Inc., represented by Katie McDonald, President, set up a meeting with the President and a representative of the Alumni Association.

The outgrowth of that meeting was a decision by the steering committee of the Alumni Association to launch a campaign to preserve and use the Auditorium.

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