LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

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Banks/Crooks

Mrs. Phyllis Banks

Ms. Phyllis Banks of West Baltimore has announced her engagement to Mr. George Crooks of Clemson South Carolina. She is the daughter of Mr. Sam Banks, Jr. and the late Mrs. Beulah Banks.

The Bride-elect graduated from Edmondson High School and attended Coppin State College. She is currently employed by Ideal Federal Savings Bank.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Crooks of Clemson, S. C. He is a graduate of Daniel High School and is employed by one of the leading restaurants in South Carolina. The wedding will take place on July 14.

Kankouran Dancers at BMA

The vibrancy and vigor of Senegal come to life with KanKouran, a Washington, D.C. dance company. The Washington Post says "Histrionics, humor, drama, pulsating rhythmic excitement and seemingly boundless physical and psychic energy erupted from the stage in wave after wave."

A touring company of the Kennedy Center's "Imagination Celebration," KanKouran will perform under the sponsorship of the Gbarnga (Liberia) Sister City Committee. Performances will take place at 2:00 P.M. (children perform) and at 7:00 P.M. (adults perform).

Pink and Green Gala

The Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will present its annual Pink and Green Gala on Friday, June 8, at Martin's West. The affair will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Cocktails begin at 8:00 P.M., followed by a sit down dinner. Music by Bobby Felder will be featured. Dress is black tie. Call Gloria Jones, 542-9316.

Sigma Theater Party

Students from the Computer Learning Center, Dr. Hattie Washington and Kay Merrill, sorors, volunteers and State Delegate Elijah Cummings.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Zeta Omega Sigma Chapter, sponsored a theater party recently for students from the Computer Learning Center in Turner's Station. The students were treated to a delightful afternoon of the stage production "Morning's At Seven" currently showing at the Arena Playhouse.

Verna Day a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. is featured in the production. Dr. Hattie Washington is Chairperson of the chapter's Assault on Illiteracy Program at the Computer Learning Center in Turner's Station.

Other Sigma Highlights:

Zeta Omega Sigma Chapter attended the Northeast Regional Conference held on April 26-28 in Richmond, Virginia. The chapter received the Third Place Award for Chapter Display, a Certificate of Recognition for Project Reassurance Program (Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program) and Kay Merrill received the Regional Community Service Award.

Sandre Mitchell, Zeta Omega Sigma Basileus and chapter members initiated 16 young women into Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. at the Regional Conference. These young women are members of Lambda Phi, the newly chartered chapter at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Campus.

The James Pratts renew vows

It was truly a family affair when Ruth and James Pratt renewed their vows recently at Sharon Baptist Church celebrating 25 years of marriage.

Ruth's attendants included her daughter - in - law, Noreen King of New York, as matron of honor; niece Joyce Lindsay, and great nieces, Tamara and Dionne Lindsay were bridesmaids.

Serving as a bridesmaid, also, was Monica Ellis, who is like a daughter to the Pratts.

Tamika Lindsay, the great, great grand niece, was the junior bridesmaid.

Little Lauryn King - age 3, their granddaughter, was flower girl. Son, Karl King, of New York, gave the bride away.

Groomsmen included two men from the original wedding party, Randall W. Barham who was the best man 25 years ago and John Holmes. Other groomsmen were, Emerson Wooley, Earlston Hill, Judge Michael Warren Lee, Leon Pinkett, and Lorenzo Foy. Patrick White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon White, was ring bearer.

Sitting in the place of the bride's late mother was a family friend, and Karl's godmother, Mrs. Norma B. Lambson.

The bride's attendants were in pink and fuchsia. Their escorts picked the same colors for the ties and cummerbunds they wore with their gray tuxedos.

The bride was gowned in gray, white and silver. The dress featured a plain white silk organza bodice and a long gray silk crepe skirt with a curved front hemline which ended in a split at the knee.

The separate overblouse of white silk chiffon was eye-catching with silver sequins and silver beads/crystal baguettes embedded in embroidered petal-like designs.

A real conversation piece was Ruth's hat. It was made of special tulle on an embroidered oval. Pearls were sprinkled on the crown of the oval.

Attached to the oval was a curved brim of double tulle upon which rested spikes of lace. Pearls and sequins were on the spikes. A fan of tulle stood high at the back of the hat, which came together with a large grosgrain bow.

Sharon Baptist pastor Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn and Rev. William Johnson, Jr., officiated. A reception for 200 guests, was held in the church hall.

Ceremony music was by Mrs. Gwendolyn Daye, soloist; and Mrs. Kathryn Kinsler, organist. Mr. William Jessup provided music during the reception.

The celebration was directed by Mrs. Mary Ward. Assisting hostesses were: Betty Foy, Sharon Pettaway, Dalthenia Gregory, Boneita Holsey, Attorney Kaye Darr Stephenwoof, Hilton Patrick, Arnetta Rosemond, Blanche Bell, and Sarah Howell.

Mrs. Pratt, known professionally as Dr. Ruth Pratt, is a retired city educator. She is a deaconess at Sharon.

Mr. Pratt, retired from Bethlehem Steel is chairman of the trustee board at Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church.

Mr. James Pratt and Mrs. Ruth King Pratt at 25th anniversary celebration.

TWILAH SAYS...

By Twilah Scarborough

B&P Founders Day

The Baltimore Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women, Inc. held their spring observance and awards luncheon a few weeks ago.

The Club's Founders' Day program held everyone spellbound from the beginning towards the end.

Their theme for the occasion was "Bold Leadership a Catalyst for Service!

Now presiding on the program was none other then our very own Reona Thomas - chairperson and Twilah Stepter - Co-Chairperson.

There was a beautiful walking tall processional walk in line of the awardees and members.

Coming up on the program the musical selection was — Lift Every Voice and Sing. The occasion was by Bernice Hunley. Greetings were representatives from the Governor's Office, State of Maryland and Honorable Kurt L. Schmoke, Mayor, Baltimore, Md., Mary Pat Clarke, President, City Council, Delores Thornton, representative of Mid Atlantic District and Regina Drummond, president, Youth Group.

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. had a super special VIP guest speaker Ellen Graves, Executive Director of National Association Club. Lady Ellen Graves delivered a speech and a soft rememberable message. The lady had everyone in attendance saying Amen to her message.

Grace by Nell Sheridan.

A tasteful and tasty luncheon was served. Now moving right along on the program the presentation and the presenting of awards - Bernice Hunley, President and Mary Johnson, Chairperson.

For community service Award - Helen Nenton, Business Award - Anne Davis, Professional Achievement Award - Evelyn Chatman, Appreciation Award, Margaret Johnson, Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Calvin Burnett, Youth Award, Regina Drummond.

National Meritorious Service Award Sojourner Truth Award, Edna Russell, Presenter, Delores Thornton, President's Appreciation Award, Elizabeth Diggs, Forine Robinson and Ruth Saulesburg.

The NANBPWC was organized upon a strong foundation of beliefs and values in the spring of 1935. Today the NANBPWC members include thousands of busy, working women in 300 clubs in the United States, Bermuda and Africa. These women realized that the key to growth is through working together.

The program and a big special thanks went off to the recognition of their unselfish contributions of time and resources.

To the Awardees we thank you and high salute you.

For your tomorrows always have faith in yourself

Love ya!

AKAs Aid African Village

Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. presented a check for $1,000.00 to Melvin P. Foote, Development Education Officer of Africare. He was in Baltimore recently to address the "Project Africare" program at the Central Enoch Pratt Library.

The event was sponsored by the AKA Connection Committee, and the check was to benefit an African village in Ruande. Through the program, individual AKA chapters have the opportunity to adopt African villages, helping to improve the quality of life and raise standards of living.

A number of community leaders and city officials were in attendance, including the Honorable Kurt Schmoke, Mayor, who made welcoming remarks; State's Attorney Stuart Simms; 5th District Councilwoman, Vera Hall and Library Director, Anna Curry.

A reception was held in the Poe Room following the program. Gloria B. Jones is Basileus of Epsilon Omega Chapter. AKA Connection Chairperson was Lavern A. Turner, and the Co-Chairperson was Cardrienne P. Griffin.

(Left to right) AKA Connection Committee. (1st row) Shirley Doneghy, Mary Adams, Karen Robertson, Cecelia King. (2nd row) Helen Crosby, Mabel Young, Gilda Garrett, LaVern Turner, Flossie Dedmond, Gloria Jones, Zanderland Dixon, Cardrienne Griffin. (3rd row) Ruby Bass, Joan Stevenson, Florence Bailey, Flozella Clark and Melvin Foote.

IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

A big bunch of orchids to Morgan State University students who were graduated with honors during ceremonies at the Northeast Baltimore School on Sunday morning when 633 received degrees.

Summa cum laude grads, (highest-with marks of 3.8-4.0) were **Stacy Antoinette Sellers** of Alexandria, Va. No. 2 in the class was **Vanessa D. Phear** of Baltimore.

Baltimore students who finished magna cum laude (3.60-3.79), **Cynthia Scott** and **Jeffrey Jerome Grice.**

Orchids to them too, and to the following Baltimore students who finished cum laude, (3.40-3.59): - Catherine A. Keene, Vasnya M. Johnson, Michelle Kerr, and **Yvette James.**

Orchids to **Myra Frazier.** She's the 21-year-old Ellicott City resident who was an honor grad at prestigious Tufts College in Medford, Mass., which graduated 1,175 on Sunday. She majored in international relations, won a Fulbright scholarship ($20,000), will enroll in a research project in Gabon, Africa this fall.

And, after that, she plans to earn an advanced degree in international relations and then law school.

Cuff note: **Miss Frazier** is youngest of three children of **Mr. and Mrs. Steward (Bettye).** Mom's a Baltimore County teacher. Dad's a medical officer with the Food and Drug Administration.

Both parents are active in St. John Baptist Church, Columbia. Mrs. Frazier is a trustee, and Mr. Frazier is an associate minister. Family includes two older children, **Marie,** 25, a Glen Burnie culinary artist, and **Steward,** 27, a California consultant.

Great big nod to Mr. and Mrs. Frazier, too.

Editor's Note: Do you know someone who is graduating from high school or college this season you'd like to salute? Tell this column about them. Write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., 21201, and smile, please.

More orchids

More smile orchids please, for **Mrs. Marie C. Mallory.** She's the Baltimore County teacher who will be honored June 5 by faculty and staff of Winand Elementary School, (Scotts Level Rd.).

Retirement reception at Ramada Inn will salute Mrs. Mallory as "an outstanding education professional," who "always demonstrated warmth and caring for her students," and offered "support and caring for fellow faculty members "during her 36-year career.

Cuff note: **Mrs. Mallory** is one of the few Black teachers who worked through the Baltimore County system from 1951-1990. She was on the Winand faculty when the school opened in 1966.

Co-workers praise her contributions to the school community and "the challenging experiences" she has provided pupils. Isn't that thoughtful?

More cuff: Mrs. Mallory and her husband, **Clark Mallory** reside in Randallstown, have 4 children and 3 grands.

Smile orchids to Del. John Douglass, a member of the Md. House of Delegates from Baltimore City's 45th District.

He did it again this Mother's Day — Mailed a special greeting to mothers. Anybody who received his 1990 message should have been touched.

Here is what he said:

"The youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow. All of the love, caring, and sharing that is invested in them by educators, legislators, religious and community leaders, but especially mothers should not go unrecognized.

"Mothers are very "special people" who are given an extraordinary gift — the ability to shape lives with a love that no other can give. They are the potters that mold our future.

"I come to you not as a legislator but as a son on your very special day to say how much I appreciate your trust in me. By allowing me to participate in the decision making process of our government, you've enabled me to help mothers like you mold our young leaders of tomorrow.

Happy Mother's Day."

Plenty of sunshine when **Mrs. Barbara A. Green** is around. She is the affable good neighbor who serves as member of the city's Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Mailbag: A Haywood Ave. resident writes: I would like to commend the Dunbar High School faculty and students for their professional, pleasant and family attitude."

Editor's Note: We need your signature for your other salutes, please.

About people

Good news: **Dr. Theodore (Ted) Patterson** has been named Citizen of the Year by the Dundalk Chamber of Commerce. It presented him a distinguished award at a dinner ceremony on Tuesday.

It couldn't have happened to a more deserving person. Dr. Patterson is admired by many for his civic endeavors and support of projects in the Black community, assignments he manages to carry out and still conduct a busy medical practice in the Dundalk - Sparrows Point community where he grew up and where he lives and practices. Congrats to him.

Baltimore Author, **Janet Woolridge** ("This Side of Tomorrow", is her book you must read), was among participants in a meet-the-author luncheon in D.C. on May 5. It was a part of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Convention.

Treat in store: **Kenneth Dean,** the choir director-organist at Grace Presbyterian Church is in concert Sunday at 4 p.m., at the Basilica. Admission is FREE. Concert is a part of the church's 110th celebration.

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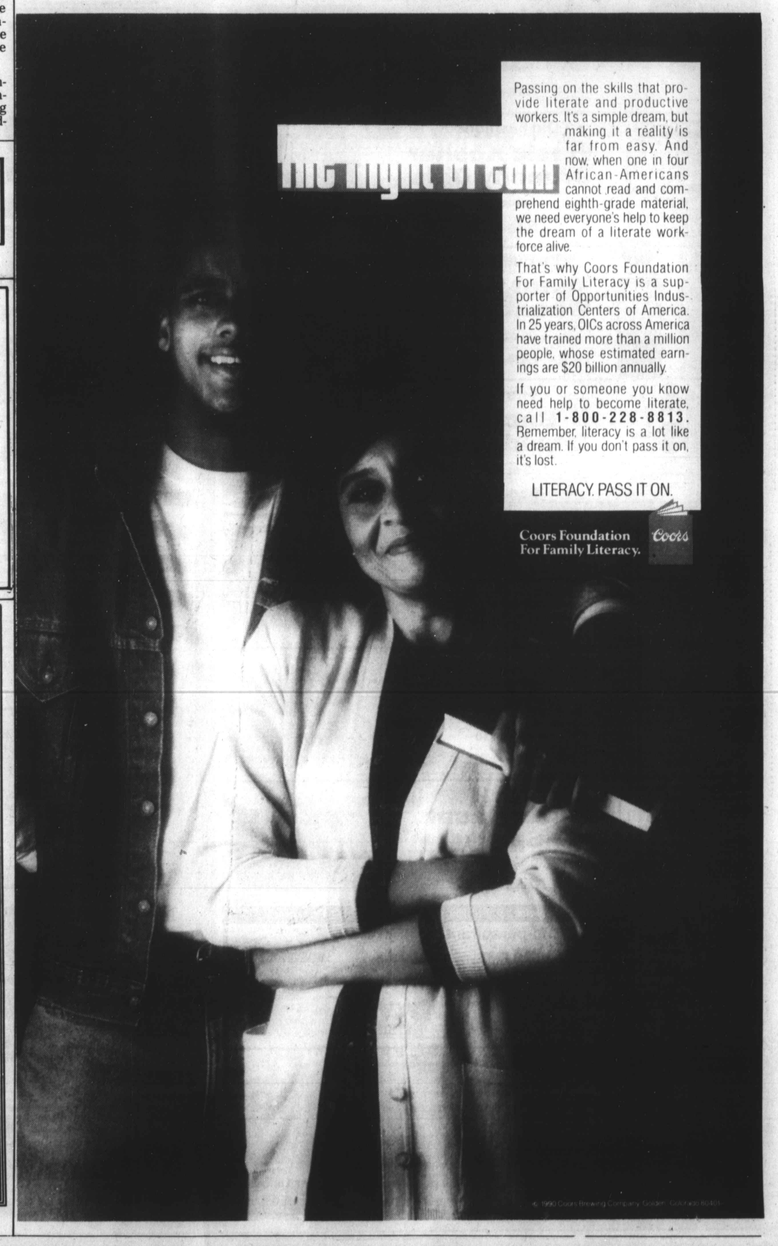
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