LIFESTYLE

Phi Delta Kappa hosts annual Yuletide luncheon

Photos by Paris Gray

HAVING FUN during the annual Christmas luncheon hosted by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Saturday, Dec. 17 are (committee members, L to R) Vera Bethune, chairperson; Jean Beckett, Ellen Dutton, Asalee Portee, Pat Washington, Naomi Hutcherson and Charlotte Wheeler.

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. hosted its annual Christmas luncheon Saturday, Dec. 17 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Sorors and their guests enjoyed a lively social hour from 12 noon until 1 p.m. followed by a delectable luncheon from 1 until 3:30 p.m. with Grace beforehand by Soror Charlotte Wheeler.

The Occasion/Greetings were given by Soror A. McCullum, basileus. Other program participants included Sorors Asalee Portee, who gave 'The Meaning of Christmas'; C. Brooks, the honoring of retirees; Ellen Dutton, a poem; Aurora Chambers, musical selections; Jean Beckett, who made presentations to the Fuel Fund and the United Negro College Fund; Naomi Hutcherson and Pat Washington, who were in charge of games, and Vera Bethune, chairperson, who gave closing remarks.

Appreciative responses were forthcoming from retirees, who were Sorors Estelle Brown, Lois Davenport, Claire Dorsey and Rose Gallop.

Other committee members included Sorors Jean Beckett, Charlotte Brooks, Ellen Dutton, Wilhelmina Duvall, Leona Frazier, Ethel Hunter, Naomi Hutcherson, Asalee Portee, Pat Washington and Charlotte Wheeler.

RETIREES COMPARING NOTES are (from L) Rose Gallop and Claire Dorsey.

PARTY CHIT CHAT is exchanged by (from L) Wilma Gainey and Nellie Bowie.

Scenes from the Guardsmen's New Year's Eve Fete

UNITED IN CAMARADERIE to welcome in 1989 at the affair, which featured tunes of the Dennis Fisher Band for dancing, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a luscious sit down breakfast (replete with black-eyed peas) are (from L): Dr. Clifton Jones (L) and Guardsman Robert Diggs and his wife Cleo.

GUARDSMAN DAVE MASON and Anne Davis enjoy a private moment during the affair, which began at 10 p.m. and lasted until 2 a.m.

AMONG THE NEARLY 400 who attended the gala are (L to R): Mrs. Nancy Barrick, Bea Wright, Agnes Reaves and Dave Wright.

IT'S "HAPPY NEW YEAR" TIME as Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams (Anethia) join in ringing out the old and ringing in the new during the Guardsmen's New Year's Eve dance held Saturday, Dec. 31 at Blue Crest North.

DANNY HENSON AND SYLVIA LAW laugh it up during festivities.

CAUGHT UP IN THE "JOI DE VRIE" OF THE EVENING are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips (Joan).

PARTYLINE

By Pattie Hodges

AKAS SPONSOR KWANZA CELEBRATION/AID RETARDED CITIZENS

On Monday, Dec. 26 Nastaka Hasan led an opening day celebration of Kwanzaa at the Tawes College Center of Coppin State College.

Sorors Veris Lee and Geraldine R. Waters of Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. coordinated the activity.

Miss Hasan told the meaning of each of the seven days of celebration. She told traditional tales and ended her presentation with an African song.

Kwanzaa is a holiday based upon our rich African heritage. We celebrate Kwanzaa from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 and during that time we observe the seven principles which we believe will benefit our community: (1) Unity (Umoja); (2) Self Determination (Kiyichaguba); (3) Collective Work and Responsibility (Ujima); (4) Cooperative Economics (Ujamaa); (5) Purpose (Nis); (6) Creativity (Kuumba) and (7) Faith (Imani). It is anticipated that the activity will attract more sorors and community interest groups in future years.

The tradition of helping mankind was evident as eight sorors of Epsilon Omega visited the Rosewood Center on Christmas morning. The project is an annual one designed to brighten Christmas for the retarded citizens at the center.

Sorors and a few friends gathered at the center at 8 a.m. to have breakfast with the staff followed by carol singing and distribution of gifts to the clients. Soror Geraldine Waters was dressed in her Santa Claus attire and accompanied by sorors for caroling, dancing and distribution of gifts in the Finesinger and Woodside cottages. The singing was greatly enhanced by printed song sheets provided by Soror Veris Lee and the skillful directing of Audrey Pinkney.

Soror Heloise Frazier participated as one of her last official acts as basileus of the chapter. Soror Frazier's term ended as of Jan. 1, 1989.

Also in attendance were North Atlantic Regional Director Idell Pugh, Sorors Bernice Evans, Audrey Pinkney, Cheryl Frazier, Henrietta Harcum and Veris Lee. Prince Evans and Ms. Gloria Young joined the festive group.

Once again those members present experienced a genuine sense of the real meaning of Christmas.

MISS FLAIR TEEN CROWNED

Vivacious, sunny, smart . . .these are some of the adjectives to describe Melanie Muldrow, crowned Miss Flair Teen at the recent holiday fashion show for junior models held by the

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NEWSMAKERS

Schaefer names two Afro-American Commissioners

The latest appointees to the nine-member Commission on Afro American History and Culture Commission include Baltimoreans Mrs. Jo Rogers Sloan and Mrs. Anne Pigott Dearing.

The Commission governs the Banneker-Douglass Museum in the restored old Mt. Moriah Church in Annapolis and administers programs, exhibits and affairs which interest black citizens of the state of Maryland.

Mrs. Sloan, wife of Attorney David Sloan, is a member of an historic family and an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority official. A longtime administrator of the American Red Cross, she is retired and noted as the recipient of many honors for her work in the field of adoptions both nationwide and internationally with the Pearl S. Buck Society.

Mrs. Dearing, wife of the famed Civil Rights attorney, Tucker R. Dearing, is descendant of an Annapolis family which arrived in the Maryland Colony with the first governor.

Jo Rogers Sloan
new commissioner

Her father was the late Dr. Casper Pigott of Baltimore. Her mother, Mrs. Annie Pigott Freeman is from the famous January family of Texas.

Mrs. Dearing's family in Annapolis includes Mrs. Rebecca Hall who was the last widow to receive a Civil War pension. Nathaniel Hall, 98, of Baltimore, gave one of his possessions, the desk of President Lincoln, to the Naval Academy.

Also a Dearing relative was the late Col. Howard Donavan Queen who along with Col. West A. Hamilton commanded the 366th Infantry in World War II.

In addition to Joshua Hemsley who came to Maryland with Gov. Horatio Sharpe, the first governor, the Dearing family includes descendants of the great Frederick Douglass some of whom still reside in St. Michaels, Annapolis and Highland Beach, MD.

—Partyline

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Flair Modeling Agency at Forest Park High School.

Melanie is an eighth grader at Bryn Mawr Middle School. She follows in the footsteps of former Miss Flair Teen Donnyelle Dorsey who became the 1988 Miss Black Maryland

Melanie Muldrow
Miss Flair Teen

and Trena Lewis, an Edmondson High senior whom Flair is sponsoring in the Miss United Negro College Fund Contest.

Pert Jasma Walters of Wilde Lake High School in Columbia was first runner up and Tyese Branham of Falstaff Middle School was second runner up. Other finalists were Alice Costa, Western High School; Stacey Hicks, a senior at Carver, and Tyra Joyner, a Morgan State University freshman.

Other participants in the pageant were Jamie Gunn, Harpers Choice Middle School; Louise Grimsley, Carver; Yvette Ward, Lake Clifton; Angela Washington, St. Paul School For Girls and Kristina Jackson, Cathedral School of Mary Our Queen.

Judges were dancer/actress Subhanallah Ali and models Gwen Kellam, Kelly Ward, Neal Wise and Alice Tucker.

The show, directed by Andrea Bland-Travis, was supported by the spirited dancing of the Flair Dance Company, under the leadership of Teri Joyner. Tamara Lewis, a University of Maryland freshman was principal production assistant to Ms. Travis.

The supporting cast of student models included Marvin Cheatham, Bomani Ivy, Letree Langston, Alter Brown, Felicia Burroughs, Melinda Allen, LaRhonda Dean, Christina Emge, Natalie Dowell, Christa Mason, Shanae Morton, Danyelle Newton, Keita Wells.

Child models, ages 5-12 included Percita Carlton, Lynette Cook, Renata Clarke, Nicole Cobbs, Tifanni Berry, Tifanny Brown, Glen Flowers, Renee Flowers, Latrice Hardy, Carla Haskins, Ashley Newton, Renee Newton, Twyla Robinson and Tabitha Smith.

Flair Dancers were Tracie Coleman, Bill Givens, Kia Harrison, Mona Hanson, Hope Jones, Takeia Hinton, Noel Montague, Candice Murray, Alana Poulson, Tanya Sanders, Chelsea Stalling, Simone Stalling, Carla Vandervall and Tiffany Countess.

Jasma Walters
Flair Teen Runner-Up

Tyese Branham
Flair Teen Runner-Up

MISS BLAKE ATTENDS WEDDING IN ITALY

Miss Sonji Ruth Blake, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Blake (Ruteena) of Columbia, left Dec. 6 for Florence, Italy to attend the wedding of her close friend, Miss Angel Russell also of Columbia, MD.

Miss Blake, a University of Virginia graduate, is owner of Sonji's Unique Boutique. The bride, Miss Russell (now Mrs. Schmiedt) is a Ford Agency Model and graduate of Morgan State University.

Miss Russell who is much in demand as a model, met her husband-to-be in New York when they both were there on a mission connected with the fashion industry.

The groom, Nicola Schmiedt, associated with a textile firm, member of an elite Italian family, is Catholic. The wedding took place at the Maiano chapel in the small historic church in Florence on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Cherry Russell of Columbia left for a visit in Milan and Rome prior to the festivities before and after the wedding in Florence.

AT THE RECENT RECEPTION hosted by The Law Offices of Thomas & Welcome at the Center Club for the Honorable Dennis W. Archer, Associate Justice, Michigan Supreme Court are (from L): Joseph H. Thomas, Jr., Esq.; Marcella A. Holland, Esq., Chairperson of Awards 53rd Banquet Committee for Monumental Bar Association and The Honorable Dennis W. Archer, who was guest speaker at the Banquet.

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COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

KAPPA'S NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

The Columbia (MD) Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity held its annual New Years Eve Bash on Saturday night. The affair was held at the spacious Meeting House in the Village of Oakland Mills in Columbia. Oh What A Night! ! ! It was chilly and cold but the weather did not deter the more than 700 guests from stepping high to celebrate the New Year with those loveable guys of Kappa Alpha Psi.

The evening got under way at 10 p.m. and lasted until 3 a.m. on Sunday, yes, there was a wide array of townsfolk and guests from all over the Mid Atlantic area. We saw loads of folks from the Big "B" including Judge and Mrs. Janey, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Dr. Jay Brown and Mrs. Doris Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thompson. There were also guests from the Kappa Chapters in Washington, Annapolis, Aberdeen, Silver Spring and Alexander-Fairfax, VA. Others journeyed from as far away as Wilmington and Philadelphia for the Columbia Kappa's annual social and fundraiser.

The ladies were adorned in some of their finery, such as glittering beaded dresses, tops coordinated with satin and crepe pants, gold pantsuits and dresses in silver and black, but the most popular was black, a color that each woman should have in her wardrobe at all times.

The animated guests danced to the music of the Mood Experience in the main ballroom and recorded music in the smaller ballroom. The Mood Experience was a lively and entertaining group with dynamite male and female singers. The female vocalist had a melodious voice which some of the guests compared to that of Jennifer Holiday. Both serenaded the entire group of guests with their portable microphones allowing them to roam from table to table.

At midnight, Auld Lang Syne was played and sung and the appropriate toasts were given. The old year was gone and a new year begun. "Happy New Year ! ! ," various friends said as they embraced one another.

RESOLUTIONS

I know that there are some people who make resolutions each year. Now, what good is a resolution if you don't abide by it and continue to repeat your old habits? As for me, I don't make resolutions. I only strive to become a better person each year in my day-to-day living.

THE NEW YEAR'S BREAKFAST

After midnight, the guests enjoyed a well prepared catered breakfast menu which included sausage, eggs, fried potatoes and apples, chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, rolls, butter and coffee, as much as you preferred.

KAPPA'S SCHOLARSHIP

Over the more-than ten years that the Columbia Kappas have sponsored their New Year's Eve Bash they have used the proceeds to provide scholarships to worthy high school seniors which assist them as they go off to college. The scholarships are given to students recommended by counselors from all the Howard County high schools. Dr. Carroll Woodford has chaired the chapter's scholarship committee for several years.

Chapter Past Polemarch Rufus Clanzy was the able chairman for the 1988 New Year's Eve fundraiser. He, his committee and the entire chapter should be commended for a job well done.

Robert Birdsong is the current chapter Polemarch and Alex Humphrey is the Vice Polemarch.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY
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