LIFESTYLE

MLK Breadfast speaker feted:

Kings Landing Women host reception for Mpho A. Tutu

(Photos by Paris Gray)

MPHO A. TUTU (second from L) daughter of Bishop Desmond Tutu and keynote speaker for the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast (hosted yearly by the Kings Landing Women and the Greater Baltimore YMCA) socializes during the reception hosted in her honor by the KLW at the National Headquarters of the NAACP, Mt. Hope Dr., Thursday, Jan. 12 (the eve of the breakfast) with (from L): Pamela Hill-Kenya, Harold Mezile, Jr., President, Greater Baltimore YMCA, and Helen Miles, KLW member.

SPRING WARD (L) a staff person from the Greater Baltimore YMCA, is seen with Kings Landing Women (from L): Doris Street, Marjorie Green and Dolores Brown.

CRISIS MAGAZINE EDITOR FRED BEAUFORD (r) exchanges pleasantries with (L to R): John B. Ferron and Andre Street.

RAY BOONE, member of the MLK Breakfast Committee, is seen with (from L): Kathryn Waters and Dea Kline, a board member of the Greater Baltimore, YMCA.

DR. BERYL E. WILLIAMS (C) decked out in African garb, engages in conversation with (from L): Rosa M. Key and Kedibone G. Molete.

RETIRED NEWSMAN GEORGE COLLINS (forefront) and many others sample the reception fare.

KINGS LANDING WOMEN in a jovial mood during the festivities are (L to R): Mamie C. Jones, Myrtle Harrod and Helen Tucker.

More than 150 folks from many walks of life appeared to welcome the daughter of Bishop Desmond Tutu, Mpho A. Tutu (formerly of South Africa, now of New York).

Ms. Tutu was here in Charm City to be the keynote speaker for the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast sponsored by the Kings Landing Women's Service Club and the Y.M.C.A. of Greater Baltimore on Friday, Jan. 13 at Martin's West. The honoree, the youngest of four children born to Archbishop and Mrs. Tutu (Leah) was educated in Africa, England and America. A graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., Ms. Tutu recently became the Acting Director of the New York based Bishop Tuto Southern Africans' Refugee Fund which helps young South Africans who have left their country to continue their education in the United States. Ms. Tutu was very gracious as she met and greeted guests at the reception which was held Thursday, Jan. 12 from 7-9 p.m. at the National Headquarters of the NAACP, Mt. Hope Drive.

Reception fare featured hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, raw veggies, chips and dips, punch, cake and wine. Those in attendance also got a chance to enjoy Dennis Fisher at the keyboard with Jennifer Jones as soloist.

Members of the Kings Landing Women's Service Club are Marjorie R. Greene, president; Doris Street, vice president, Myrtle Harrod, recording secretary and Mamie Jones, treasurer.

Other members are Joyce Cotten, Estelle Foster, Roberta Keets, Gertrude McKella, Helen Miles, Adele Queen, Rosie Salley, Geneva Small, Mary Smith, Helen Tucker, Dolores Brown, Marie Clarke, Gwendolyn Clarke, and Earlene Hubbard.

Scenes from NAACP MLK Breakfast

(Photos by Paris Gray)

SHIRLEY POLLARD, (second from R) president of the Randallstown Branch of the NAACP, checks on last minute details for the commemorative observance of the 60th birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. held Saturday, Jan. 14 at the National NAACP Headquarters, Mt. Hope Dr. with (L to R): committee members the Rev. Harry Greene, Executive Board member, Randallstown Branch, NAACP. Nell Mobley, Joan Neverdon-Parker, Leroy Jones, co-chair for the event and Thelma Smith, chairperson.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER GEORGE ARNOLD, Manager of Employee Relations at the Communications Division, The Bendix Corp. in Towson, MD, goes over notes for his address to the assemblage.

CARATS seen enjoying the festivities at their Yule gala held at the Engineering Club are (front row, L to R): Janet Woolridge, Alice Russell, Merlene Adair and Norma Bracey. (Back row, from L): Gerri Desbordes and Lillian Jones.

EXCHANGING GREETINGS are Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, (L) National NAACP President and Ms. Vashti M. Bristol.

PARTYLINE

By Pattie Hodges

Rhonda D. Brockington
Birthday honoree

SWEET 16TH B'DAY FETE

A delightfully happy Rhonda Denetra Brockington, enjoyed celebrating her milestone "Sweet Sixteenth" birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 9 with a gala dinner at Benigans in Harborplace.

Rhonda is the daughter of Ronald and Deborah Brockington. (They own the dry cleaning establishment near the corner of Druid Hill Ave. and Eutaw Sts.).

Rhonda attends Baltimore's School for the Arts with theater being her major. She's a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, where she sings on the Graves Youth Choir and ushers on the Intermediate Usher Board.

Rhonda loves theater, dancing, talking on the phone, shopping, reading, writing and meeting people.

With love and best wishes for a "Happy Sweet 16th" from her mom and dad, during their dinner replete with a sparkler cake, Rhonda ended her big evening by going to the movies. Happy Birthday, Rhonda.

CARATS YULE FETE

The Baltimore Carats held their annual holiday dinner party at the Engineering Club. Hostesses for the event were Gerri Desbordes, (wife of Dr. Lionel Desbordes); club president Merlene Adair,

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Hair Care '89

Braiding and natural hair care: Now..... it's academic

By Eve Ferguson-Mokabe

A hallmark of the Eighties, as another decade ends, has been the return of the "natural."

Although the Afro of the Sixties and Seventies has yet to return to fashion, black women and other women of color have gone back to natural hairstyles.

Braids in the form of cornrows, individual braids, twists and wraps provide black women with a neat, easy to care for way to maintain their natural hair, but have been the subject of controversy recently.

Career women who have turned to braided or natural hairstyles have been ostracized to the point of legal action in at least three separate cases in the Baltimore-Washington area.

Several efforts to combat the negative connotations associated with braided hairstyles have been instituted in the past several years.

More and more braiding salons have opened in the area and three years ago, the National Braiders' Guild was created in Chicago as a clearing house and networking vehicle for professional hair braiders.

"People of all walks of life are wearing braids; grandmothers, children, doctors and lawyers," said Heiddekel Burke, president of the Guild and proprietor of Heiddekel's Hair-Um in Chicago.

Sharon Abney models cornrows

Braided style without extensions highlighted by gold beads

Child's hairstyle with gold beads and African curls at back

Twists done with natural hair

Handmade curl, or Dakar, named for the city of its origin

Cornrowed style with side roll, suitable for professionals

"The purpose of the National Braider's Guild is to get braiders out of the kitchens and bedrooms so they can practice their art form in a professional manner."

Beginning this month, the University of the District of Columbia will offer a course in braiding. "Hair Braiding Techniques: An Introductory Course."

Twelve different hairstyles including inverted and French braid styles and how to cornrow natural hair will be taught in three sessions of three days each.

"The purpose of the class is to try to erase the negative stigma associated with wearing natural hair," said Sharon Abney, Braiders' Guild member and instructor for the course series.

"Past experience has been one where natural hairstyles couldn't be worn to the workplace," Abney continued. "This class is designed to show mainstream America that our hairstyles can be worn professionally to work."

The class, which is carried by U.D.C.'s Office of Non-Credit Courses—Division of Continuing Education, was created by popular demand. "People called constantly about instruction in braiding and natural hair care," said Abney.

"The class will motivate women to appreciate their hair and to learn how to handle it so they can pass the knowledge on to their children," said Abney, "But, we want to stress that the class is for fathers also."

Depending on how well attended the class is, additional and more advanced sessions may be added to U.D.C.'s curriculum. "If the class is popular," Abney added, "we'll teach classes on using extensions and more detailed braiding techniques."

"Personally, it gives me a deep sense of satisfaction to be able to share the technique and knowledge of natural hair care," Abney said, "Professionally it is a good introduction to my new business, where people can get more elaborate hairstyles."

Abney's hair salon, Twists-N-Turns, is due to open early this year on upper Georgia Avenue. Services from cornrowing, hair wrapping, twists, individual braids, dreadlocks and general natural hair care for men and women will be offered.

To enroll in "Hair Braiding Techniques: An Introductory Course," registration is being held until January 18th for the January session.

For the other sessions, enrollment is taken up to one week before the class. Classes will be held at 1321 H Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Emma Davis in the Office of Non-Credit Courses at (202) 727-2314.

—More Partyline

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(wife of Dr. Carl Adair); Norma Bracy, (wife of Joseph Bracy) financial secretary; Janet Woolridge, (wife of Alfred Woolridge) publicity, Lillian Jones (wife of Dr. Thomas Jones) and Alice Russell (wife of Dr. Bruce Russell).

The Carats and their husbands floated through three private rooms at the private and elegant club. There was fellowship in the private lounge, and a gourmet six-course dinner in the beautifully - decorated dining room. The evening ended with the singing of carols and games in the private game room.

Other members include Jean Adams (Dr. Curtis Adams' wife); Minnie Smoot, wife of Dr. Roland Smoot; Vera Carrington, wife of Dr. Joel Carrington; Ada Woodland, wife of Dr. George Woodland; Jeanne Davis, wife of Marvin Davis; Gordene Blount, wife of Senator Clarence Blount; Helen Birt, Frances Pennington, wife of Dr. Vernon Pennington; Joan Phillips, wife of Dr. Robert Phillips; Dr. Ozella Webb, wife of Dr. Harvey Webb and Marlene Downs, wife of Dr. Sidney Downs.

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