LIFESTYLE

Zetas observe 69th Founders' Day

HONORED FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE SORORITY, L to R: Soror Esther Reid; for sixty plus years Soror Thelma C. Ashe; for forty years, Soror Magedelene Fennell; for sixty-nine years, founder Myrtle T. Faithful; for sixty plus years, Sorors Ida O. Wroten and Carrie D. Jackson; for meritorious service, Sorors Louise Lassiter and Beatrice A. Mayo; and for sixty plus years, Soror Mae W. Fortune. Seated is Soror Nellie A. Buchanan who received honor for sixty-nine years of service. Soror Buchanan is a past national grand basileus and was a charter member of Morgan's Chapter in the fall of 1920.

FOUNDERS' DAY 1989 COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOWN, L to R: Sorors Wanda Claiborne, Cheryl Raigns, Freeda Thompson, Mary B. Hurt, chairperson, Merlene E. Adair, Catherine Neal, Yvette Harris, Atlantic Regional Director, Mary E. Fields, Ethel Hall and Lori Adair-Chambers.

BRINGING GREETINGS from the State of Maryland, Maryland State Director, Soror Martha W. Williams.

fabulous "Get-Away" Weekend at the new Sheraton Conference Hotel in Towson, MD on January 27, 28 and 29.

Sorors began checking in on Friday afternoon, ready for a weekend of relaxation, fun, togetherness and recommitment. Friday evening sorors and guests dined from a sumptuous buffet and danced to disco sounds of the 50's and 60's. Saturday morning, sorors met for breakfast, ordered room service, got in some early morning shopping in nearby Towsontown Mall and/or relaxed in the sauna.

At 12:30 p.m., sorors, beautifully dressed in white, gathered for their Founders' Day Luncheon, which was deemed "a family affair," as all present were members of the Blue and White family.

The real highlight of the day and weekend was the presence of one of the Sorority's five pearls, Founder Myrtle Tyler Faithful. Founder Faithful was serenaded to the melodious strains of "Only A Pearl," with words by Alpha Zeta Soror Emma B. Roberts; and gifted with a gold, engraved chest containing 138 half dollars recognizing the 69th birthday of the Sorority and her two living founders; namely Sorors Faithful and Fannie P. Watts.

In attendance at the Luncheon to bring greetings were Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Mary E. Fields; Maryland State Director, Soror Martha W. Williams; President of Zeta Sigma Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Brother Scherod C. Barnes, and President of Zeta Amicae of Greater Baltimore, Amica Judy C. McFall.

Highlighting the Luncheon Program was the appearance of the Zeta Players in an original skit, written and directed by Soror Lori Adair-Chambers. The skit emphasized the programmatic thrust of the Sorority; namely, substance abuse prevention, illiteracy eradication, economic development, political empowerment and health and human services.

Incorporated in the skit was the appearance of the Just Say No Club of the Robert W. Coleman School No. 142. Twenty-five children with parents and sponsors were in attendance. The children performed, sang, danced, read original essays on why they should be drug free and repeated the Just Say No Pledge. Sorors were very enthusiastic in their welcome and reception of the Zeta Players and the School 142 Just Say No Club.

During the Luncheon Program, Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Sorors Louise H. Lassiter, Beatrice A. Mayo and Esther

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PARTYLINE

By Pattie Hodges

BLACK HISTORY EXHIBIT

The Arena Playhouse and the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society are sponsoring an exhibition of the works of Reva Lewie, one of Baltimore's most talented visual artists. The exhibition will open with a reception February 11 at 7:30.

Born in Baltimore, Reva Lewie has been active in art all her life. She enjoys a variety of media in her sculpture and painting. In her metal sculpture, geometric shapes are designed in interesting compositions employing brazed brass, copper and enameling techniques. These are mostly wall hangings. In painting and fiber, geometric shapes are employed in abstract compositions. Assemblages are composed of leather, stone and found materials.

Reva Lewie has exhibited extensively. Locally, she has exhibited at Maryland Historical Society, Community College of Baltimore, Morgan State University, Oheb Shalem Gallery, Vertical Gallery, Center Club, Hopkins Plaza, Arts Tower, Maryland National Bank, Union Trust Company, Washington County Museum in Hagerstown; etc. One woman shows have been at the Loeb Center, New York University; Arena Playhouse, Morris Mechanic Theatre Gallery, Coppin State University, and the Eubie Blake Gallery.

The artist received her early education in the public schools of Baltimore and MS from Morgan State College and an MA from New York University with additional studies at Coppin State College, University of Maryland and Towson State University. She is a world traveler, having journeyed throughout Europe, Asia, North America and South America.

Mrs. Lewie is also a leader in civic and professional organizations. Among organizations that she belongs to and serves are Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Wives, Jack and Jill Associates, Frisby Historical Society, Suburban Women's Association, For-Win-Ash Garden Club, Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, National Education Association and the Maryland State Teachers Association.

Reva Lewie devoted many years to the Baltimore City Public Schools in many capacities; retiring from Walbrook High School as art department head to devote full time to her art interests and civic groups.

She served as a leader in art education for thirty years, appearing at local and national conferences as teacher-lecturer-demonstrator.

She is the wife of Lemuel A. Lewie, businessman, horticulturist and retired educator, and the mother of Dr. R. Marcia Lewie Thompson, radiologist.

BALDWIN EXCERPTS

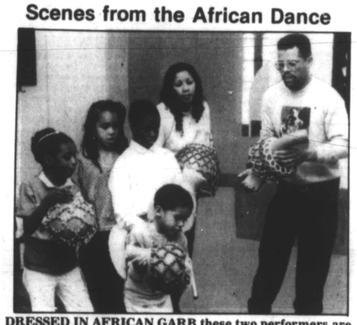
Serena Mills and Autumn Productions, Inc. presents "An Evening With Your Valentine," with the play "Baldwin," (during which there will be Theatrical excerpts from the writings of James Baldwin) at the Encore Dinner Theatre, 4210 Primrose Ave., (The FORUM, off the 5800 block of Reisterstown Rd.) on Wednesday, February 15, 6:45-9:45 p.m.

For information and tickets, contact: "Ideas" — Mrs. Serena Mills, 542-6930.

Alpha Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. marked its 1989 observance of Founders' Day with a

WE WIVES "IN YESTERDAY" (1963) seen at a gathering at the Kleeco Club include (clockwise): Bettye M. Moss, Iris Lloyd, Priscilla Lansey, Roberta Keets, Gwendolyn Tarter, Mae Dyson, Josephine Brown, Agnes Reaves, Lillian R. Bell, Ida M. Peters and Margaret Armstrong.

Scenes from the African Dance



DRESSED IN AFRICAN GARB these two performers are engrossed in their drumming.

Photos by Ray Gilbert

DOING A NUBIAN DANCE are these children who enjoy the African choreography with leaders at the Cloisters Children's Museum on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4 and 5.

Newsmakers

JANET CLASH WOOLRIDGE, has penned a novel 'This Side of Tomorrow' in which she focuses on the changes taking place in the early 30's in a still "steeped in racism and prejudice" plantation area in Virginia.

The book dips deeply into the entwinement of blacks who have been changed racially (colorwise and in attitude) by the ravages of slavery which robbed all blacks in America of their true heredity, culture and dignity. It is a mirror of the dubious relationship between blacks and whites during the sharecropping era prior to he great exodus from the south by many blacks, and focuses on the unfair treatment received by blacks during that time.

It also highlights the love of a "landed gentry" white for a young black woman and the turmoil this causes not only for the principals, but her family, his, and other whites of his ilk. It is a book which delves into the true "American" roots of blacks and tells a heretofore seldom told story.

Janet C. Woolridge was born in Baltimore, is a graduate of Douglass High School, Morgan State University (A. B. Degree) and New York University (M.A. Degree).

NEWSMAKER — Janet C. Woolridge, new author

She has done post-graduate work at UCLA, California; Ohio State University, Columbia University, the University of Maryland, New York University and Johns Hopkins University.

Janet is a retired counselor of the Baltimore Public Schools, where she was both a counselor and psychologist. She is a member of Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She is married to Alfred Woolridge, has two daughters — Stefanie Lewis, a Morgan grad, living in Detroit, and Amy Sallard who lives in

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COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

ALPHA'S CELEBRATION

The 14th annual memorial breakfast honoring the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and sponsored by Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The outstanding affair was held at Martin's West in Woodlawn.

More than 800 people were in attendance with wall to wall tables, but everyone was comfortable. Why not? We enjoyed good food, great fellowship and a fantastic speaker.

After breakfast the program got under way with chapter president David H. Barrett presidingt.

The keynote speaker was the Rev. William J. Barber, III, a native of Indianapolis, IN who spent most of his formative years in North Carolina. Three years ago, while in college, he was the recipient of the Belfor Lawson Oratorical Contest award and served as opening act at the eleventh annual breakfast at which noted columnist Mal Goode was the keynote speaker.

Rev. Barber is a graduate of Plymouth High School in Plymouth, NC., and North Carolina Central University with a BA degree in Political Science, Cum Laude. He is currently enrolled at the Duke University School of Religion and expects to receive the Master of Divinity Degree in May of this year. He entered graduate school on a three year Dean's Scholarship and was recently awarded an appointment as a Benjamin Mays Fellow.

Young Mr. Barber, a heavyset gentleman with a powerful voice, has the mannerisms of a Southern Baptist preacher. He received several standing ovations as he talked about the "Master's Message from the Mountaintop."

He quoted the Book of Deuteronomy and said, "Dr. King has been marching to Amazing Grace. He was on a marching tour telling the world about the nightmare in which we were living and the racism that was eating the hearts of Black People."

With hand gestures, he said, "When we go to the courts, looking for justice, just us, that's what we see. We must make sure that his legacy is told right. Nothing would be more tragic than for us to stop now."

The 70 members of Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha should be commended for sponsoring this worthwhile breakfast over the past 14 years. Special thanks are in order to the Martin Luther King, Jr. committee which includes Freeman Sands, Sr., chairman; Donald J. Hester, Radio, TV and Publicity chair; Kenneth M. Jennings, Jr., Ticket chair, Calvin L. Miller, Paul E. Waters, Ads and Solicitation, and Edward D. Yound, booklet.

—Zetas

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K. Reid. Longevity Awards were received by Sorors Gwendolyn DeCecilio and Magdelene Fennell for 40 years of service to the Sorority. Sixty years plus Service Awards were garnered by Sorors Myrtle T. Faithful (a founder), Nellie A. Buchanan (a past National Grand Basileus), Thelma C. Ashe, Mae W. Fortune, Carrie D. Jackson, Edna G. Johnson, Martina W. Jones and Ida W. Wroten.

Special presentation of a silver engraved tray was presented to immediate past basileus, Mary E. Fields, for dedicated and committed service to the sorority.

Saturday afternoon found sorors again shopping, room hopping, relaxing in the indoor pool, exercise room and Jacuzzi and/or just enjoying conversation in the hotel's several lounges. Saturday evening sorors, their significant others and guests, were entertained and danced to the sounds of "CISUM" at a Wine and Cheese Reception.

Sunday morning sorors and guests dined in the hotel's Carnegie's Restaurant at an "all you can eat" champagne brunch.

Merlene Adair, newly elected Basileus of Alpha Zeta Chapter, served as chairperson of the 1989 Founders' Day Committee. Serving with her were Sorors Lori Adair-Chambers, Wanda Claiborne, Isoline S. Crowner, Mary E. Fields, Ethel D. Hall, Yvette Harris, Mary B. Hurt, Catherine C. Neal, Cheryl Raigns, Freeda E. Thompson and Natalie West.

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