# LIFESTYLE

## Social Notes

**By Paula Brooks**

### Consciousness Raising

Congratulations to Dr. Elaine Simon, Nat. Exec. Dir., and Sheila Carter, member of the Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association. The group hosted a "mash-up, jam down" Caribbean affair at The Gentlemen Ten last week-end.

First, we were pleasantly surprised that the club was so nice. It was clean and spacious-not what you'd expect of that block of Edmondson Ave.

The next surprise was how glamorous the crowd was. Everyone was decked out! There were quite a few truly BAD outfits aired.

But did people worry about sweating out their "glad rags"? No way! They had come to party-and that's just what they did.

The X-Press Band was the next surprise. Boy did they jam! They were joined by master calypso artist, Swallow, resplendent in a gold evening jacket.

He proceeded to "nice up the dance", with such classics as Subway Jam, Man to Man, and Party In Space. By the time he went into his current monster hit, "Fire in the Backseat", steam could almost be seen rising from the dance floor.

Of course folks got ravenously hungry and Catherine had mouth-watering staples such as peas and rice, roti, and souse on hand.

D.J. Steve, de Waxman was at the controls, determined to keep the crowd on its feet. Among those B-More natives seen hand-clapping and foot tapping were WJZ's Phyllis Shelton, and Verna Brogden.

Among those spotted from the Caribbean community were Marva Rigby, from 32nd St. Plaza; Rance Scott, Terrence Charles, owner of the Blue Caribbean Bar and Lounge; Michael and Gloria Gibbs, part owners of the Sunset Club; and members of the D.C. Antiguan Association.

Neil Mattei was the M.C. and if you listened to WEAA the past two Saturdays you know he's back burning up the airwaves. Glad you're back Neil-keep pumping it up.

Dr. Louise Johnson is the founder of the Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association, a national organization that puts on seminars and conferences dealing with issues of interest to women. She is a consultant to the Nat. Black Caucus of State Legislators, World Conference of Mayors, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, Sister Cities, and the Master Beauticians.

If you go for this kind of music and you missed this affair, shame on you! If you think you might like it, check out the next event, you'll be hooked!

The music is West Indian, but the rhythms are African and primal. You can take people out of Africa, but you can't take Africa out of the people.

Left to right: Edna Russell, Pres. Balto. Chap., Cozette Conaway, and Sonia Stocton.

**B and P Awards and Founder's Day**

The Baltimore Club of the National Association of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. hosted a memorable Awards Luncheon and Founder's Day Celebration.

The affair was held at the Forum, and was a wonderful gift to the community to see that dreams can be realized through self-discipline, hard work, and perseverance.

This year's slate of honorees were all highly motivated, self-made people who achieved success despite adversity or humble beginnings.

Beverly Burke and Stan Stovall received special awards for being the first black news-anchor team in the city. Surprisingly, this is also a first for the entire country as well.

Other honorees included Bea Gaddy, recipient of the Sojourner Truth award for her work in feeding and clothing those in need;

Dorothy Brunson, communications pioneer; Madeline Pullen, community worker; Catherine Pugh, Dean of Strayer Business School; Dr. Mary Stevens, hair salon owner and instructor;

Clarence Blount, State Senator and educator; Edna Russell, dedicated club prexy; and Persephone Meacham, graduating senior at Baltimore City College received the Scholarship Award.

### AKA Gala

The Epsilon Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha

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## Bethel Women's Day fashion show

Models show off black and white outfits, Women's Day colors

Bethel youth in dramatic black and white polka dot creations

By Paula Brooks
AFRO Lifestyle Editor

The Women of Bethel A.M.E. Church presented a beautiful fashion show as part of their Women's Day activities.

Bethel has one of the largest, if not the largest congregations in the city and over 800 people packed the Palladium.

The event was a lesson in how much can be achieved by working together. We all know how difficult things can become when more than a few people become involved in a project.

However, 40 models, all church members, including women, men, teens, and children, as well as a host of committee members all worked together cohesively to produce a lovely show.

People are still talking about the original designs and unique ready to wear that ran the gamut from conservative to way out and even featured contemporary and traditional African garments.

Participating clothiers were Ovello's, International Fashions of Treasures, Wenda, Inc., Pauline Brooks Ent., Hats by Koh-nee, Cousins Millinery, and Designers Jewelry Gallery.

Kudos and praises for a job well done to Women's Day Chairsister, Mary Robinson; Fashion Show Chairsister, Verna Brogden, and co-chair Francina Bean Waters;

Fashion Show committee members Connie Muse, Roxanne Miller-Epps, Sheila Brogden-Jefferson and Julia Winbourne.

Also Banquet Committee members Jeanette Sykes-Atkins, Rose Marie Lovick, JoAnn Ransom, JoAnn Holley, Johneise Largent, Carol Williams, and Mildred McDuffy.

1st row seated left to right, Church 1st lady, Marlaa Reid, Mary Robinson, Adella Holt, jeanette Sykes-Atkins, Mildred McDuffie. 2nd row, Dorothy Williams, Hattie Conwell, Barbara Craig, Janie McCullough, Ruth Hall, Betty Clark, Sylvia Moore, Joan Coursey. 3rd row, Sandra Meekins, Louise Green, Barbara Knox, JoAnn Ransom, Carol Smith, Faye Smith.

## PHI Delta Kappa Tri-State day

Left to right: LaNita Brown, 2nd Anti Basileus; Beatrice Avery, Angie McCullum, Pres. Gamma Chapter; Lib Makle, seated, Elmira Collins, charter member attended Founder's Day for Gamma Chapter, Balto.; Beta Chapter, D.C.; and Alpha Mu Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

Members of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. celebrate Tri-Founder's Day at the Palladium. Left to right: Bedelia Green, Tamiouchos; Patricia Caldwell, Epitoleus; Rachel Brown, Charter Member; Doris Brashears, 1st antibasileus; Electa Holland, public relations; Lorraine Brooks, grammateus.



## COLUMBIA CAPERS

**By Pinnie Ross**

### Last Rites For Esther Vines

Esther Vines was a dedicated servant to God and her community; not necessarily in Howard County, but the surrounding counties and the City of Baltimore where she worked most of her life.

Just recently our dear friend went peacefully to her Maker. She had lived a life full of Christian love and warmth.

Services were held at St. John Baptist Church in Wilde Lake where she served as a Deacon for many years. The Rev. Herbert H. Eaton, pastor of the church, officiated at the service.

The late Mrs. Vines, the beloved wife of Harold C. Vines and daughter of the late Claude L. and Mary Jane Steele, was born July 9, 1930 in Harmony, North Carolina.

She attended public schools in North Carolina, Morgan State University, Penn State and received her Masters of Social Work Degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

At an early age she joined Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Harmony. Active in Christian education, this foundation molded her into the Christian servant she later became.

She was a very active person whose professional energies touched people serviced by city, state and federal government.

In all her service to others, her steady commitment, however remained to her God and her church.

At St. John, she will be remembered especially for her dedicated service as chairperson for the annual revival. I had the pleasure of working with her each year on that committee and what a great lady to work with.

Her soft voice and love for people will always be remembered. Many of the elderly of our community adopted Harold and Esther and they in turn adopted them.

They loved them and helped in every way. So let us rejoice by saying, "Let the work I've done speak for me."

Rev. Eaton's eulogy was taken from Psalm 90. He had this to say about my dear friend, "Esther saw the spark of good in everyone. It was Esther who took ordination as a deacon very seriously, fulfilling all the obligations as a deacon."

He gave praise to Harold for supporting her in all her ministry and her health needs. For from their home they fed the hundrey and housed the homeless and clothed the naked.

He said, "This is a day of victory for Esther who kept the faith and fought the good fight to win the battle."

The Rev. Wendell H. Phillips, pastor of Heritage United Church of Christ in Baltimore, gave the prayer of consolation.

Cleg Blackwell sang a solo and the other music was furnished by Esther's favorite choir, the St. John Gospel Choir with Lauvenia Ellicott as soloist.

"Expression came from the Long Reach Church of God, the Commission of Aging where Esther was very active and her best friend, Ophelia Bell of Baltimore and Deacon Gertrude Frank for the church.

The most heartfelt expression came from family member, Dr. James W. Morrison who had wet eyes from every person attending the service. It was a service of thanksgiving for Esther.

She leaves to mourn, her dear and beloved husband Harold, daughter, Carla; grandson, Joseph; stepson, Carlton; God daughter Jana Rene Bell, four brothers, Leon, and Billy Steele from North Carolina, Fred and Henry Steele of Baltimore;

Four sisters Susan, Lortie and Geneviene of North Carolina and Ann Mckee of Baltimore, a mother-in-law, stepfather-in-law, three sisters-in-law and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## —AKA Gala

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Sorority, Inc. will host a Pink and Green Gala on Friday, June 9, at Martin's West.

It's a black tie affair with music by Bobby Felder. Cocktails begin at 8:30 and the sit down dinner will start at 10:00 P.M. The affair will benefit the Scholarship Fund

WOMAN POWER — Friends and staff members visited Congressman Kweisi Mfume in the Nation's Capital. A total of 40 visitors enjoyed a luncheon and tour of the capital with the Congressman. Each will receive a photograph taken with the Congressman as a momento of the occasion.

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## Engagements

### Tinsley-Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Montague and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson would like to announce the wedding of their children, Janelle Tinsley and Melvin Robinson on July 29th at 4301 Woodridge Rd., D.D.S., and the late Richard A. Granger, D.D.S. of N.Y. The groom's attendants are Best Man Tod Granger, D.D.S., Head Usher, Gus Granger II of Minn., Wayne Duncan, Peter Giamburno, Steve Yaconetti, Butler Reed, III.

### McNair-Dent

Valare Valaida McNair, daughter of James and Sarah McNair of Baltimore, and Warren Dent, son of Mrs. Fosdine Jarmon of Cherry Hill have announced their engagement.

The bride-elect is a registered nurse at Church Home Hospital. The prospective groom is employed by the C and P Telephone Co. A late spring wedding is planned.

### Kane-Corbett

The engagement of Esther ArNita Kane, daughter of Nadine Kane Knight to Milton Lee Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Corbett has been announced.

The bride-elect attended Baltimore City College and Essex Community College. She is a commercial business support representative with MCI Telecommunications.

Her fiance attended Douglass High School and Community College of Baltimore. He is an officer with the Baltimore City Police Department.

The couple will reside on Arizona Ave. An August wedding is planned.

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