LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

Big Sisters Social

By Paula Brooks
AFRO Lifestyle Editor

The Big Sisters [illegible] held a delightful Social and Informal [illegible] affair was held at the Mount Royal [illegible] unity room, and was enjoyed by [illegible] attendance.

[illegible] Big Sisters Vivian Bu[illegible] A. Lee, and Shirley Roberts. Fa[illegible] by talented young designer Karen Langley Smith, Pauline Brooks Enterprises, and hats were by well known milliner, Nell Sheridan.

This special afternoon of fun was conceived as a salute to all Big S[illegible] have worked hard this year in their various [illegible] endeavors and promotions.

Catering was exquisitely done by Mays-Taylor Catering. The menu included peach and strawberry dacqueris, boneless chicken breast in garlic sauce, and a chocolate cake that was absolutely sinful.

Congratulations on a year of community involvement on local, state, and national levels.

Hostesses at Big Sisters social (left to right) Sydney A. Lee, Shirley Roberts and Vivien F. Burnett.

Chi Psi Sigma Awards

The Chi Psi Sigma Fraternity, Alpha Chapter, held its annual honors and awards dinner on Friday evening, June 23, at the S & R Ballroom. Brother Aaron Ellis, Sr., chairman and master of ceremonies, gave the welcoming remarks and introduced the president, Brother Robert Porter, Jr.

Brother Frank Jones gave the invocation, after which a delightful and delectable dinner was served buffet-style.

Gold Key Awards were presented by Brother John P. Lyles, business manager, to the high school graduates for their achievements in business education. The honorees were Lynn Terry Newton, Dunbar High School, accounting; Marie Gaines, Carver Vocational High School, accounting; Kellie Mills, Forest Park High School, typing; LaWanda DeZurn, Walbrook High School, typing and Morocco Carter, Douglass High School, typing and computer training.

Special Service Awards were presented to Brother James E. Barnes and Brother Joseph L. Russ. The fraternity's Man of the Year Award was presented to Brother Clarence F. Gross.

Businessman of the Year Award was presented to E. Gaines Lansey, chairman of the board of the Ideal Savings & Loan Association.

Brothers and spouses present were James E. Barnes, Wallace E. Blackwell, Aaron Ellis, Sr., Frank Jones, Vernon A. Kelly, John P. Lyles, William S. Lyles, Robert Porter, Jr. and Leonard W. Thompson. Brothers Augustus W. Yerrell and William W. Freeman also attended.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wanza, Charles Carter, E. Gaines Lansey, Isaac Lee Turner, Mrs. Maxine Dorsey, Mrs. Marilyn Williams, Mrs. Alice L. King and Mr. Bernard Scott.

A Fa[illegible] All Boys

[illegible] tion behind him, J[illegible] and enthusiasm a[illegible] the Salvation Army [illegible] activities since 19[illegible] charity's capital ca[illegible]

The funds will h[illegible] by service facilities in deterioration.

Three of the [illegible] facilities are completely inadequate. They're all in very poor condition. We've been band-aiding these facilities for years," Jowers said.

Included [illegible] list for the [illegible] gym equipment, shower facilities, meeting rooms, library books and materials for a [illegible]

Johnnie Jowers, executive director of Salvation Army Boys Clubs.

The Salvation Army began the Boys Club program in Baltimore in 1936. More than 4,000 boys, girls, and adults participate in year-round programming like arts and crafts, camping, dramatics, photography, table tennis, air hockey and pool, library and camping activities.

Jowers said, "I keep membership fees low so that

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McDonald's gives $13,500 to NAACP

The Baltimore City McDonald's family restaurants have given over $13,500 in awards and gifts to 74 winners of the NAACP's ACT-SO program in the Baltimore-Washington area.

ACT-SO is the Academic, Cultural, technological and Scientific Olympics, also known as the "Olympics of the Mind." The program is open to students grades 9-12.

Winners came from six participating NAACP chapters located in this area and will go on to compete in the national ACT-SO competition to be held at the national NAACP convention in Detroit, the beginning of July.

McDonald's honored all first place winners, their parents, and ACT-SO coaches at a local McDonald's restaurant. Each winner was awarded a $200 savings bond and a duffle bag to use on their trip to the final competition.

Second and third place winners were also awarded $75 and $50 bonds respectively, by local McDonald's restaurants.

1st place winners in ACT-SO competition (left to right) Osborne and Famebridge Payne, McDonald's owners and operators; Shawn Peterson, Camara Kambon, Leonard Evans, Russell Harris, Kimberly Warden, Ureka Gordon and Sharon Thomas.

COMTO Day in Maryland

The Baltimore Chapter of COMTO held its second Scholarship/Awards Banquet recently at Martin's Champagne Room. In attendance were minority and female business owners, prime contractors, dignitaries, COMTO members and supporters.

The keynote speaker was Robert G. Owens, director, Office of Civil Rights for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). Owens spoke of the need for transportation professionals to serve as mentors to today's youth.

He also emphasized that membership in COMTO is vital to networking and gaining information relative to higher level, decision-making positions in the transportation industry.

Master of Ceremonies was Harold Anthony, a local TV talk show host, whose presence added more excitement to the evening.

Two $500 scholarships were awarded to students attending Morgan State University. The recipients were Jason McDonald, an undergraduate majoring in Civil Engineering and Allyson Anderson, a grad student majoring in Transportations Studies.

Numerous awards were presented to minority and female businesses and prime contractors for their successful participation in the Mass Transit Administration's Minority Business Enterprise Program. Awards were also presented to several COMTO supporters, including the keynote speaker, Robert G. Owens.

The president of the Baltimore Chapter, Minnie I. Carter, was also surprised with five awards from the officers of the Baltimore Chapter — one for each letter in the name "COMTO."

A highlight of the banquet was the presentation of a proclamation from Governor William Donald Schaefer declaring June 2, 1989 as COMTO Day in the State of Maryland.

Current officers of the Baltimore Chapter are Felecia M. Egbe-Vice Pres.; Angela Martin-Tres.; Charles R. Burley-Tres. at Large; Rita Holmes-Exec. Asst.; and Pamela Witherspoon-Sec. Future plans include a dinner cruise in July. Call Ms. Holmes at 333-3309 for more information.

(Left to right) Vertis Park, Ruth Simms, Minnie Carter, Robert Owens and Harold Anthony celebrate COMTO Day.

Pitts Anniversary

Harbor Court Hotel was recently the scene of a festive dinner party recently in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan A. Pitts of Baltimore. The party was given by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rogers of New York City.

Serving as hostesses were Margaret Land, Mildred Taylor, Doris Reese and Rose Hall. During the cocktail hour, music was provided by pianist Lou Ranone. After the guests were seated, welcoming remarks were made by Michael Rogers who was Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Tributes to the honored couple were given by the following relatives and friends: Daughter, Mitra Pitts Rogers; former student, Rose Smith Butler; brother, Dr. Raymond Pitts, Sr.; sister, Catherine Adams;

Nieces, Dr. Ann Adams and Dr. Shiriki Morssink, who presented a framed enlargement of the 50th anniversary invitation; nephew Raymond Pitts, Jr.; and nephew, Rev. Paul Smith who gave the invocation before dinner.

Elizabeth Day, pianist, entertained during dinner, concluding with, "The Anniversary Waltz" as the cake was rolled into the hall. The beautiful cake was crowned by five large candles, each representing ten years of marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. Pitts cut the cake together to the applause of all present. After dessert, the honorees were called to the podium. Mrs. Pitts spoke first, thanking everyone for coming and sharing in the happy occasion.

Dr. Pitts then gave remarks including highlights of their married life and anecdotes about many of the guests. Everyone stood, and Michael led the group in a champagne toast to the happy couple. The festivities ended with a very fitting and beautiful poem entitled "Will You Still Love Me When I Am Old?"

Guests who shared in the memorable evening were Dr. Ann Adams of Ithaca, N.Y., Catharine Adams, Harrison Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Baden, Evelyn Beasley, Myrtice Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Butler, Dr. Cyril Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Daniels. Mr. and Mrs. David Driver, Mr. and Mrs.

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Nathan and Mary Pitts cut the cake at 50th wedding anniversary.

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

Club Dejouir attends Conclave

The Philadelphia Chapter of Club DeJouir, Inc. hosted the 33rd Annual Conclave of the organization last weekend. The conclave theme was "Wrapping Up The Eighties" and it was done in a very big way.

All six chapters, including our sisters in Baltimore, motored up to Philadelphia to attend meetings with our DeJouir sisters and have a "living ball"; and those Philly Sisters saw to that.

Other chapters attending the conclave were Richmond, Norfolk and Petersburg, VA and Washington, DC along with Baltimore and Columbia, MD.

Those Philly DeJouirs greeted us in yellow dresses with coordinated scarves. Some ushered us to the registration area where we received bags of goodies.

The Sheraton Society Hill Hotel was the scene for the two day Conclave. The hotel is beautiful and the service fantastic.

Friday night was party and fun time. "The Best Of The Eighties" was the party theme. Each chapter was asked to present a five minute skit relating to the conclave theme at the Friday affair.

Columbia's was entitled, "Let's Go International." Our skit included several members dressed in international costumes. They were beautiful, but when Hazel Rayford stepped out representing the United States of America in red, white and blue and unveiled her long and wide flag draped around her body, the house came down.

The Baltimore sisters were attired in white and blue sailor hats and did a dance to the tune "New York, New York." You must know that Dorothy Green is the very fine and able president of that club.

The Washington Chapter exercised to the tune "Let's Get Physical" which was a job well done.

Now the Richmond Chapter, Columbia's sponsor, was very sophisticated in their old chapeaux. They were stepping high and looking good.

The Petersburg Chapter, whose 1983 Conclave theme was "Future Shock" really shocked the party goers when Stella Johnson stepped forward and presented a blank tape stating that it represented a future shock ... the house came down. She was FUNNY ...

Norfolk's and Philadelphia's skits were skits to be remembered. Those Philly girls danced, sang like professionals with their super opening number.

Awards were presented to the Baltimore and Columbia Chapters for producing the best skits.

Prior to the skits being presented, we were served a scrumptious meal followed by dancing 'til the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday morning was all business. The meetings were called to order by president Charlotte Churn. Jackie Hilson, our special Baltimore Lady gave a moving and inspirational prayer as the Club's chaplain.

Reports from special committee chairpersons were given. The highlights of the session were the election returns. The committee was chaired by yours truly.

Our 1989-90 national president is the charming Connie Edwards, a principal from Richmond, VA. Other officers elected were Vice President, Delores West, Philadelphia; Recording Secretary, Florence Richardson, Baltimore; Financial Secretary, Ruth Dukes, Philadelphia;

Treasurer, Ida Brown, Norfolk; Business Manager, Barbara Gibbs, Norfolk; Publicity Manager, Mildred Jordan, Washington; Historian, Esther Graham, Norfolk; Sargeant at Arms, Nancy Bond Petersburg and Chaplain, Sonia Bryant of Philadelphia.

One thousand dollars was presented to the United Negro College Fund by the National Chapter at the business meeting.

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Ernest Edwards, Frances Finney, Joseph Walker, Rose Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Clifton Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kimbers, Margaret Land, William Faison, Mr. and Mrs. William March, Claudette McPherson,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Morssink, Dr. Nathaniel Pitts, of D.C., Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Pitts, Sr. of Sacramento, Ca., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pitts, Jr. of Gaithersburg, Doris Reese, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Errol Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams, and last but not least, the Pitts two year old granddaughter, Mackenzie Mitra Rogers, of N.Y. City.

—A Father

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anyone can join. Those who can't pay do a job for a week or so."

An inductee into the Shaw University Athletic Hall of Fame, Jowers, who has a Master of Science degree in Education and Physical Education, knows the importance of sports and teamwork, especially to children.

"The Boys Clubs help the boys and girls learn responsibility and guide them to develop socially and culturally," he said. "Our main goal is to enhance the quality of life of the youngsters who come into our care."

He does this through career days, tutoring, computer programs and latchkey programs, in addition to the activities held regularly at the centers.

Jowers said he owes a lot to his wife of 33 years, Paltine. "I'll never get rich working for the Salvation Army. Without a spouse working and supplementing our income, I couldn't have stayed."

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

By Marjorie Green

Good Samaritans

AID COLUMNIST IN DISTRESS

It was one of those hot muggy afternoons when I decided to make a quick stop at a local shopping center. After standing in one of the long lines to purchase a couple household bargain items, I headed for my car which was parked on the parking lot a few steps from the Mall entrance. It didn't take me long to realize that something was wrong when I didn't see the car, but I decided not to panic.

It was a relief to see two sympathetic friends approaching who recalled having been in the same predicament on several occasions. After assuring me that I would soon locate the missing car, Viola Stokes and Carolyn Gibson disappeared into the crowded Mall. Up and down the lanes I walked, lugging my heavy bag and growing weary and more frightened by the second.

Just when I decided that it was time to call my husband and/or police and report the missing car, my two good samaritans appeared again and offered to ride me around the parking lot in hopes of spotting the car.

Well, why didn't someone remind me that the Mall had more than one door? After riding around the targeted area for several minutes, we finally ventured a little further and yes, there it was just a few feet away from the door I first entered.

I'm certain that there are many readers of this column who can identify with the relief I felt. Many thanks to people like Viola Stokes and Carolyn Gibson, a Social Security Administration retiree and employee respectively, who are never too busy to care about others.

KLW's Poolside Meeting

Kings Landing Women's (KLW) Service Club members held their closing meeting recently at the Painted Post Road home of member, Myrtle Harrod's daughter, Robin.

The group met briefly inside to re-elect current officers to another two-year term and to decide which charitable organizations will be the recipients of their monetary gifts this year. Following the business agenda, a poolside picnic type lunch was furnished by hostess, Myrtle Harrod, who also serves as KLW secretary.

TLOD Return

Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD) president Marguerite White and club member delegates recently returned from the National Synd-Lod in Tyler, Texas. Baltimore Chapters TLOD founder, Lady Fannie Poulson, reports a large turnout, warm welcome and royal treatment extended by the Texas host chapter.

NAACP State Convention

The Baltimore City Branch of the NAACP will host this year's NAACP Maryland State Convention. The Baltimore Travelers Plaza off I-95 and O'Donnell Street will be the site of the October convention. Persons interested in volunteering to work on planning committees can call 366-3300 or 448-3722.

The National Convention will be held in Detroit, Mich. July 7-14, 1989.

25th Biennial Convention NFRW

Madie E. Mitchell of Baltimore has been selected as chairperson of the local facilities committee of the National Federation of Republican Women's Biennial Convention to be held in Baltimore October 6-8, 1989. Ann A. Taylor and B. Jane Douglass have been selected as co-chairpersons.

The Baltimore convention will be the largest national gathering of Republicans this year and will be addressed by virtually every major national Republican leader. It is also one of the largest conventions to be held at the Baltimore Convention Center in 1989.

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) has 140,000 members in approximately 2,500 clubs nationwide. The Maryland Federation, led by Janet Steed of Bowie, boasts some 2,200 members, politically active in 48 clubs located in every jurisdiction in the state.

As host state residents, Maryland Federation volunteers will be responsible for every aspect of the convention, from making banquet table decorations to booking tours of the area of the 3,000 convention delegates and their families.

As one of more than 60 members of the convention's arrangements committee, Mitchell will be responsible for compiling information on local restaurants, tourist attractions, churches, medical facilities and the like for the delegates' information.

A member of the Baltimore City Republican Central Committee and a Federation member for 40 years, Mitchell is employed as a nurses aide and was a foster parent for 30 years.

As two of more than 60 members of the convention's arrangements committee, Currently, the president of the Hopkins Women's Republican Club and a member of the Baltimore City Republican Central Committee, Taylor was recently given a Life Achievement Award by the Maryland Republican Party.

A member of the Republican Women of Baltimore City, Douglass is employed as a community planning and development specialist.

NFRW co-chairperson, Ann Taylor; chairperson, Madie Mitchell; co-chairperson, Jane Douglass.

Taylor Douglass will be responsible for compiling information on local restaurants, tourist attractions, churches, medical facilities and the like for the delegates' information.

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