LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

By Paula Brooks
AFRO Lifestyle Editor

Dolls/Arts & Crafts

"A Summer Festival of Dolls/Arts & Crafts" will be held on August 12 from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. at the Pikesville Hilton. The event will benefit Santa Claus Anonymous.

Ms. Carla St. Rose-Peterson, dynamic festival organizer, says she chose Santa Claus Anonymous because years ago when she was pregnant and down and out, they were the only ones to give her a helping hand. "I'm glad to be able to repay my debt. Many people don't know that the organization works all year collecting funds and distributing needed supplies.

Ms. St. Rose-Peterson is a native of Trinidad-Tobago, now a naturalized citizen of this country. She feels that the minority community is under-represented in organized collector's groups, and tries to encourage their greater participation in this area.

She is the driving force of the Greater Howard County Doll & Toy Club, scheduling events at public libraries, shopping malls, fairs and festivals and individual Doll and Toy Shows. She has purchased related collectibles for the organization, using her own experience as a collector.

Over 120 exhibitors will display their dolls and other hand crafted items at the festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for little girls to see the wide range of dolls available and possibly decided to start their own collection.

8th Shannon Family Reunion

The 8th Annual Shannon Family Reunion will be held in Baltimore on July 28, 29 and 30. Several events are planned such as the Family Get Together to be held at the Forum, Friday, July 28 and the Family Picnic at Druid Hill Park, Saturday, July 29.

Ms. Danise Jones-Dorsey, representative from Mayor Kurt Schmoke's office will present the Proclamation at the Dinner/Dance July 29 beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency-Downtown Baltimore.

For further information, please contact Ms. Irma Greenage who is the host for this year's reunion at (301) 547-8000, extension 281 or 578-9306.

Red Cross trains volunteers

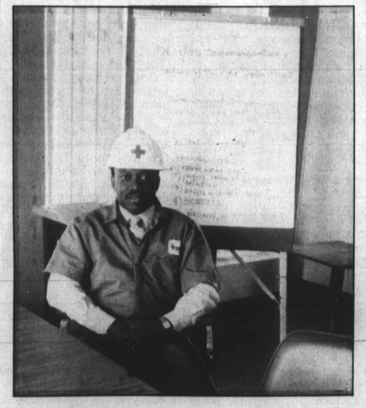
Bola Otukoya, Preparedness and Training Specialist for the Central Maryland Red Cross had a very unique childhood. At the age of eight, his mother encouraged him to register for several Red Cross classes. In doing so, a world of sharing and caring for others on two continents, has touched him.

"In 1967, I started taking first aid courses and worked in the Red Cross camps," said Bola. He also toured other Red Cross locations throughout his homeland of Nigeria. By age 13, he calls "going into rural communities and clinics with fliers on prenatal care, nutrition, hygiene, and water purification, in addition to daily disaster relief efforts."

Bola moved to America at his brother's invitation. Here, he pursued full-time academic studies and earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mass Communication from Towson State University.

It is fitting that Bola's first Red Cross job was Coordinator of Volunteer recruitment. "I remembered the idealism and concern for human suffering I had felt as a volunteer and thought I could impart some of these feelings to our volunteers here in central Maryland," Bola said.

"In Nigeria, malnutrition and water purification are of major concern. In central Maryland, AIDS education is of major importance. In a sense, we speak variations of the same language and this makes Red Cross special around the world."



Bola Otukoya, Preparedness and Training Specialist for Central Maryland Red Cross.

People

Deputy Secretary of Maryland Dept. of Personel appointed

Donna Bates Price was recently appointed Deputy Secretary of Maryland Department of Personnel.

Hilda E. Ford, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Personnel has appointed Donna Bates Price Deputy Secretary for the Maryland Department of Personnel. Price will oversee the operations of the personnel programs for a state government workforce of 65,000.

A graduate of Ohio Central State University, with a law degree from the University of Baltimore, Price served as a litigation attorney for The House of Ruth, a Baltimore-based shelter which provides comprehensive services and shelter to victims of domestic violence and their families. Here she represented battered women in civil matters.

Prior to joining the House of Ruth staff, Price served in the Maryland Office of the Attorney General as a staff attorney representing the Maryland Department of Human Resources. Previously, she specialized in the development and coordination of preventive intervention programs for the Henrico County school system in Richmond, Virginia.

From 1981 to 1984, she assisted in the coordination of county education, judicial, law enforcement and mental health services to improve the educational environment for the county's students. A resident of Baltimore County, Price assumed here duties July 10.

Water Quality Financing Administration Director Chosen

Maria Markham Thompson was named Water Quality Financing Administration Director at Maryland Department of Environment.

Maria Markham Thompson, a 31-year-old New York native with an extensive background in public finance and urban planning, has been named Water Quality Financing Administration Director at the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE).

Ms. Thompson assumed here position with MDE July 5.

"Having someone with Marie's level of expertise and wealth of experience is a plus, both for this department and the citizens of Maryland," noted Maryland Secretary of Environment Martin W. Walsh, Jr., who made the appointment.

"She will be a tremendous asset, particularly as we strive to continue providing funds to local governments and municipalities for sewage treatment plant improvements in an era of declining federal assistance," he added.

Before coming to Maryland, Ms. Thompson was the Assistant Vice President for Municipal Credit Analysis at Chemical Bank in New York, a position she held since June 1988.

After earning a bachelor's degree in business administration at New York University in 1979, Ms. Thompson received a Master's in urban planning — with special emphasis on environmental planning — from NYU in 1981.

At MDE, Ms. Thompson will be primarily responsible for administering the state's revolving loan fund. This new fund is designed to lend money to county and municipal governments for modernizing their wastewater treatment plants.

These low-interest loans will gradually replace federal grants that were formerly allocated to local governments by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"I am eagerly looking forward to the challenge of working in the public sector with an aggressive, well-respected agency like MDE," Ms. Thompson said. "We will be using a number of exciting, creative approaches in the financial market to get the job done."

New President of Cross Country

Delores G. Kelley, recently elected president of the Cross Country Improvement Association.

Now in its 20th year, the Cross Country Improvement Association has elected Delores G. Kelley as President of the organization whose membership is over 300 families.

It serves as representative and clearing house for residents to study, monitor and act upon matters of concern to the neighborhood bounded by the north side of Taney Road, the Western Run and the east side of Park Heights Avenue to the county line.

Mrs. Kelley, the mother of three, a Ph.D. in American Studies, professor and administrator at Coppin State College, is distinguished as an educator and longtime political activist.

She is Secretary of the Maryland State Democratic Party, an office for which she was nominated by Governor Schaefer and endorsed by vote of the full Democratic State Central Committee.

She served with Comptroller Louis Goldstein and AFL-CIO State President Edward Lamon on the National Platform Committee of the Democratic National Convention.

In her first 1986 campaign for 42nd District State Delegate, which she nearly won, Delores Kelley was endorsed by The Sun, many Democratic clubs, the DC-MD AFL-CIO, city and state teacher's associations and State Senator Barbara Hoffman.

Student to attend Naval seminar

Albert Smith, Jr., honors Gilman student will attend summer seminars at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Albert M. Smith, Jr. son of Denise Ruffin Smith and Albert Smith, Sr., of Baltimore, was one of 900 students selected from almost 14,000 applicants to attend a Summer Seminar program at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Smith is a 12 year Gilman man, who expects to graduate in 1990. He is president of the Gilman Black Awareness Club, and a member of Human Relations Committee, Committee on South African Divestment, Fellowship of Lutheran Youth People, and the Human Relations Day committee.

His areas of special interest are mathematics and sciences. He intends to major in engineering in college.

The Naval Academy invites students who are highly proficient in math, science, or engineering to Annapolis to acquaint them with educational opportunities at the academy and professional opportunities in the naval service.

Students attending the week-long seminar select four workshops in one of the academy's academic departments. While at the Academy, the students experience midship life by living in the dormitory, using the academy's extensive athletic and computer facilities, and sailing on their patrol boats.

Serving as the undergraduate college of the Navy, the Academy's mission is to prepare midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional offices in the naval service.

Unveiling Ceremony

The Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. proudly dedicated the wax figure of General Daniel "Chappie" James to the Great Blacks in Wax Museum.

The unveiling ceremony which took place on Sunday, July 23, 1989 was well attended by many area Kappa men and guest. Baltimore Alumni Polemarch, Robert G. Jacobs was presented with a plaque of appreciation to the fraternity from Dr. Elmer Martin, president of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum.

Eastern Province Polemarch, Howard L. Tutman, Jr., in his remarks acknowledged the enthusiasm and pleasure the Baltimore Alumni Chapter took in funding this very worthwhile project. Through efforts such as this, future generations will see, and learn of the achievements of the late Kappa Daniel "Chappie" James and many others.

Kappa's Charity Donation

The Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will present its annual charity awards ceremony on Saturday, August 19, 1989 at 11:30 a.m.

The presentations will take place at the fraternity house located at 4903 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207.

The recipients of the 1989 charity gifts are:
NAACP- Baltimore Chapter
United Negro College Fund
League for the Handicapped
Camp Farthest Out
Eubie Blake Cultural Center
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Associated Black Charities
James Mosher Little League
Lake Clifton/E.H.S. (SADD)
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Salvation Army
Florence Crittenton Services
Boy Scouts of America
John Hopkins Children's Center
Leith Walk Elementary School
Kidney Foundation

COLUMBIA CAPERS

By Pinnie Ross

Congratulations to Maurine McKinley who recently opened a new business with a lady partner. The business, McKinley/Berman Associates, MBS, Inc., is a corporate meeting planning firm addressing the meeting needs of small and large corporations in the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan areas.

They offer a full range of services for meetings and special events such as site selection, facilities negotiations, audio and video equipment and travel arrangements. The firm will manage both domestic and off shore conferences.

Congratulations are in order for George and Hazel Rayford, who in addition to their bonded retainer business, Maryland Bonded Retainer Services, Inc., specializing in the making of crowns and bridges, have opened a second business, Micro Computer Services, Inc. in suite 2, just above the laboratory.

Their new business includes word processing, preparation of legal papers, Resume' informational services, medical reports, software and graphic design. Their firm is linked with 200 or more basic computer designs.

Another Black Business which just recently opened by Bill and Gladys Bush is a one hour photo processing studio in Annapolis, Maryland. Gladys travels to Annapolis each day to assist her husband after a full days work as a district contractor specialist at General Electric, a recent promotion. She handles major accounts in the Baltimore/Washington/Northern Virginia areas.

More good news for the Bush Family. Their son Billy is the starting right offensive guard on the University of Mississippi football team this fall. Look for No. 58 as you view Ole Miss vie for the South Eastern Conference title.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In our mailbag came an invitation headlined KENSLER, ITS SHOW TIME BIRTHDAY. As I opened the invitation, I viewed an actual replica of a copy of the 1936 New York Times Newspaper stamped in red ink, "this is the Way it Was the Day I Was Born," Headline of the Month. It showed the cost of living then as compared to now. Oh what a difference!!!!! A gallon of gasoline at $.10, now $1.10; a loaf of bread $.08, now $1.29 and butter at $.09 per pound, now $1.59.

In the center of the page in bold red letters read "COME TO CELEBRATE THE NOW." Well it was a beautiful celebration. Guests came from as far away as Virginia to celebrate this special occassion.

Nancy greeted her guests in a gold pants outfit. The Kensler's two daughters served the guests as professional bar tenders. Crystal in black pants and white blouse and Deana was the gracious hostess seeing that the guests every need was attended to. She was also attired in black and white as was dad Jesse. Special music played, happy conversation were heard and congenial people made for a very nice atmosphere at Nancy's party. A delicious dinner capped off the evening. Congratulations Nancy.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles. What do we live for if not to make the world a less difficult place for each other.

George Elliott

Black Family Night presented at Howard

By Gregory A. King
AFRO Intern

When was the last time you had an opportunity to spend an evening with your family and other black families to discuss you? To discuss the problems we as a people face in our communities. To discuss the problems our children face with peer pressure. And, to discuss adequate solutions.

Well, on July 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Blackburn Center you can meet with other families to discuss the plight of the black race/black family. Better Family Life, Inc. (BFL) in conjunction with the Howard University Harambee Circle will present "Black Family Night: A Cultural Festival," which will focus on the black family.

EDDIE EARL "REMINGTON" HATCH of ABC's "All My Children," celebrity speaker for Black Family Night.

"The program will focus on the black family recapturing our community by working within the family. The family that plays together stays together," said Anthony Thomas, president of Better Family Life in the Washington metropolitan area.

The Black Family Night festival originated four years ago in St. Louis starting as a one day festival which has grown into a one week celebration.

"BFL's goal is to emphasize the strength of the black family—that strength that brought us through the middle passage, pro-slavery, Jim Crow, and that strength that will bring us through the problems we face today," said Thomas.

"One of the first things African-Americans must deal with when we are in the process of building our community is self esteem," said Thomas. "Self esteem brings about self love, which in turn reflects our values."

"Those values are ones that come right out of our community, the seven principles of Kwansa (Nguzo Saba): Unity, self determination; collective work and respect; cooperative economics; purpose; creativity and faith."

On hand, you will be dazzled the musical talents of the Washington, D.C. National Christian Youth Council Mass Choir and jazz artist Natii, as well as a performance by the Kankouran West African Dance Company, and presentations by poet and editor of "Black Film Review" Jackie Jones, and Eddie Earl "Remington" Hatch star of ABC's All My Children.

Also, you will have an opportunity to buy black merchandise (jewelry and African clothing).

The guest speaker will be Malik Ahmed, national president of Better Family Life, Inc. who will discuss the purpose of his organization and the role the black family must play in improving the problems of our society.

Thomas said, "We need to start integrating with ourselves, learning to work together. That is what we hope to do with this program."

"We (BFL) work to make people feel good about themselves, their culture and family. With an open mind we will be much more likely to do the things we say we should do: like buy black."

TWILAH SAYS. . .

By Twilah Scarborough

"Our Summer Bonanza"

Department of Recreation and Parks under the leadership of Central Rosemont Center located 2621 Winchester St., held its closing Cultural Bonanza exercise program. The Center summer camp reached 100 youngsters.

The children came to camp at 8:30 a.m. for a light refreshing breakfast and afterwards, went off to their daily camp routines. It was fun for all!

The working parents would drop off their little ones and go away with a smile on their faces, knowing that their dear ones were in good, safe hands.

The campers went to Washington, D.C. for a sight seeing tour, went roller skating in Columbia, Md., and took in a Disney Movie at Reisterstown Road Plaza.

They also had a cook-out at Patapsco State Park. At the Central Rosemont Center there was all kinds of super magic, and Natural highlighting at the Rosemont Center.

All the staff on board had great plans for their closing program.

The program opened up with their very own creative — "Little Band."

The children's ages ranged from 5 years to 14 years old.

"The musical instruments were real and we had live entertainment by our — "Little Folk Band."

The program was well coordinated. Music, arts and crafts, tap dancing, drama, a little skit they had it all.

Our Special Thank you, and salute to La'Keisha Richardson, Keisha Mobley, Precious Blake, Jennifer Clayton, Zenobia Adams, Daniel Foster.

These dedicated workers were from the Youth Commonwealth Program.

Now to top it all off our specialists were Rosetta Anderson - Art and Drama, James Pope - Music Instructor, Mona Henson - Tap Dance Instructor, Dionne Brown - Modern Art Dance.

Nathaniel Void the Center's Engineer, was always there to lend a hand. The youngsters also took swimming lessons one hour per day, if the weather permits.

Their careful and dedicated swimming instructor was Michelle Kandie and her assistant Lamont Arnold.

In talking with a few of the center's staff, members, Effie Colden and Sara Bright, T. Cherry, they all agreed that the program and summer camp would not have been highly successful if it were not for the grand support, unselfish service rendered by parents and friends.

A big rainbow hug and lot of love goes out to those who help make our dreams come true. Looking around the center the place was fully packed with standing room only.

It was a great feeling to have the full support and backing of our parents.

Top performances, excellent child care and support came from the Central Rosemont Center Staff. One can't help but say that our neighborhood Central Rosemont Center has what it takes in extending the care for your children.

For Your Tomorrows

I appreciate others, and I let them know it. How about you?

Robinson 33rd Anniversary

Mr. Joe and Mrs. Jurelyne J. Robinson recently observed their 33rd wedding anniversary by renewing their vows in a special ceremony at Third Lutheran Church. Their children were participants in the program entitled "A Family Affair."

The procession began with Mrs. Nacedra D. Green (oldest daughter) and the groom. Next was Mr. Kevin Green, I and Mrs. Valencia Green (son-in-law and daughter). They were followed by Kevin E. Green, II, age 6, the ringbearer. Cherenzia Robinson and David Green (youngest daughter and son-in-law) were next.

Portia Little, 7-year-old godchild and Krysten Green, age 5, were the flower girls, both dressed in white dresses designed by Valencial Green. The processional was "Lean On Me," and the bride and their son, Quintin Tates entered on "Your My Inspiration."

The children had created a touching ceremony that included scripture and prayer by Kevin Green, I, and a dramatic presentation of the occasion by Valencia Green. Grandchildren Kevin and Krysten, and godchild Portia recited a special tribute to the couple.

Next Cherenzia, speaking for all the children, gave an speech of appreciation, and the recommitment vows and the giving of the rings was conducted by Quintin.

A small fellowship gathering was held in the Memorial Room of the church, then most of the guests rejoined the couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Green, I for the reception. The couple left for a 6 day honeymoon following the reception.

Among the invited guests were Mrs. Lillian Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ivey, Mrs. Georgette Brown, Mrs. Paul Lambert, Mrs. and Mrs. James Little, Mr. Marshall Jones, Mrs. Helen Kane, Mrs. Carrie Robinson,

The groom's sister, Mrs. Hollie Wheeler and her son Mr. Bob Lilly and his daughter Rachel Lilly and her girlfriend came from Appomatox, Va., Ms. Beverly Crowder, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harris, Ms. Florence Brady, Ms. Mary Perry, Yolanda and Ozelle Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Byrd, Ms. Elaine Tucker, Mrs. Phyllis Blue, and Ms. Rosa Smith.

Godchild Robert Buster played the music for the affair, and Ms. Rothier Harris and Ms. Debbie Honeyblue. The co-ordinator was the bride's sister, Gertrude Wanston. The rings were designed and made by Mr. Clyde Byrd, brother of the bride, at Benen's Jewelers, N.Y.C.

Engagements

Bynum/Scurry

Yolanda Bynum

Mr. Frank Bynum and Mrs. Fannie M. Bynum of Fells Point have announced the engagement of their daughter, Yolanda Aljurion Bynum to Gregory Lee Scurry, son of Mrs. Joan T. Scurry of Govans.

The bride-elect was graduated from Patterson Senior High and attended the Communnity College of Baltimore. The prospective bride groom was graduated from Lake Clifton Senior High and attended Catonsville Community College.

Miss Bynum is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright of Clifton Park, and Mrs. Annie M. Jordan and the late Mr. Edward Jordan of Clifton Park.

Mr. Scurry is the grandson of Mrs. Polly Ann Norwood of East Baltimore. The wedding will take place December 16, 1989.

Roane/Gause

Kimberlee K. Roane

Kimberlee K. Roane, daughter of Mrs. Doris Roane and the late Mr. Doc Roane, and Jonathan H. Gause, son of Mrs. Mary L. Gause, have set September 9th as their wedding date.

The bride-elect is the president of Roane's Rigging and Transfer Company, Inc. Her fiance is a junior executive with the same company.

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