LIFESTYLE

Social Notes

By Paula Brooks

ABWA Brunch

The American Business Women's Association is a National Association whose objective is to promote the personal and professional development of its members. There are two local chapters, Inner Harbor and Freedom, who are also members of the Regional Council, consisting of chapters in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The Council is having a Gala Brunch on September 24, at Howard Johnson's Hotel in New Carrollton, Maryland from 10:30-2:00 P.M. Two members of the Association's National board will be honored guests-Judy Griffin of Kentucky, national president; and Lois Terrell of Ohio, one of six regional vice presidents.

Send inquiries to 2404 Roslyn Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21216.

Big Brothers

The Sorors of Rho Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc. will be sponsoring a male recruitment drive for the Big Brothers Association of Central Maryland. Those interested in being a Big Brother are cordially invited to sign up at the Five Mile House, in the Congress Room, located at 5302 Reisterstown Road. The date is Thursday, September 28, from 6:00-9:00 P.M.

University Women

The Baltimore Branch of the American Association of University Women will have their opening general meeting on Thursday, September 21, at 7:30 P.M., second floor Fourier Hall Lounge, College of Notre Dame of Maryland. Ms. Mary Peterson, Maryland Division President will speak on the historic principals of AAUW. The public is invited. For more information call 944-3885.

FPSC Gala

The Forest Park Senior Center will hold its Tenth Anniversary Gala Celebration and Annual King and Queen Pageant on Thursday, Oct 26, from 6:30-10:30 at The Forum. For ticket information call 466-2124.

The FPSC is a voluntary non-profit agency which has served thje elderly in a designated section of Northwest Baltimore since 1979. This defined area covers a population of 10,300 people who are over 60 years of age. 84 percent of this population is black.

The following services are available at the center. Information Assistance, Outreach, Center Care, In Home Services, Counseling, Health Services, Advocacy, Socialization/Recreation, Continuing Education, and Nutrition Services (Eating Together in Baltimore).

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

$60,000 Grant for St. John Baptist Church

St. John Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Herbert H. Eaton, has received a grant of $60,000 from the State of Maryland to develop a model AIDS Education Program to be used throughout the state. St. John is the only church to receive such funding.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Clark, St. John's church school superintendent, was instrumental in writing the proposal for the grant after the idea was posed by Rev. Eaton.

In the Washington, D.C. area, there are many Black religious leaders and it doesn't stop there; it spreads across the country. Minorities are using their pulpits to spread the word about AIDS. St. John Baptist Church had the foresight and the enthusiastic efforts to go beyond the pulpit and train volunteers to teach Blacks in Howard County about the dangerous disease, AIDS. They will also counsel people with the disease and develop an AIDS education program for the state.

ST. JOHN SPONSORS AIDS SEMINAR

Just recently, a one day seminar on AIDS prevention education for Howard County church and community leaders was held at St. John. The seminar attracted more than thirty-five local leaders including ministers and many other professionals and government officials.

Emma Perry, Maryland's AIDS Coordinator for Ethnic Communities, said a recent national survey indicated that thirteen percent of Blacks knew nothing about AIDS compared to seven percent of Whites.

According to Anne Simmons of the Howard County Health Department the AIDS issue is less severe in the county with twenty-five cases having been reported since 1981. She feels that the number of cases will probably escalate because of the county's proximity to Baltimore and Washington. According to D.C. figures, Blacks make up seventy-three percent of the population and account for the largest segment of AIDS cases. Of the 1,712 cases reported, Blacks make up fifty-six percent of the total.

Rev. Wendell Phillips, Pastor of Heritage United Church in Baltimore, was in attendance and had this to say, "The church must be willing to take risks. We are the only institution that can give a glimmer of hope".

Cheryl Nesbitt, Virginia Health Department's AIDS Coordinator said, "The church is where the movers and leaders are. These are the people the community looks up to". She feels that AIDS education will not work without the church.

St. John Baptist Church hopes to train forty members as AIDS Educators who will then conduct culturally relevant workshops in twenty-five churches in Howard County.

The Columbia AIDS Project will be watched closely by area churches and public health officials.

Congratulations to Rev. Eaton and St. John Baptist Church for being the first to go beyond the pulpit and train volunteers to teach about the dreaded disease AIDS.

Ebony Fashion Fair

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor the popular fashion extravaganza — the 34nd Annual Ebony Fashion Fair. The show will take place at the Meyerhoff on Sunday, October 15, at 5:00 P.M.

"Fashion Magic '89/'90" is produced by Ebony Magazine, and for the 21st year, American Airlines will join in sponsoring this prestigious travelling show which previews women's and men's high fashion designs. Proceeds from the show will be used to provide scholarships for deserving students.

The history of the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter's involvement with the sponsor ship of the Ebony Fashion Fair is rich and colorful and reflects commitment, unselfish service and fine leadership. From 1956 to 1989 Deltas have gone from homes to hotels, from the Alcazar to the Meyerhoff, and from a show to an extravaganza.

Merry Macer-Simpson, chairperson of the 34th annual Ebony Fashion Fair

Proceeds from the affair have resulted in thousands of students receiving hundreds of thousands of dollars for financial aid over the last thirty-one years. In 1988 three colleges in the city received a total of $30,000.00 for student scholarship aid.

Because of the unprecedented demand for sponsorship of the show by non-profit, charitable organizations around the country, Ebony Fashion Fair now tours two seasons, appearing in more than 189 cities.

Mrs. Eunice Johnson, producer and director of the show, personally selects fashions from the exclusive collections of famed designers such as Frank Composto, Bill Blass, Bob Mackie, Giorgio Sant'Angelo, Fabrice, Patrick Kelly, and Bruce Oldfield.

More than 200 exquisite garments complete with the latest accessories, ten female and two male models, commentator, music director, stage and business managers, and wardrobe staff result in the best entertainment ever.

Merry Macer-Simpson is general chairperson of this year's benefit performance. Elizabeth Allen is ticket chairperson, and ticket co-chairs are Barbara Lambert and Rita Cooper. Bobbie Swann is the souvenir booklet chairperson, and her co-chairs are Ruthie Hall and Connie Philpot.

Dynamite dressing from 9:00 a.m. to dawn — Oscar De La Renta's rust jacket, burgundy leather shirt and burgundy hooded sweater is absolutely chic!

Ella White Campbell is publicity chairperson and Julia Richardson Woodland is her co-chair. Gwendolyn Lindsay is chairperson of awards and Elizabeth "Betty" Edmonds is her co-chair. Edna Smith is the reception chairperson. Yvonne Queen is chairperson of the hostesses, her co-chair is Kim Burns. The sponsorees committee is headed by Dorothy Barrick and Aloha McCullough.

Logistics will be handled by Roslyn Smith and Donna Janey. Ticket captains are Dorothy Barrick, Rhonda Bartee, Eleanor Beverly, Helen Boyette, Rebecca Carroll, Mary Demory, Reba Henighan, Helen McDonald, Florence Mautsby, Doris Nash, Yvonne Queen, Sara Smalley, Roslyn Smith, Valarie Smith, Sylvia Tapp, Bessina Williams, Frances West and Odessa Woods-Matthews.

Tickets are available at Alleen's Hair Focus, and Norman Holt Florist. Call 521-2349 for ticket information.

BCGH Foundation

Linda J. Woods has been named to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore County General Hospital Foundation.

Linda Woods on BCGH Foundation board

An employee of Bell Atlantic Telephone Company for 24 years, Mrs. Woods is currently an assistant manager, providing financial and regulatory information to Bell Atlantic providers in seven states. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the C&P Southwest Community Relations Team.

Active in her community, Mrs. Woods is vice president of First Step Youth Services. She is secretary of the Baltimore County Police and Community Association and treasurer of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Choir Club.

Burrell gets new prexy

Charles H. Curry, senior vice president and director of account services at Burrell Advertising Inc., has been named president and chief operating officer, according to Thomas J. Burrell, chairman and executive officer of the Chicago-based firm.

Charles H. Curry, president and chief operating officer at Burrell

Curry will be responsible for handling the agency's day to day operation, including profit and loss management. Curry will report to Burrell.

Curry received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Roosevelt University, Chicago, in 1968 and a master of business administration degree from Northwestern University in 1970.

He is married to the former Betty Ann Roberts and has two children, Christopher 21, and Kelli, 19.

700 in Miami

Elmer Braxton, Potentate of the Jerusalem Temple, Baltimore, led a delegation of 77 to Miami to attend the Shrine convention. Braxton told The Afro that he was especially proud of the 75 members of the Baltimore "Westsiders" marching group that accompanied the Baltimore contingent to the convention.

The Westsiders not only marched in both street parades, but joined in the national youth marching competition and brought home a title. Braxton said he was equally proud of the Jerusalem (Baltimore) Men's drill team, who also brought home a national title.

Edward Young, Deputy of the Desert of Maryland said he was overwhelmed by the size of the Maryland delegation to the Shrine convention. "More than 200 of the 2000 in attendance marched in the street parades," he stated with enthusiasm.

Young credited the Maryland turnout to the close cooperation between the temples in Maryland. He is especially grateful for the support he received from his deputies — James E. Dupuy, Jerusalem Temple, Baltimore; Harrison J. White, Abulanab Temple, Salisbury; Dr. Fred Copeland, Misr Temple, Upper Marlboro; and Preston Curvey. Anwar Temple, Rockville.

Benjamin Hooks, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and Imperial Potentate David Holliman address Shriners at Miami convention.

In a special statement to The AFRO, Fred Williams, spokesman for the Imperial Potentate, the national leader of Prince Hall Shriners, stated that "Prince Hall Shriners have a vibrant and colorful history deeply rooted in Africa.

"The 30,000 in attendance at this convention included the Daughters of Isis, the female auxiliary to the Shriners." The conventioneers were housed in 25 hotels located both in Miami and on Miami Beach.

There were two 3 hour street parades, one in the Black community, and one through downtown Miami. More than 2000 marchers participated.

Among the dignitaries in attendance at the convention were The Rev. Jesse Jackson, heavyweight champ, Mike Tyson, and promoter Don King. King donated $10,000.00 to Rev. Jackson's Rainbow Coalition. He donated the money in the name of his temple, El Hasa.

ENTERTAINMENT/ LIFESTYLE

Did LaToya tie knot, or not?

RENO, Nev. — A woman identifying herself as singer LaToya Jackson denied she married her business manager, but the county clerk said it was Michael Jackson's sister who was wed in a civil ceremony.

In a telephone call Thursday to United Press International arranged by publicist Richard Rubenstein in New York City, a woman claiming to be Jackson said she performed at Bally's in Reno Tuesday night, stayed backstage for a time for picture taking, then had dinner and went to bed.

"This is totally untrue," she said about the wedding, adding that she checked out of the hotel Wednesday morning.

The woman said she did not know how the report got started and added her relationship with business manager Jack Gordon, 50, was strictly business.

A marriage license was issued late Tuesday to Jack Gordon and LaToya Jackson, listing their address as New York City. It said it was the first marriage for Jackson, 33, a native of Gary, Ind., and the second for Gordon.

Herb Thompson, who answered the telephone in Gordon's hotel room, said the marriage report was a "total fake."

Washoe County Marriage Clerk Cheryl Phay said Jackson was dressed in black jeans and a black suede, fringed jacket when she arrived to get a license about 10 p.m. Tuesday. She said the couple was very polite, quiet and did not display any affection.

Washoe County clerk Judi Bailey said the woman showed a driver's license with the name LaToya Jackson, and said the photograph on the license matched the woman.

Tyson' parking woes

Mike Tyson found two parking tickets on his borrowed car when he finished a $50,000 shopping spree at a Coral Gables, Fla., jewelry store, but one of them was bogus. Tyson let the parking meter expire last week while he was buying a gold ladies' Rolex and a diamond and gold bracelet at a jewelry store owned by Julian Balogh, who also was letting the champ use his 1989 Mercedes-Benz. The two $10 parking tickets were on the windshield when Tyson came out, but it turned out that one of them apparently had been stuck on the Mercedes by some joker who had gotten a ticket nearby.

Regardless, Balogh wrote a check to cover both tickets.

HOLLYWOOD — Singer "Weird Al" Yankovic lives up to his name as he holds his left leg around the back of his neck as a very surprised Jasmine Guy, TV actress, helps hold him up.

C-Span to televise drug talks

C-SPAN will televise a panel discussion focusing on President Bush's drug control strategy and other highlights from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 19th Annual Legislative Weekend, which takes place in Washington, D.C., Sept. 13 - 16.

The drug control strategy panel, which airs Sunday, Sept. 16, at 10:30 p.m., will feature moderator Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), chairman of the House Select Committee on Narcotics, and panelists William Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, social activist Dick Gregory, and the Rev. George Clemens of Chicago.

The panel will discuss how the Bush administration's new drug control plan affects the blacks and their communities.

Other events from the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend will air at times to be determined.

C-SPAN is now available in 46.6 million households throughout 3,341 cable system affiliates nationwide and around the world via satellite. The network operates without public funds and is a non-profit cooperative of the cable television industry.

Jayne Kennedy to host Black Caucus telethon

The Fourth Annual telethon of the National Civil Rights Museum and Hall of Fame will be broadcast live from the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Week Dinner, and Black Entertainment TV studios in Washington, D.C., Saturday, September 16, at 7 p.m. (EDT).

Host Jayne Kennedy - Overton will be joined by other actors, entertainers, civil rights notables, members of Congress members, including Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume, Democratic National Committee Chairman Ron Brown, Dr. Lenora Falana, and Rev. Jesse Jackson. Clips from the film, Montgomery to Memphis will be shown throughout the telecast, for what promises to be a stellar event.

Actor Tim Reid and his wife, actress Daphne Maxwell Reid, wait as makeup artist touches up Daphne's makeup prior to shooting a scene in Georgetown for their new CBS series "Snoops." He plays a Georgetown University professor and his wife plays the State Department protocol chief.

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