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R.S.V.P. with Marie

Baltimore's own Ebony Sophisticates held their annual fashion show/cocktail sip recently. Among those participants were from left: Brenda Hall, Sandra Brown and Claudine Finch.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV)

By Marie P. Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

Traditionally, or at least for the past 13 years, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa has held its annual breakfast meeting during the teachers' conference. This year was no exception.

M. Cooke

Thus, the group of educators, their friends, city and state representatives assembled for a couple of hours a Friday ago at the new Holiday Inn in Security Park.

The meeting is an event townsfolk look forward to. It gives non-members the opportunity to dine with the sisters of the sorority and to meet some public officials.

This year "good mornings" and sundry greetings came from local officials, including Quinten Lawson from the mayor's office; James Griffin, vice-president, Board of School Commissioners; Ellen Cooper, special assistant to the superintendent, Roland Patterson;

Lorraine Wright, specialist in Project Development, ESA, Title III, Division of Compensatory, Urban and Supplementary Programs, who was representing its director, Dr. Percy V. Williams (Dr. Williams recently returned back to work following a prolonged illness).

In prior years the group has imported an out-of-town speaker, but for this year's program the youthful, bright and sometimes witty, F. Tyrone Anderson Jr., of the Governor's Commission on the Structure and Governance of Education in Maryland, Kindergarten through Graduate School, delivered the annual address.

Greetings from Gov. Mandel came by way of Mr. Anderson who recalled when the governor requested the restructuring of schools. He selected a 27-man team, which included six legislators. A report, which will cover the system from kindergarten through graduate school is expected to be released in April of next year. Mr. Anderson is the asstatant director of that commission.

"Strengthening A Society in Conflict Through Relevant Education" was the theme of the meeting and Mr. Anderson used it as the beginning of his talk.

Mr. Anderson certainly made his point clear, causing eyebrows to be raised during periods of his speech. At other times, light ovations could be heard.

"Relevant . . . meaning reality education. It's from what's within us that makes the difference." The speaker stressed what it is to really live and further added that educators are not in the classroom to build their own egos, "we are there to reach the level of comprehension. We are there to give the children that base of security. Content and skills are not going to make a difference . . . it's the total mind"

(Editor's Note: In essence what Mr. Anderson was saying was that educators FIRST need to get their "heads together" before attempting to teach the three R's.)

"The most powerful is he who is within his own power. The power is there if the mind is right. Remember, 'It takes a little rain to appreciate the sunshine'."

Mr. Anderson also touched these topics: politics vs. education; black identity; special education, and tokenism.

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One of the Phi Delta Kappa's pet interests is youth. There is a young women's group of high school girls called the Xinos which is sponsored by the sorority.

Two Xinos members, Kim Crosby and Pamela Holt entertained the guests with piano selections as did Karen Hill, a 12-grader at Western High who sang beautifully while being accompanied by her music instructor, Spencer Hammond.

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The Ebony Sophisticates, a group of local fashion models, showed off their talents recently. Officers of the group are from left: Sarah Boyd, treasurer; Ted Pearson, vice president; Alma Miller, president, and Barbara Hawkins, secretary.

Local club notes-

By Michele L. McRae
AFRO Staff Writer

NORTHWEST CLUB — Members and friends recently celebrated the group's Silver Anniversary in festivities at the Blue Crest North with entertainment provided by the Wilbur Phillips Orchestra.

Out-of-town guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brown, Ms. Maria Clark, Washington, D.C.; Ronald Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gullard, Columbia, Md.; Mrs. Samuel Myers and mother, Bowie, Md.

Back in the late 1940's the children of the members, Flozella Clark, Jimmie Laforest, Lucille Cephas, Alice Payne and Iona Collins attended the Saturday afternoon dancing class held at the Carrollton Ave. Little School, under the direction of Mrs. Vernice Matthews. During the dance class period, the mothers relaxed across the street at the home of Anethia Williams for conversation and lunch.

M. McRae

Invariably, the conversation would move to child-rearing practices. From this nucleus, the Northwest Child Study Club was organized on December 3, 1949, and became a chapter of the National Child Study Assoc., of America, Inc.

The purposes of this organization was stated to help mothers better understand their children and to be able to cope with the everyday problems that arise and to plan recreational education activities for the advancement of their children.

In 1964, after the majority of the group's children were in college or married, members reconsidered the club's purpose and renamed the organization the Northwest Club.

Members are Lucille Cephas, Flozella Clark, president; Iona Collins, Cleo Diggs, Vera Flint, Ellen Johns, Jimmie Laforest, Anita Myers, Clarice Parrish, Alice Payne, Gloria Phillips, Elsie Scott

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25th International Bazaar opens; 200 local women to attend

Some 200 Baltimore women are planning to board four busses and journey to Washington, D.C. to attend the smashing International Fair in the Shoreham Americana Hotel.

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Providing an opportunity to "taste" Washington's international life and be one step ahead of Christmas shopping all in one day, the annual YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) International Fair will open its doors for the 25th year on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Busses can be added if the demand is great enough,but participants are urged to reserve places soon for any of the four trips listed below. YWCA officials say it will be worth the trip.

More than 40 embassies representing countries where the YWCA is at work will offer fair goers exotic gift items and foods unique to each country. A special Silver Exhibit will highlight the 25th anniversary of this event.

Gift items will include handwoven fabrics, handicrafts, silks, copper, silver jewelry and many other unique wares.

Wives of ambassadors take over embassy kitchens to prepare their own special recipes for the International Fair and become annually Washington's most glamorous one-day sales clerks.

Among the foods this year will be plum pudding, Christmas cake, lemon curd, mince pie from Great Britain; kourambiedes, spanakopita, pasticio, moussaki from Greece; empanadas from Chile; pancakes from Iceland. The Republic of China has supplied egg rolls every year and has packaged many hundreds for freezing this year.

The Chinese Ribbon Dance, Bavarian and Philippine folk dancing will be featured along with other international performers and musicians at shows at 12 and 2 p.m.

Embassy representatives, many wearing national costumes at the booths, will also model in a fashion show at 2 p.m. Ambassador's wives will host a tea table from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Schedules

Four Baltimore YWCA centers are arranging bus trips to the Washington event. A bus arranged by the YWCA International Division will leave 128 West Franklin Street at 9:30 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. For information call Mrs. Liiv, 685-1460.

Another bus will leave the YWCA, 1812 Madison Avenue, at 10 am. and return at 5 p.m. For information, call Mrs. Finney, 669-1881.

A third bus will leave from the parking lot be-

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Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross
AFRO Correspondent

The Silver Spring Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity hosted its second annual Autumn Festival last Saturday night at the White Oak Armory in Silver Spring, Md.

The newly-organized chapter with Donald Jefferson Polemarch really did its thing.

P. Ross

In front of the building stood generous young men dressed in red trousers and white jackets who opened the door for the ladies. High-fashioned young ladies served as hostesses who escorted guests to their seats but before one could take his seat, he couldn't help but stare at the beautifully decorated arena. All around the walls were big signs of Kappa Alpha Phi in crimson color on white background: just a quick reach and you would touch large hanging balloons in a variety of colors.

The guests bumped, I mean bumped; they double bumped until 2 a.m. They kept dancing until chow time at intermission when they were served fried chicken and potato salad.

Polemarchs from various chapters were there including Annapolis, Dr. Samuel Massive; Baltimore, Dr. James F. Cooper; and Columbia, William A. Ross.

Columbia couples who attended were Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGowan, Dr. and Mrs. James F. Cooper, Lt. Col. Claude Ligon, and Major Donald Hogan

The Columbia Chapter will be chartered November 9 at the new Rouse Company headquarters. National and local officials of the fraternity are expected to attend the ceremony; likewise local officials and representatives of Columbia organizations have been invited to attend the public phase of the affair.

Good things come to those who read, and it hap-

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Men's styles swing for this season

Fall, '74, calls for textured fabrics in fashions that range from ultra-casual to tailored dressy styles. Thick cable knits and nubby tweeds will be featured along with silky-soft velveteen and furs.

There is an assortment of the newest fashions of the season in all the latest colors and fabrics.

Sweaters are the main ingredient in this fall's mixture with the new look of shawl-collared wrap and button-down cardigans being layered over colorfully printed knit shirts.

Corduroy, tweed and gabardine slacks, perennial fall favorites, are belted or unbelted and available with cuffed or hemmed flares. Velveteen jeans and the one-piece look of suspender pants add variety to this season's pants selection.

Perfect for a dressier mood are bold windowpane plaid wool suits as well as 100 per cent polyester knit ensembles with jacket, pants and matching outer coat. And, for a luxurious touch, a lush, natural rabbit fur coat in a patchwork of browns and whites is right for topping off any outfit.

How you look says a lot about who you are and how you feel so show your style in the latest in fashions for the fall season.

Several organizations about town have recently held seasonal dinner dances. See their party pictures inside the women's section.

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AFRO Model of the Week

(Soon to appear in this section)

This week's Cookin' with Soul talks about how you can fix Olive-Rice Stuffed Chicken. And, you can send your favorite recipes to the editor.