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Phi Delta Kappa Breakfast highlights timely topic

PHI DELTA KAPPA GUESTS — Pictured at the Phi Delta Kappa (Gamma Chapter) Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Belmont on Oct. 19 are (L to R): Mrs. Theda Wilson, Central Region superintendent, Balto. City Public Schools, Mrs. Virginia Scott, Reading Resource Teacher and Mrs. Elizabeth Young, executive advisor to basileus of Gamma Chapter.

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The Gamma Chapter of The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. hosted its annual breakfast meeting on Fri., Oct. 19 at The Holiday Inn Belmont.

This meeting, which is held annually during the Maryland State Teachers' Convention, is one of Gamma's public educational activities, and serves as a drawing card for professionals throughout the state.

The provocative topic for this year's panel discussion was "The Psychological Effects of Testing." It proved to be quite interesting and stimulating.

Soror Mildred Harriday was presiding for the occasion. After the invocation and grace by Mrs. Myrtle Stanley, pastoral associate at St. Ann's Catholic Church, the 250 guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast.

Greetings and words of praise came from dais guests, Mrs. Bronwyn Mayden, who was the mayor's designee; Dr. Beryl Williams, vice president of the Board of School Commissioners, who was Board President Dr. Mark Joseph's designee and Dr. John Gist, deputy supt. of Public Instruction for Balto. City Public Schools, who spoke in Dr. Crew's absence.

Solos rendered during the program were done by the plaintively beautiful voice of James Green.

Mrs. Virginia Hobbs, retired Balto. educator, introduced the panelists, who were: Miss April Riley, a junior at Western High and a Xino. (Xinos are Junior Gamma Chapter members, young ladies on the way to sisterhood in Phi Delta Kappa.)

Mrs. Mary A. Brunson, a parent, a paraprofessional at Rosemont Elementary School and the mother of six; Lenox Coles, a parent and a counselor at Lake Clifton High School; Mrs. Bernice Lewis, a Reading Resource teacher at Douglass High School; Mrs. Julia Woodland, principal of Dunbar Community High School and Lawrence Feeley, school psychologist for the Baltimore County Dept. of Education.

On the topic for the occasion the following information was forthcoming: Student attitudes toward tests are markedly varied from the elementary through the college level. Some find them easy and fun while others fear them. Some find them stressful and are made highly nervous by them.

College students feel the most pressure and responsibility of any testee group for being successful in taking tests.

Assessment of the various attitudes toward testing revealed that students' emotions are really bound up in their feelings of adequacy and - or inadequacy for tests, their aspirations, the influence they feel from parental attitudes and their own general self - concepts.

It is felt that the inspiration of teachers and a healthy concept of self, along with a high level of aspiration is helpful in overcoming negative psychological effects of testing.

It is also felt that students should be prepared emotionally as well as academically for tests. Both parents and teachers should help with this process by making certain that students are both relaxed and academically adequate.

Further assessment pointed up that tests should be synchronized, as far as possible, with the curriculum, and that the curriculum should be upgraded.

In addition to this, it is felt that tests should allow for individual differences because of varied I.Q.'s. There should be more emphasis on the mastery of marketable skills rather than testing.

A properly quiet atmosphere conducive to testing should prevail when tests are given. Pupils should come for tests well - fed and well - rested.

Further, students should be made test - wise, since testing is a must in our society.

Students should be prepared for the language of the tests and understand necessary directions. They should be given test - taking skills such as previewing, skimming and clustering as a part of their classroom work.

Students should also understand what is being measured and have an understanding of the skill the test embodies.

In addition to this, students should have a readiness for tests before they are given and within their readiness program should have experiences that will get them ready.

Finally, students should get positive reactions from teachers, parents and others who contact them. They should know that if they fail a test it is not the end of the world — that everyone has a niche and can find it with continued trying.

Following the panelists' discussion there was audience - panel interaction, during which the audience responded with provocative questions on the topic and participating panelists answered their questions.

Remarks were given by Mrs. Claire Dorsey, first anti - basileus of Gamma Chapter, and acknowledgements were made by Sorors Jean Beckett, Regina Patterson, Guinevere Berry and Evelyn Scott. Mrs. Myrtle Stanley gave the benediction to end what had been a lively, and informative occasion.

The 1979 Breakfast Committee members were: Sorors Mildred W. Harriday, chairperson; Claire Dorsey, co - chairperson; Jean Beckett, Dorothy Bennett, Guinevere Berry, Ernestine Dunston, Wilhelmina Duvall, Ruth Fauntleroy, Virginia Hobbs, Coritha McNeil, Regina Patterson, Thelma Rice, Evelyn Scott, Delores Thornton, Reba Wainwright, Juanita Young. Soror Rose Gallop is basileus.

MRS. JULIA WOODLAND — Principal of Dunbar Community High School drives home a point at the Phi Delta Kappa Breakfast, held at the Holiday Inn, Belmont, on Fri., Oct. 19. Mrs. Woodland was one of the participating panelists on the affairs' provicative topic "The Psychological Effects of Testing."

Partyline

Crittenton Director is guest speaker for Philomathians

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Mrs. Anne Shervington Davis, director of the Florence Crittenton Services of Baltimore was guest speaker when Mrs. Carolyn Chissell entertained the Philomathians at their opening meeting in her beautiful home in Coldspring recently.

Mrs. Shervington who has worked with the probation department and Office of Minority Business discussed the problems of teenage pregnancy and the need for community clubs qnd organizations working with her girls many of whom are between the ages of 13 - 17 and often are pregnant, frightened, abandoned or abused.

She told the group that last year in Baltimore City alone 3,500 girls under 19 had babies. In this number 113 of these girls were 15 and under.

The Florence Crittenton Home is staffed by experienced psychiatrists, educators, social workers, nurses and technicians with psychologists on call.

Mrs. Davis cited the Links as one club group which has visited the school, providing parties and other recreational, activities for the girls.

The Philomathians and other club groups were urged to volunteer, to come out, to the Roland Park Campus or visit with the girls or take them to various art and social functions.

Dr. Regina Goff Henry is president of the group; Mrs. Richard Lee is program chairman.

Silver Anniversary

Wallace and Delores Baden celebrated their twenty - fifth wedding anniversary with a festive "At - Home" at their lovely Woodlawn residence on Sunday, Oct. 14. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baden are Baltimore City educators.

The occasion was marked with a renewal - of - vows ceremony performed by the Rev. Willard L. Clayton of Macedonia Baptist, who also united the Badens in marriage on Oct. 10, 1954.

Many of the family members and friends who witnessed the ceremony were guests at the wedding 25 years ago.

Among those present from the original wedding party were: Mrs. Elizabeth Diggs, former matron of honor; Daniel Johnson Sr. of Harrisburg, Pa., who gave the bride away and Andrew Thomas of St. Louis, Mo., former best man.

Mesdames Lois Holman, Florence McDonald, Marie Phillips Braxton, Savilla Teiger and Frances Williams were hostesses for the reception which followed the ceremony.

Some of the guests attending this happy and beautiful affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cooper, Daniel Johnson Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson, Mrs. Juanita Monroe, Mrs. Ella Gayles, Ms. Aaire Johnson, Ms. Lynette Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Harrisburg, Pa.

Also Mrs. Thelma Shell, of Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gayles, Joel Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Holman, Miss Janet Holman and Mrs. Martha Thomas of St. Louis, Mo.

Also Treadwell Phillips, Timothy Williams, Ronald Lindsay, Ms. Jenee Lindsay, Mrs. Mildred Rawlings, Miss Kimberleigh Rawlings, Mr. and Mrs. Vallen Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wilson;

Also Dr. Alice Black, Drs. Arthur and Zola Boone, Charles Faison, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas, Ms. H. Lota Howard, Mrs. Norma Law and Matthew Howard.

Retirement Reception

Gallery 409 was the scene for a lovely surprise retirement reception held in honor of Mrs. Juliet A. Bragg on Saturday, Oct. 20. The reception was hosted by Mrs. Sara Gray and Dr. Guy Bragg, the honoree's children.

Many guests came out to celebrate with Mrs. Bragg in the festivities, which lasted from 7 until 9 p.m.

We Wives

The We Wives were entertained a Saturday ago by hostesses Josephine Brown, Iona Collins and Lillian Bell.

The group was assembled and ready to depart for Laurel Raceway when the races for the day were cancelled.

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DIRECTOR AND STAFF — The new NAACP Regional Director, Dr. Emmett C. Burns Jr., (C), is pictured at the Wine and Cheese Reception in his honor, on Sunday, Oct. 21. Pictured with him are the members of his staff (L to R): Miss Nancy Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Bette Dowdy, executive secretary to the Md. State Conference and Nathaniel K. Smith, president of the Md. State Conf.

NAACP presents its dynamic new regional director at reception

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On Sun., Oct. 21, the Maryland State Conference of Branches, NAACP, presented 'An Afternoon with the Rev. Dr. Emmett C. Burns Jr.

Dr. Burns, who, in March, '79 became the Regional Director of the NAACP's Maryland - Virginia - District of Columbia area, has settled in at his office, 2125 Maryland Ave.

Many Baltimoreans as well as guests from other areas in Maryland and D.C. came out for the Sunday Wine and Cheese Reception from 1 until 4 p.m., which officially presented Dr. Burns to the public.

The lovely affair was coordinated by Mrs. Bette Dowdy, executive secretary to the NAACP's Md.-State Conference.

Dr. Burns is a very vibrant, affable and vocal personality, and brings to his new position a background rich in academic, civic and spiritual education and experience.

He hails from Jackson, Miss., where he received his early education.

He received his Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University in 1968 and earned his Ph.D. in Social Ethics from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974.

Prior to his present position, he was an English instructor and band director in the Canton, Miss., School System and an instructor in the Richmond, Va. Public Schools.

He has served as an academic advisor and as chairman of the Graduate Council of Students in Education at the University of Pittsburgh.

He has also served as student assistant to the Rev. David T. Shannon, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and as Field Director, NAACP, Mississippi from 1972 until 1979.

When questioned about the NAACP, Dr. Bruns answered freely and fluently on all issues discussed.

When asked why the NAACP has seemingly taken such a low profile in recent years, Dr. Burns stated: "In the North (from Baltimore upward) there's a different way of doing things. There are so many political entities and subtle discriminations. It takes a lot of expertise and astuteness to lift the subtle level of discrimination without appearing preposterous.

No longer do we have raw discrimination, such as police brutality, which can be readily identified. Blacks are so divided and aligned with so many white factions that the NAACP has had a tendency to want to throw up its hands and quit. The low profile has been due to frustration brought on

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