Spring into Easter with Sandra Wilkins' designer fashions

At the showing of Sandra Wilkins' spring collection at the Holiday Inn recently, there was standing room only. The room filled with friends, fans and some of the most fashion conscious people in the Maryland and Washington areas.

High fashion Flair models, featuring Andrea Bland, Quianna Cooke, and Dorothy Francis, glided up and down the runway in intricately designed creations in fabrics that have become a Sandra Wilkens trademark.

Ultra suede walking suits and coats were dipped in ice cream shades of pink, blue and lilac.

Transparent chiffons stepped with slitters of glitter were paraded in drop waist and full skirted dresses for after five.

Pleats seemed to have been everyone's favorite, as Ms. Wilkens showed classic silhouettes, from box to accordion pleating. Her hottest colors — firy fushia to powerful purple. Her most sensuous fabrics — silk and crepe de chine.

A native of Baltimore, Ms. Wilkens designed and created her first masterpiece at age 12. Her fashion background takes her from the Institute of Art in Atlanta, Georgia, to the University of Maryland, where she majored in textiles and consumer economics.

Currently, Ms. Wilkens is a candidate for a bachelor's degree at Morgan in Business Administration.

Noted Baltimore clients include TV news personality, Toby Marsh, Jackie Brock, Gerrietta Clay, and Betty Showell, daughter of prominent Bishop Showell, whose entire wedding wardrobe she recently completed.

The March 1981 issue of Metropolitan Magazine featured six of Ms. Wilkens' most intimate lingerie designs.

Upcoming, a spring workshop, entitled, "Functional Dressing in the Business World", sponsored by Morgan University Business Dept., will focus on Sandra Wilkens as guest speaker. For more details on the workshop, call 944 - 0622.

QUIANNA COOKE models an afternoon-into-evening, two-piece dress featuring the popular plaids, designed by Sandra Wilkens.

SOFT AND SENSUOUS is this design by Ms. Wilkens modeled with class by Andrea Bland, of Flair Studio.

SLINKY PARTY DRESS modeled by Quianna Cooke is another sampling of the designing expertise of Sandra Wilkens.

Md. League of Women's Clubs has 37th annual conference

By Bettye Moss

Bright and early Saturday morning, representatives of Baltimore area clubs gathered for the 37th annual conference of the Md. League of Women's Clubs.

The sessions at the Sheraton - Hopkins on Broadway began with a 9 a.m. business meeting, with President Rubye C. Gill presiding.

There were reports of activities by member clubs and election of officers. Gloria Luster is new president.

Exhibits were brochures and information items from local business and government agencies and addresses of public officials.

Promptly at 11, the very serious gathering got down to a panel discussion on the topic, "Exploring Avenues of Employment in the 80s; Seizing Opportunities and Overcoming Obstacles."

This reporter was struck by the rapt attention the club women gave the panelists - maybe indicating that they are more than aware of today's serious economic problems.

The panelists were straight and to the point:

— Highlights: — Mrs. Hilda Ford, personnel director, Baltimore Civil Service Commission; "... We saturate the city with City Service Job announcements ...

"We do have jobs available, but they require some degree of skill and experience. We have sought to eliminate ridiculous requirements ... and make sure the minimum requirements are job - related ..."

Harold Kennedy, vice president, Baltimore Urban League: — "As parents we need to have a hand in selecting curriculum for better preparation of young people for the future ... now is the time to train for engineering, meterologists and related fields ... we need to get back to the basics and not let young people decide what they take ..."

Bernard Berkowitz, president of Baltimore Economic Development Corp. (BEDCO); — "The Park Heights Industrial Park at Park Circle is ... unique, the no. 1 priority in our economic development project.

"The goal is to create 2,300 jobs ... spaces are open for minority businesses ... Sequerra - Sound is to begin operation with 50 employees in 2 months! ... some private sector commitments already ...

Commercial Credit office, with 70 employees, is open already ... to come in businesses must be committed to hiring people in the area.

Robert I. Sewall, recently appointed head of the district office of the U.S. Commerce Department's MBDA (Minority Business Development Agency); — "Contracts for small businesses are available through the U.S. Department of Commerce's MBDA ... we are here to provide help, guidance, counseling ...

Mrs. Verna Day and Dr. Beryl Williams summarized the session.

Luncheon, which followed, featured presentations to Provident Hospital, receipt of the league NAACP Life Membership (many member clubs, it was announced already have individual ones).

And, then dynamic, spell - binding Congressman Parren J. Mitchell — telling it like it is — holding his audience in the palm of his hand.

Highlights — "It can't be business as usual ... there has to be a sense of urgency now over the danger to us — be an advocate in your club, your church ... we're in a war and we must use every tactic to survive ...

"... if you want to help to stop the cuts (proposed by Reagan administration) you can help ... there is time ... to try and save the social programs and block the cuts.

"I'm greatly encouraged by the Congressional Black Caucus which has developed a constructive alternative budget ... when you write your congressmen urge them to vote for this ... It is a reasonable budget.

"I'm proud of Mayor Schaefer ... he's been coming over and standing up. I admire his guts ...

"Write all the Md. congressmen ... urge them to stop the cuts and vote for the alternative budget ... when you leave here today, act like the fate of Black America depends on you and rise to do something about it ... now ...

Other Md. League new officers elected: 1st vice president, Bernice S. White; 2nd vice president, Emma Daniels; corresponding secretary, Shirley Macklin; assistant corresponding secretary, Marion J. Jackson;

Recording secretary, Verna Day; assistant recording secretary, Evonne Archer financial secretary Eva Tilghman; treasurer Virginia Vaulx parliamentarian, Evelyn Faulk; sargeant at arms, Dolores Clayborne; publicity Thelma Rice; chaplain, Shirley S. Richard; and historian, Rubye C. Gill.

Founded in 1942, the Md. League of Women's Clubs is a self - governing, non - partisan, non - sectarian organization.

It is committed to a 10 - point program providing support in education, employment, health, housing, institutions, public affairs, recreation, youth, legislation and intercultural relations.

Jack & Jill

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Consultants included Dr. Marcus Carson, pharmacist; Reginald Robinson, accountant; James McLean, travel agent; George Reynolds, engineer - pilot; Mrs. Carol Scott, engineer resource person; Dr. Ralph M. Howard, urologist, Dr. Carl Adair, business.

Also Ms. Gwendolyn Lindsay, public administration; The Sellones, musical group; Major Herbert Armstrong, law enforcement; Judge Robert Bell, law; Mrs. Araetta Hargrove, Home Economics; Dr. James Johnson, physical therapist; Dr. David Scott, pharmacist; Melving Washington, businessman.

Also Mrs. Geraldine Desbordes, dietitian; Ms. Yvonne Holt, lawyer; Arthur Snowden, photographer; Marshall Jones, mortician; the Rev. Eugene Belcher, minister; Dr. Doris Star, nursing education; Dr. Winfred O. Bryson, president, Advance Federal Savings and Loan; Dr. Billy Davis, dentist.

Also Mrs. Barbara Davis, social worker; Drs. Eugene H. Owens, Dr. Lionel Desbordes, Dr. William Russell; Dr. Earlie Francis, Dr. Vernon Pennington and Dr. Edward Hunt, physicians.

Also Mrs. Pannie Ross, modeling and journalism; Mrs. Phyllis Shelton, communications and Media; Mrs. Ruth Shelley, professor, Morgan State Univ. and Mrs. W. O. Bryson, business education chair, Morgan State U.

Hostesses were Diana Owens, Nicole Benton, Cheryl Johnson, Devy Patterson, Monica Hunt, Rebecca and Ruth Bowen, Kimberly Smith.

Also Felicia Hill, Trina Howard, Talmira Hill, Regina Holmes, Angela Patterson, Patricia Wilson and Jill Carter.

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Benita Edwards to wed Charles D. Demby

Benita L. Edwards Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Edwards, of East Lafayette Avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Benita Louise, Edwards to Charles Derek Demby, son of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Demby, of Gilray Drive, and the late Mr. Charles W. Demby.

Miss Edwards graduated from Eastern High School, Coppin State College and Morgan State University.

She is the grand daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bacon and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Jennings.

Mr. Demby graduated from Douglass High School and attended Morgan State University and the University of Baltimore.

He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Judge Clayborne and the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Demby.

A June Wedding is planned.

Channel 2 anchorman to host Miss Black America Pageant

Curt Anderson

Curt Anderson, a very familiar personage, has been selected to host this year's Miss Black America - Baltimore - Maryland Pageant at Coppin State College on Sunday, April 26.

Curt has been WMAR - TV weekend anchorman for the past year. Prior to that he was a reporter for WBAL - TV for four years.

He has judged and hosted several beauty pageants here in the Baltimore area.

Last year he was co host for the United Negro College Fund Telethon on Channel 2.

Anderson has lived in the Baltimore area for the past 25 years and is an active member of the community.

★Miss Black America Pageant★

The Miss Black America - Baltimore Maryland Pageant, a show case for the beauty, talent, and poise of black women between the ages of 18 and 25, has been scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 1981 at Coppin State College, 2500 West North Avenue, Baltimore.

The schedule was announced by the Pageant's Director, Dolores Addison. Local contestants will vie for top prizes and the title of Miss Black America - Baltimore Maryland. The winner will later compete for the National title in Jamaica, W.I.

The National finals of the Miss Black America pageant, scheduled for later this year, will be televised throughout the country over a major network.

For additional information please write Addison Enterprise, Box 5712, Baltimore, Maryland 21208, or call 944 - 4311, 655 - 4402 or 484 - 5918.

Deltas plan Charity Ball

DELTA'S CHARITY BALL COMMITTEE, which is coordinating the Delta's upcoming Red and White Charity Ball scheduled for April 24, includes (front row, L to R): Thelma Cox, Frances West, Julia Woodland, chair for the ball, Doris Nash; (Back row, (L to R): Maggie Wiggins, Evelyn Douglas, Marion D. Foster, Lillian Lansberry, Roslyn Smith and Lillian Gundy, chairpersons and Angie Thornton.

WHEN DELTA HAS A BALL EVERYONE DOES! The Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. will host the 1981 Red and White "Charity Ball on April 24.

The gala affair will take place in Cockeysville, Md. at the plush Hunt Valley Inn from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Committee Chairpersons Lillian Gundy, Roslyn Smith and Julia Woodland guarantee an evening of elegance.

Delta hospitality for the evening will consist of dinner, dancing, cocktails and a host of surprises for all in attendance.

The proceeds from this Black Tie Affair will be donated to various charities, scholarships and to the continuation of special projects currently serving the community.

Delta Sigma Theta is a public service sorority dedicated to the cultural, political, academic and economic enrichment of black people.

It is the intention of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, under the auspices of President Charles Cooper Boston, to filter the profits from the Red and White Charity Ball into as many areas as possible.

Scholarship and the preservance of Black Colleges, a priority of Delta Sigma Theta, will be a major recipient of the benefit affair. Another is Teen Litt, a committee that will benefit from the proceeds of the Ball.

The Teen Litt provides area teenagers with positive activities designated by concerned Deltas in The Baltimore Alumni Chapter.

These activities include cultural programs, dinners, dances, skating parties, field trips and a host of others.

Proceeds will also be used for the continuation of and the support of the Provident Hospital Fund, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, the N.A.A.C.P., The Mount Vernon Children's Center, the Arena Players, Santa Claus Anon., and the United Negro College Fund.

To order tickets contact Mrs. Marion D. Foster at 655 - 6401 or Frances West at 523 - 0347.

Sonia Denise Brown

Alisa Michelle Anderson

TRI-STATE DEBS — In last week's AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper, the names of Sonia Denise Brown and Alisa Michelle Anderson were captioned incorrectly in the Elks' Tri-State Deb Story. For the record, Sonia Denise Brown is at left and Alisa Michelle Anderson is at right.

More Partyline

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the Bethune Cookman College of Florida.

Iota Chapter is now planning for their next affairs — the annual Crab Feast and the 1981 conclave in Secaucus, N.J.

Basileus Marie Dowell extends her appreciation to all of the sorors who worked so diligently through the year and for their moral, mental, physical and monetary support.

Wheichel Retirement Party

On Saturday, March 21, the family of Z. L. Wheichel hosted him at a retirement celebration at La Fontaine Rouge, Bel Air Rd. The lovely and lively affair began at 8 p.m. and lasted until 12 a.m.

Over 100 family members and friends gathered there to celebrate with Wheichel, who recently retired from Bethlehem Steel Corp. (where he had been a welder) after 30 years of service. Many came from as far as Gainesville, Ga.

There was a delicious sit - down dinner, sippables and continuous music which had been taped by Michael Sheppard.

Toastmaster for the occasion was Carlton L. Wheichel, son of the honoree.

Other children, who spoke glowingly of their father were the Rev. W. L. Wheichel, Mrs. Betty L. Hubbard, Mrs. Jean I. Wheichel and Mrs. Bernice E. Wheichel, as did his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheichel.

Adding other compliments and congratulations was the Rev. Theodore Jackson, pastor, Gillis Memorial Community Church, of which the honoree and his wife are members.

During the festivities, the honoree was presented a money tie by his family, a gift from the Women's Usher Board at Gillis Memorial Church and a gift from family members in Gainesville, Ga.

The Wheichels have 10 grandchildren. They live in the 1200 block of Dukeland St.

Iota Phi Lambda Luncheon Card Party

Iota Phi Lambda sorority, Inc., Kappa Chapter, recently held a luncheon and Card Party at Meushaw's Motor Inn and Restaurant, Security Blvd. at the Beltway.

More than 150 guests attended the successful affair. Many of them tried their hand at playing Bingo, Pokeno, pinochle, and bridge.

Gifts were given to the winners at each table.

Everyone left the affair with hopes that it would be held again next year.

Mary Ervin chaired the affair. Doris B. Austin is president of Kappa Chapter.

Calendar of Coming Events

BWCRA 4th annual Conf. set

The Black Women's Consciousness Raising Association, Inc. (BWCRA), is presenting its Fourth Annual National Conference on Saturday, with the theme, "Women Striving to Reach New Heights," will be held at the Community College of Baltimore's Liberty Heights Campus, and will play host to hundreds of women from all over America who will participate in a day - long round of workshops, panels, exhibits and many other activities.

Opening Session Speaker The Honorable Lena K. Lee, Delegate, Maryland State Legislature.

Keynote speaker at the conference luncheon will be The Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, Congressman, 7th District, Maryland.

Workshop and panels will include, "Educational Policy," "Planning For Success," "Women In The Media," "Spiritual Growth," "Male - Female Relationships," "Political Strategies For Everyday Life," and many others.

Pre - registration must be postmarked by April 22, 1981 to insure processing prior to conference attendance.

For registration and other conference information call: (301) 685-9418 or (301) 362-0957.

This conference is being co - sponsored by the Phi Beta Lambda Kappa Alpha Mu Chapter of the Community College of Baltimore.

YWCA spring program

An exciting variety of classes will be offered this spring when the YWCA of the Greater Baltimore Area kicks off its spring program beginning in April.

April signals the start of programs at the YWCA Aerobics Dance-A-Thon at the downtown Central Center on the 1st, and English and Citizenship classes for the foreign born held on a continuing basis at the International Center.

Varied program offerings will be available at all YW Centers with most programs beginning by April 10. Dancercise, Jazzicise, Swimming, Slimnastics, Ballet, Art, Auto Mechanics, Calligraphy, the Jogger's Club and much more will be offered at the Central Center.

Decentralized programs will be offered by the Madison Avenue Center with classes in Sewing and Slimnastics.

All YWCA programs are open to the community. Early registration is encouraged to ensure a space in the program of your choice. YWCA membership is required in most programs and limited financial aid is available. Child Care is available in some classes.

To receive a complete listing of the YWCA's spring program, call 685-1460.

Slide-Sound presentation

Groups wishing to learn about Maryland's present system of financing elementary and secondary public education may request a speaker from Marylanders for Fair School Financing, a coalition supporting adequate and equitable funding of Maryland schools.

The coalition wants to inform the public about the way schools are funded now and to encourage participation in legislative decisions about school funding.

The speakers, who are representatives of the League of Women Voters and other major organizations in the state, will give a slide - sound presentation, answer questions and provide explanatory materials.

please contact Lois G. Hybl, Project Director, 4107 Westview Road, Baltimore, 21218, 301-243-1710, or your local League of Women Voters office.

Pre-Nursing Course at Md. General

The Maryland General Hospital Nursing Service Department and Staff Development is offering a Summer Pre - Nursing Program for high school juniors at least 16 years of age.

The course, which consists of clinical experience and classroom lectures, will cover various nursing procedures such as bathing patients; bed - making; taking of temperature, pulse and respiration.

Pre - nursing classes will be held at the hospital from July 6-31. Deadline for registration is April 10.

To receive an application or for further information, call 728-7900, extension 2427 or 2423.

CCB offers "Dressuccess"

"Dressuccess," an informal, six - hour course, will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 23 and April 30 at the Community College of Baltimore's Harbor Campus, Lombard Street at Market Place.

Designed for women who are entering or re - entering the business world or for those who have been working, but need some tips on basic wardrobe coordination, this course will focus on fabric selection, efficient buying, the proper use of accessories and how to emphasize one's best features.

This course is open to the public, but enrollment is limited. Tuition is $10. For registration information, call the Community College of Baltimore's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services, at 396-

Balto. Contitentals proclaim 'Save Our Children Day'

The Baltimore Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc. has proclaimed April 10, 1981 "Save Our Children Day" (SOC Day) and urges its 26 sister organizations and other groups to join it in protesting proposed federal budget cuts which would hurt children.

Chapter president Constance Butler said individuals and organizations are being urged to send telegrams that day to President Reagan and their representatives in Congress.

"Whether in nutrition, health, education, housing, general welfare or elsewhere, our children who are our most valuable human resource stand to be cruely victimized by the planned cuts. We must impress upon our national leaders that the nation cannot afford these shortsighted attacks on our future," Mrs. Butler added.

The Continental Societies, Inc., which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, is a national non - profit organization which fosters projects which fund, program and offer volunteer services in behalf of disadvantaged and underprivileged children.

Chapters are located in Huntsville, Montgomery and Tuskegee, Alabama; the District of Columbia, San Jose, California; Atlanta, Columbus, LaGrance and Savannah, Ga.;

Also in Twin Cities, Minn.; South Jersey, W. Palm Beach and Orlando, Fla.; Chicago, Ill.; Columbus, Ohio; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Durham and Goldsboro, N.C.; Dallas, Texas; New York City, Newport News - Hampton, Norfolk, Richmond and Roanoke, Va. and in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Currie co-host

Sondra Currie will be co-hosting Alex Johnson's Game Room, a pilot project now in production.

Anyone witnessing shooting of a young man by a security guard on 5/7/81 at approx. 10:00 a.m. in the 1400 block of West North Avenue, after a robbery at Advance Federal Savings and Loan, please call (Mr. Steinhardt, 233-1581).

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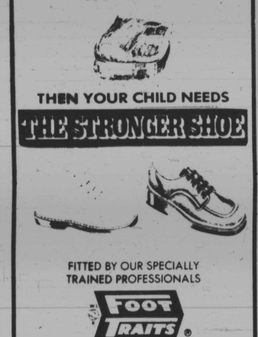

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