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Big Sisters host annual Luncheon-Card Party

BIG SISTER CONVIVIALITY being enjoyed during the Annual Big Sisters Luncheon - Card Party held Saturday, Oct. 31 at The Forum are (L to R): Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. Oneita Williams, Mrs. Anne Fuller (standing), Mrs. Barbra C. Perkins and Mrs. Martha Bradford.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD given annually by the Big Sisters is presented by Mrs. Madora C. LaForse, chair, Scholarship Committee (L) to Miss Tia Harp (C), 18, a freshman and nursing major at UMBC, as the awardee's mother, Mrs. Roberta Norton, looks on. Scholarship award was $300.

IN AND OUT-OF-TOWNERS seen during the festivities are (L to R): Mrs. Martha T. Foote and Nathan W. Crump, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Sara Jackson and Mrs. Clara L. Scott of Baltimore.

BIG SISTERS' OFFICERS (L to R) are: Mrs. Gladys Parker, chair, Hospitality; Mrs. Lucille Brown, recording secretary; Mrs. Ida Nicholas, treasurer; Mrs. Bernita Fuller, vice president; Ms. Iris Williams, president; Mrs. Imogene Douglas, financial secretary; Ms. Ernestine Bland, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Credella White, parliamentarian.

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Women's Editor

The Baltimore Chapter of Big Sisters' annual Luncheon - Card Party, held at The Forum, Saturday, Oct. 31 was a real winner. Nearly 500 came out to feast on a scrumptuous luncheon, and then to enjoy an afternoon of games, including pinochle, bridge and bingo.

Guests oohed and aahed as many of them won lovely door prizes. Among those winning door prizes were Evelyn Chatman, Vernice Marron, Sara Carter, Evelyn Revels, Violet French, Rosalind Lee, Dorothy Smith, Clara L. Scott, Theda Patterson, Helen Taylor, Maggie Johnson, Bernice Lester, Doris Cook, Jacki Carlade, Gwen Clark, Gloria Chavis, Tessie Epps, Carol Scott, Vernita Samuels, Sharon Burnett and Marione Croxton.

To add to the fun there was a 50 - 50 raffle, won by Janice Edwards, who garnered $92 as the victor.

I shared a table with Mrs. Melanese Jackson, instructional aide, Hebbville Caser Exploration Center, Tessie Epps, special education teacher, Baltimore City Public Schools; Marian Bland and Vernelle Washington, D.C.; Sara Carter, Helen G. Tucker, Bertha H. Seay, Loretta Moody, media specialist, BCPS and Jacqueline Howard, reading teacher, BCPS.

High scoring tables which participated in pinochle and bridge won prizes. Individual bingo winners regaled themselves over their wins. Even I was lucky enough to win a beautiful tray.

Big Sisters, Inc. is not just for fun. They raise funds for many worthy causes, and each year, give a scholarship to a deserving college student.

Recipient of this year's Big Sisters' scholarship award of $300 was Miss Tia Harp, 18, a freshman and nursing major at UMBC, whose proud mom, Mrs. Roberta Norton, was on hand to watch her daughter receive the award. Presenter was Mrs. Madora C. LaForse, chair, Scholarship Committee.

Big Sister Iris Wiggins, president of the group, was also the chairperson for the affair.

Other officers include Mrs. Gladys Parker, chair, Hospitality; Mrs. Lucille Brown, recording secretary; Mrs. Ida Nicholas, treasurer; Mrs. Bernita Fuller, vice president; Ms. Imogene Douglas, financial secretary; Mrs. Ferdella White, parliamentarian.

50 year veteran educator honored at retirement fete

Mrs. Zelma Daniels was recently honored on the occasion of her retirement by the faculty and staff of Coppin State College.

The banquet was held at the Tawes College Center on Nov. 6 and it was a beautiful affair.

Dr. Calvin Burnett, President of the College, gave the introductory remarks, citing the purpose of the occasion.

Dr. Geraldine Waters, Dean of Graduate Studies, and Dr. Thomas Linton, Chairman of Curriculum and Instruction, praised Mrs. Daniels highly for her contributions to Coppin State College and her dedication to the field of Education.

HONOREE, FAMILY AND FRIENDS — Mrs. Zelma C. Daniels (second from L) is pictured during her retirement celebration held Friday, Nov. 6, at the Tawes College Center at Coppin State with (L to R): Dr. Geraldine Waters, Dr. Calvin Burnett (Coppin president); Milton Daniels (honoree's hubby); Mrs. Donna Rice (honoree's daughter) and Joseph Daniels (honoree's son).

A plaque was presented to her on behalf of the Coppin Family noting her many years of loyal service and creative teaching which served to help Coppin achieve its mission.

Presenting a bouquet of long - stemmed roses was Mrs. Daniels' husband, Milton M. Daniels, who has also taught in the Graduate School of Coppin State College.

This presentation was made on behalf of the family and close friends who attended the banquet.

Music was provided by Mrs. Barbara Hudson, Secretary in the Education Division, and the Johnny Polite Combo.

Following the Retirement Banquet, guests were invited to a party in Columbia, Md. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Rice, daughter and son - in - law of Mrs. Daniels.

This was a complete surprise to the honoree. As she entered the house, the Bill Cummings Band began to play "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," and the guests cheered.

Mrs. Daniels' son, Joseph R. Daniels, led her to the dance floor to have the first dance with her husband.

All the other guests joined in later and the entire evening was a smashing success.

Mrs. Daniels gave a very touching and emotional response which included an original poem to the tune of "I Believe." In the poem she told of her sincere belief in the worth of every boy and girl and her determination through the years to find that "pearl."

She stressed the importance of dedication and purpose in the field of education, and the intrinsic rewards that one who loves to teach will receive stating that the joy of seeing a child's thirst quenched and his needs met in the educational setting were things that mattered most to her and not the pay.

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Partyline Baltimore Holidays

Chapter holds installation

By Pattie Hodges,
AFRO Women's Editor

The Baltimore Chapter of Holidays, Inc. met recently at the home of member Delores Baden.

Mary and Bernice Robinson, new members, were installed by club president Norma Bracy.

Holidays, Inc. is a National Bridge group whose aim is to create a better understanding and appreciation for the game of bridge and to promote programs and activities of a civic, social cultural and recreational nature for club members and their families.

Other members present at the installation were Holidays Carolyn Boston, Gloria Dorsey, Mary Ellis, Anne Emery, Dorothy George, Delores Ridgely and Mildred Taylor.

Labor Days (hubbies of club members) present were Joseph Bracy, Wallace Baden, Joseph Boston, Millard Dorsey, Aaron Ellis, Vallen Emery, Liston George, Charles Ridgely, Errol Taylor, Nathan Pitts and Archie Robinson.

50th B'day gala

Mary Mercer Perry, a native of Baltimore, was honored on her 50th birthday at an afternoon gala hosted by her husband, Earl. The celebration was held at Antuns Caterers in New York City recently.

Mary grew up in Northwest Baltimore. She attended Douglass Senior High School and Baltimore Junior College before moving to New York City. She returned to the area to obtain a diploma as a Registered Nurse from Howard University.

She returned to New York and received a BA in Psychology at Fordham University and a MS in Psychology from St. John's University.

Mary and Earl presently reside in Troy, Michigan. She is a school psychologist and he, a sr. programmer analyst.

Sharing in the celebration were:

Her mother, Gertrude Mercer; her sisters, Lillie Allen (Baltimore School System) and Ellie Chin, Mt. Sinai Hospital, N.Y.;

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BALTIMORE CHAPTER HOLIDAYS' MEMBERS pictured at their recent installation are (L to R): Carolyn Boston, Mildred Taylor, Mary Pitts (new member); Delores Baden, Mary Ellis, Norma Bracy, president; Dorothy George, Bernice Robinson (new member); Ann Emery, Gloria Dorsey and Delores Ridgely.

Columbia Capers

Celonia Walden named 'Woman of the Year'

By Pinnie L. Ross

Celonia Banks Walden was honored as a "1981 Woman of The Year" at a reception held at Vaccarino's Italian Restaurant in Ellicott City by the Patuxent Business and Professional Woman's Club, Inc. for the initiative, perseverance, and imaginative enterprise she has displayed in her long career of community service.

She received a handsome brass engraved bowl, letters of congratulations from Congresswoman Beverly Byron and the Maryland Commission for Women of which she is a charter member, and a Leather Bound Woman of the Year Award which read "In appreciation for your exceptional qualities of leadership and integrity and your distinguished achievements for the betterment of your community."

"Quite honored congratulations to you dear lady, you are so deserving of that great honor. We are very proud of you and we are also happy that you are one of us to receive the honor from the Patuxent Business and Professional Women's Club."

Our Club is called the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. The Columbia Chapter.

There are two Business and Professional Clubs in Columbia. The Patuxent Club organized first, after which our chapter was established by the honoree, Mrs. Walden.

The members of the Cathedral Choir of the St. John Baptist Church, here in Columbia are sponsoring the Howard University Concert Choir in Concert, Sunday, Nov. 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Interfaith Center.

They will be celebrating their fifth anniversary and desire your presence, as well as your family and friends.

No admission fee will be charged for the concert, however, you will be given an opportunity to make a contribution if you so desire.

Dr. Jesse P. Clay Sr. is the choir Line Director and of course Mr. Charles B. Burroughs, our great artist of the church, is choir president.

Dr. James W. Hudson, professor of Geography, Morgan State University will be the guest lecturer at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Grempler Building, 10741 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia.

The Lecture - Exhibition is being sponsored by Gallery Ligon, Ltd. For further information, call 730 - 0011 or 596 - 0020.

Just a reminder of an Afternoon of Enlightenment, The International Year of the Disabled Person, Nov. 15, at 4:30 p.m. at Ellicott Enterprises, Homewood Road.

Guest speaker Dr. Sylvia Walker, Director, Center for the Study of Handicapped Children and Youth, Howard University will speak on "Cross Cultural Comparisons, The Status of the Disabled in the United States and in the Other Selected Countries." There will be a performance by Handicapped Children.

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Also her nephews, Gilbert Allen Jr. (Baltimore Fire Department); and Nelson Allen III; her sister - in - law, Inez P. Scope of Washington, DC; a goddaughter, Jeanine R. Turner, of Columbia, Md.

Also, a daughter - in - residence, Shirley Weatherspoon; adopted niece, Allison Turner and nephew, William 'Kip' Duvall; Dr. and Mrs. Kerrs of N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. David Stephens Esq., Mrs. Ann Miller, Librarian, Blue Cross - Blue Shield of Greater New York; Mr. John (Dir. of Science, HEW, Balto.) and Louise, Esq. Turner of Columbia; and a host of other friends.

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60th wedding anniv. celebration

Recently, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peterson honored them with a festive afternoon commemorating their 60th wedding anniversary.

What's unique, is that in this day and age they have lived in togetherness for sixty years and have seen four familial generations.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, long time residents in Northwest Baltimore are the parents of James Peterson, Ella Johnson, Eliza Bruce, Amanda Snowden, Onelius Matthews, and Thelma Betts.

Family, friends, ministers, and well wishers helped to make it a special occasion for two special people.

Retirement Banquet

On Friday, Nov. 6, a retirement banquet was hosted for Benjamin M. Browne at La Fontaine Bleu, Erdman Ave. from 7 till 11 p.m.

Browne is retiring from the Baltimore City Housing Authority.

Following cocktails and dinner there was a program, during which participants extoled the sterling qualities of the honoree.

Emcee was Mrs. Juanita C. Harris, Assistant director, Housing.

The invocation was by Mrs. Inez Murray, RAB, delegate, Monument East.

The occasion by Mrs. LaVerne McWhite, Housing manager, George B. Murphy Homes, was followed by a musical selection by Mrs. Zelda Harrod, "You Light Up My Life."

Special presentations were made by M. J. Brodie, executive Director, Baltimore City Housing Authority; John McCauley, deputy commissioner, Mrs. Shirley Wise, co - chair, Board of Commissioners, HABC; Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, Chair, RAB; James T. McClelland, assistant director, Maintenance and Van Story Branch, director, Division of Housing Management.

After remarks of gratitude from the honoree, the benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Margaret D. Williams, Modernization Consultant.

On the Tribute Committee were Ms. Juanita C. Harris, chairperson, Ms. Margaret D. Williams, Ms. Margaret Keen, Ms. Cathy Wengert, Ms. Gail Sexton, Ms. Esther Pope, Ms. LaVerne McWhite, Ms. Dorothy Harris, Ms. Helen Cook and Frederick Turner.

Musical arrangements were by Ms. Zelda Harrod and John Luke.

Mrs. Mary Mercer Perry

60 YEAR BLISS — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peterson pose lovingly at a celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary hosted for them recently in the 2400 block Harlem Ave.

-Retirement

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She also stated that she truly hoped that she had been an inspiration to others who would carry the torch which she lit as she paved her way through life. She felt that this was perhaps one of the primary reasons for her existence in this vast universe. Mrs. Daniel's response was well received with a standing ovation.

The honoree is a native of Winston-Salem, NC. She graduated from Atkins High School and continued her education at Winston - Salem State Teachers College. She received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education, minoring in Psychology.

She received her Master's Degree in Education at Pennsylvania State University and was one of the first blacks accepted at the school. She did further study at Penn State, U.C.L.A., and Duke University, earning over one hundred graduate hours in the areas of Administration and Supervision, Reading, Research, Psychology, and Guidance.

Mrs. Daniels has spent fifty years of her life teaching. She has taught from primary through the university level. She has worked as a Teacher, Reading Consultant, Guidance Counselor, and Director of Women's Athletics in the public schools of Wilson, North Carolina.

She also served as Supervisor for the Durham City Schools in Durham, North Carolina.

On the college level, Mrs. Daniels was a pioneer in Reading and worked as Assistant Director and Director of the Reading Center at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC for fifteen years.

She was Associate Professor of Education at Virginia State College from 1965 - 1969. She also taught at Fayetteville State College and Barbour Scotia College in North Carolina.

Mrs. Daniels has worked as Associate Professor of Education at Coppin State College for the past twelve years. She has been very active in both professional and civic associations.

Woodlawn Highlights

SSA clerk-typist-multi-talented

By Marjorie R. Green

Setting goals and reaching them is something that Karen Wells has consciously been doing since her early high school days.

This week she celebrated her twenty - third birthday and she is now within a few hours of reaching another one of her goals established several years ago.

Friday evening she will dance in a talent show sponsored by the Freshman class of Coppin State College. Next Friday, November 20th, she will appear with members of the Maria Broom Dance Brugers group on a show featuring Dick Gregory.

A clerk typist in the Deputy Commissioner for Operations office in Woodlawn, Karen received her formal dance training at the Wally Saunders studio.

After leaving the Wally Saunders school, she performed jazz numbers with a small group that included Ms. Vanessa Jackson, a former instructor at the dance studio.

The group with which she is currently associated began with a small group of young Women practicing two evenings a week in the basement of a local church.

Calling theirselves the Dance Bringers, the group organized as a professional company several weeks ago to bring joy into peoples lives through a form of dancing that requires using their energy in natural body movements.

The members welcome anyone into the group who seriously loves to dance.

Since dancing is just one of her hobbies, Karen says she is preparing for career advancement in the area of Electronic Data Processing by attending the Data Processing Institute in downtown Baltimore.

Although she loves her job as a clerk typist, Karen's ultimate goal is to become a computer programmer. "I am not sure that I want to stay at SSA. But if the opportunity appears, I will take it," she said.

Before she was hired by the Social Security Administration, Karen worked with a Baltimore City Program that provided food and milk for pregnant women and children.

Her first SSA assignment under the Clerical Recruitment and Training Program was with a special work group in the Operations Initiative Staff last January.

As of this writing our Scorpio dancer is not romantically involved. "Dancing and studying," she says, "takes up most of her time.

Once in a while she takes time to enjoy a little bowling or disco dancing with close friends.

A special program featuring the band from the Naval Academy in Annapolis was held in commemoration of Veterans Day on Tuesday afternoon.

The program, attended by specially invited SSA employees was held in the auditorium of the Altmeyer Building in Woodlawn.

The United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland will host its Annual Dinner Drive meeting Thursday, Nov. 19th at the First Christian Community Church, 4116 Groveland Ave.

Rev. Lorenzo Graves is chairman. Rev. J. Humphrey is host pastor. All member churches are invited to attend.

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