For your Easter Basket



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MRS. EVELYN GAIL of this city, holds an Eastern display centerpiece of chocolate bunnies and other goodies which she made. Mrs. Gail prepares this and many other sweet tooth delectables which she sells during the Easter season.

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

Annual NAACP conference held

By Marjorie R. Green

"United Lest We Perish" was the theme for the 1982 Region VII NAACP Annual Leadership Training Conference held in Hampton, Virginia last week end.

Seventy - five registered Maryland delegates attended the two day conference along with Virginia and Washington D.C. delegates and other observers.

The workshops and plenary sessions headed by national and local NAACP leaders covered such topics as voter registration - education, New programs and New Thrusts in the NAACP, membership andf fundraising.

Rev. Charles King, Deputy Executive Director for the NAACP was keynote speaker for the Mass meeting held Friday night.

His topic was "Marketing the NAACP" He spoke of the necessity of selling, telling and marketing the NAACP. "In 1982 we are living in a different world, a different concept, a different frame of reference and we should not take it for granted that this generation of people understands who the NAACP, what it has done and what it means. We've got to sell it. Tell it and market it," he said.

His speech was delivered to a standing room only crowd of enthusiastic delegates who earlier had raised over a thousand dollars in response to a request coming from the local chairpers on Mrs. Evelyn Chandler.

Some local branch members attending the conference held in the Hampton Holiday Inn on West Mercury Boulevard were Mrs. Enolia MacMillan, president, Baltimore City Branch, Dr. Emmett C. Burns, Region VII Director, Julian Morgan, Second Vice President, Baltimore, Baltimore City; Adam Van Landingham, Dr. Cathy Pope Smith, Al Jones, Mary Amen. Charles Stewart, George Buntin, Nancy Johnson and Nathaniel K. Smith, NAACP Maryland State President.

Washington D.C. will host the 1983 Region VII Leadership conference. NAACP stste conference will be held Friday, October 22 - Saturday, October 23, 1982 at the downtown Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Retirement send off

A retirement luncheon will be held Monday, April 19th for Ed Simmons at Tony Cheng's, 801 North Charles Street. Maureen Christman and Bonnie Collins are committee contact persons.

Daisel Coffey, Janis Lowery and Marjorie Ward are receiving reservations for a retirement luncheon honoring Mrs. Loretta Watty. The luncheon will be held in the Altmeyer building Multipupose Room on Friday, April 30.

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Ex-offenders are honored

A custodian, a minister and a radio and television talk show host were among 10 persons who recently were honored at a banquet at the Famous Ballroom on Charles St.

What these people had in common and what lead to their being honored March 26, 1962 was they all were ex-offenders, who successfully had managed to rebuild their lives after leaving prison.

The event was the Community Residence Center Inc.'s Second Annual Salute to Successful Ex-Offenders.

The salutees were David Eberhardt, Ralph Petey Greene, who also was the banquet's keynote speaker, Richard Lane, Phillip Mack, Charles McKinney, Chala Sizemore, the Rev. Griffin S. Smith, Bessie C. Suber, Howard Trayham and Rudolph H. Yates.

The founder of the Community Residence Center, Jerome Dyson Wright, author of the book "Poor, Black and In Real Trouble," an ex-offender himself, also was honored.

The Center, established about 10 years ago, is a half-way house. Its goals are to help ex-offenders return to society and to rebuild their lives in a "crime free and constructive manner."

Judging from the more than 250 people who attended the banquet, the salute was a positive happening and pointed out that those who have run afoul of the law do not necesarily always stay afoul of the law.

Yates, now vice-president of the Washington, D.C. based Efforts From Ex-Convicts, EFEC, said he supports Wright's efforts "to help people get back into the main stream."

Released from prison in 1967 after serving more than 10 years for housebreaking and robbery, he said he was keynote speaker at the affair last year.

Ms. Suber, an attractive, quiet woman, with large, brown eyes, now is a custodian at Hamilton High School in East Baltimore. While she was reluctant to speak of her past, preferring to look onward instead of backward, Ms. Suber said she felt honored to be a salutee and praised Wright's program.

McKinney said he has been a counselor at the Maryland Training School for Boys for about 10 years. He admitted he was a juvenile delinquent and had had problems with the law as an adult. His major focus now is helping boys readjust to society.

The Rev. Smith said he was one of the founders of EFEC and is its president.

"It is definetly a step of encouragement. We need these kinds of gatherings to encourage people ... also need to publicize that ex-offenders can do it (live successfully in society)," he said.

Of the 28 tables in the large, cavern-like room, each of which sat 10 people, most were filled.

The meal was provided by Jonathan Edges, a successful ex-offender. The menu included roast steamship round of beef, oven baked Egyptian chicken, broiled stuffed rock fish deluxe, cocktail meatballs rice jumbaliya and homemade three bean salad.

The meatballs and other meat and fish dishes were quite good. But one of the banquet's attendees was overheard panning the chicken "as nothing special." The salads, vegetables and appetizers disappeared quickly.

Ruby Glover and the Fuzzy Kane Trio provided the music, which was appreciated by the crowd, judging from the swaying shoulders and tapping feet.

Greene's lengthy, but serious, profane and hilarious remarks brought some of the attendees to tears amid their laughter. At one table, a black woman laughed heartily, but the white gentleman sitting beside appeared to be less amused by Greene's comments which were at times very sharp and pointed.

Honorees from last year's salute such as Eddie Harrison and Adrian Reed attended.

A series of scenes from a play based on Wright's novel were performed by the group, Peer Pressure. These talented young people, one of whom was a high school student from Dunbar, received an enthusiastic standing ovation.

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COMING EVENTS

Project Survival Fundraiser nears

For the fourth consecutive year, The Concerned Citizens Committee and the Urban Services Agency are co-sponsoring a fund raising banquet for the benefit of the Project Survival Program.

Jim Parker, former Baltimore Colt All Pro Tackle, and Allen "Dickie" Burke, Baltimore City Police Officer and founder of Recreation On Wheels (Operation Champ) will be honored.

Project Survival is concerned with and involved in the total development of inner city boys and girls. The program has four goals: education, employment, crime prevention and recreation.

Their goal this year is to raise $55,000. As a result of massive cuts in federal spending They NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! Please join them at Martin's West on Wednesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. for this most worthy endeavor.

Coach Earl Banks is General Chairman.

For further into and tickets call 396-1760, 444-3009 or 837-0090.

Mondawmin Mall's Easter Fashion Show

Mondawmin Mall's Annual Easter Fashion shows will be held on Saturday, April 3 and April 10 at 5 p.m. in Center Court.

The show is produced by Willia and Andrea Bland, directors of Flair Models. Artarus Jenkins is fashion commentator. The public is invited to attend.

"Altogether Now Spring" will highlight Flair Models in all the current looks of spring and summer as shown by the Mall's high fashion merchants.

City and romantic looks, tailored suits, the new nautical look, casual, sportswear and after six fashions will be shown.

Both shows will highlight Andrea Bland, Jim Coleman, Janice Moses and Ernestine Ward.

"Miss University" Frances Stevenson, will make a cameo appearance as will Flair Studio Ballet Students.

Body Building Champion George Taylor will also be seen. Another very important seasonal visitor, the Easter Bunny will make an appearance.

Membership Drive

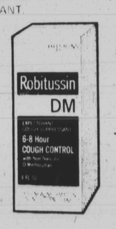
The membership drive for The Baltimore Chapter of Blacks In Government will continue through April 8, 1982. Their membership is available to all local, state and federal government employees, as well as individuals who have retired from active employment.

They also have available an associate membership for anyone who is in accord with and agrees to adhere to the principles, policies and objectives of this organization. Our goal for this membership drive is (500) new members so we may continue assisting other black brothers and sisters in our community.

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