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OUR WORLD

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By Pattie Hodges

Folks are still talking about the dinner party Rachel Deford of West Baltimore hosted Sept. 5 at her home for Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Elijah Cummings, Kurt Schmoke, and other political leaders, friends and a few relatives.

After the fun-filled Sunday evening affair most of the guests left Ms. Deford's home with brown paper bags filled with the delicious, homemade food she had spent the day preparing.

Everything was freshly cooked and the guests received first-class service from their hostess.

The menu consisted of fresh greens, brown rice, pineapple chicken, garnished with orange slices, rib-eye roast, beef brisket that melted in your mouth, rolls, southern spoon bread, pound cake, chocolate chip cake and sweet potato pie (all homemade — Yum! Yum!), corn, tomatoes, okra, lima beans, string beans and punch.

Schmoke, who was still campaigning, was one of the guests on the list who was unable to attend the dinner party.

Others seen were attorney Edward Smith, David Spears, Delores Stapoles, Ruth Watts, Nikki and Aletha Randolph, Lawrence Allen, Del. Larry Young, Sylvia Cooper, Mary Mendes Gordon, Del. Lena K. Lee, Debra Iser, Portia Badham, and Officer Johnson of Western District Police Dept.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER for native Baltimoreen Harry F. Rheubottom, who on Wednesday, Sept. 29 will be installed as president of the San Bernardino Kiwanis Club at the National Orange Show Cafeteria, in San Bernadino, CA.

It is the first time in the 60-year history of the club that they have had a black president.

The San Bernardino Kiwanis Club is the largest club in Division 36, with a membership of approximately 175.

81ST B'DAY PARTY

Mrs. Flossie Gallant Mitchell Hicks Brady (a name worthy of her years) was feted recently at a "This Is Your Life" birthday gala. She was 62 years young.

On Tuesday, August 31 the family of five generations had a birthday dinner for her at Duff's in Towson and continued celebrating at the N. Washington St. home of the honoree's daughter Tinnie Spencer, where everyone was entertained by her surprise clown "Smiley."

Mrs. Brady — proud mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother was presented a corsage, a bouquet of flowers, a family plaque and many birthday gifts and cards.

A product of Meherrin, VA, and Good Hope School, the honoree, at age 7 was a performer, singing gospel songs, and later, at age 13 she became Meherrin Church Choir director and musician.

Expanding her repertoire when she moved to Baltimore, she was active with Chuck Richards at W.I.T.H. Radio singing gospel music and the Apostolic Faith during the 1930's.

She married Arthur Leroy Hicks in 1920 and they had five children — Clara Elizabeth, Anderson Scott (deceased), Tinnie, Flossie and Curtis Lee.

Subsequently widowed, she married Horace Brady, whom she is also now widowed.

Many happy returns to a lady who seems to have found the 'Fountain of Youth.'

CRENSHAW'S FIRST-BORN CHRISTENED

On Sunday, August 22, proud parents Staff Sergeant David Crenshaw and Mrs. Wilda Kidd Crenshaw of Minot Air Froce Base, Minot, ND, had their first born, Celeste Nichole Crenshaw, christened during the morning services at Waters AME Church by the Reverend John W. Duckette.

In attendance for the baptism were the paternal grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crenshaw, a half brother David from Warren, OH, an aunt Kim Kidd and great-aunt Mrs. Marie Banks of Baltimore, a great uncle, Samuel A. Tynes and daughter La Toria from Woodbridge, VA; Mrs. Crystal Johnson from Beaver Falls, PA; Godmothers Ms. Virginia Crenshaw of Warren, OH and Mrs. Brenda Tiller-Randson of Baltimore.

The day ended with the family having dinner with friends Mrs. Sarah Cullison, Leslie Randson and son at the home of happy maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. William B. Kidd (Florence) of Northwood. Celeste is their first grandchild, which elated them.

SOCIETY UPDATE

Annual Fashion Fair Nears

The 25th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair will appear in Baltimore, at Morgan State University's Talmadge Hill Field House, on Sunday, October 10, at 5 p.m.

This famed traveling fashion show, produced by Ebony Magazine, is sponsored by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for the benefit of sponsorship and scholarships for deserving young people to attend college.

Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, producer and director of the show, personally selects fashions from the exclusive collections of famed designers.

She is meticulous and thorough in purchasing the most spectacular fashions available for Ebony Fashion Fair audiences.

More than 200 exquisite garments complete with the latest accessories, 10 female and two male models, commentator, music director, stage and business managers and wardrobe staff travel from coast to coast on a special chartered Greyhound Bus.

Because of the unprecedented demand for sponsorship of the show by charitable organizations around the country, Ebony Fashion Fair now tours two seasons — the East and Midwest from September through December and the Southwest from January through May — appearing in more than 174 cities.

Since the inception of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 1913, their organization, with over 100,000 college-trained women nationwide, has pledged serious endeavor to public service.

The Delta Sigma Theta (DST) Public Service Sorority emphasizes scholarship, character, and service. They are dedicated to a five-point programmatic thrust of educational, economic, community and international, housing and urban and mental health development.

Beginning in the fall of 1958, the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter has presented to the Baltimore Community successful productions of the Ebony Fashion Fair.

They have rasied over $118,632, over the last twenty-four years, for scholarship, sponsorship and grants. They assist young women with counseling and financial aid throughout their post-secondary education.

This year they are celebrating their Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Their theme is, "The Mood For Romance." Ebony's couture collection includes fashions for such a theme.

Patrons will be eligible to receive exciting prizes. Every twenty-fifth person entering the auditorium will receive a prize.

One student will be the lucky recipient of a cash prize.

There will be a grand prize drawing for a trip for two to Mexico City (all expenses paid).

A celebrity-type booklet will list the names of donors and past recipients of scholarships.

A community service award will be presented to a person from the community who has rendered valuable service to the DST Sorority, enabling the continuation of worthy community service.

Mrs. Ernestine Jolivet, general chairperson of the benefit performance indicates ticket sales are going exceptionally well and expects an even larger attendance than last year.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 484-4642.

SHADES OF 'EBONY FASHION FAIR' are depicted in this model's superlatively dramatic black and white knit, in which designer Bill Haire accents the dress and stole with a wide black leather belt.

MOLES EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETS

1982-83 officers of the Baltimore Moles, a local social club, got off to an early start this summer to organize for the year.

Gathering at Mole Anethia Williams' home to discuss current business, the group enjoyed a refreshing menu of wine, cheese, ice cream and delicious melon.

In an atmosphere surrounded by Mole Williams' manicured lawn, gorgeous flowers and a beautiful vegetable garden ideas for an exciting and eventful new year flourished.

The first meeting of the club year will be at Mole Beatrice Wright's home.

The Moles believe they will have a successful year because they truly practice and live their motto, "Enjoy Yourself, for it's later than you think."

GGOG HELPS

The Alpha Chapter, "Government Girls On The Go" is a group of federally employed women whose purpose is to engage in outreach projects and programs in the community, lending a helping hand when and wherever they can.

The Government Girls are the recipients of the "Mayor Citation." They were cited by Mayor William Donald Schaefer as one of the viable forces in the community engaged in charitable efforts. The group is also a member club of the "Maryland League of Women's Clubs," an umbrella organization for all women's clubs in Baltimore and the surrounding areas.

As the group moves forward they continue to make significant contributions in the community. They work very diligently toward fulfilling their purpose by making (material or monetary) contributions to worthwhile causes in the community.

The overwhelming support of their patrons at their once a year fund raising activity has made it possible for the group to include among their many charitable efforts:

The "Government Girls Scholarship Fund" (Recipients - Douglas High School Graduates), Negro College Fund, NAACP, N. M. Carroll Manor (Senior Adults), St. Francis Dental Clinic, Anna Mae Hunter Foundation, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, City Temple (City-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner Project), Bethel AME (Outreach Program Haitian Project), Beans & Bread House (Feeding Program);

Also, the Granada Nursing Home, Lafayette Square Nursing Home, Harlem Park Community Church (Hymnal Project), Regional Institute for adolescents and adults (Catonsville), Rosewood State Hospital, Montrose State School, St. Francis Xavier School and numerous needy family projects.

The "Government Girls" fund raising activity for this year will be "Cabaret Extraordinare," to be held on October 16, at La Fontaine Bleu (Glen Burnie) from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

The group is looking forward to a sellout affair which will help the GGOG to continue their charitable efforts in the community.

Chairpersons for this activity are: Mrs. Marion Counts and Mrs. Mary James. Mrs. Mamie C. Jones is president of the group.

TOWN TALK

JAKI HALL - Busy public relations person took a little time off this summer and visited the Big Apple. While in "The City" she saw "Dream Girls" and "Sophisticated Ladies" and loved them both. A fabulous excursion to Dulaney Street for a shopping spree was another highlight of her fun-filled trip.

On to Atlantic City where Jaki tried her 'hand' in a few of the casinos...and enjoyed some of the new attractions of the historic resort area.

FREIDA JONES, chairperson of the Youth Work Committee in the NAACP attended the 9th high school reunion of her father, Theodore Rudolph Jones, Sr. this summer.

Ms. Jones, along with her mother, Madeline E. Jones, assisted in coordinating the program for the alumni of Bluestone Harmony Academic and Industrial School, a private boarding school in Charlotte County, Virginia.

She said it was a lot of fun seeing alumni from her father's high school where all classes, from the time the school opened in 1920 until it closed in 1950, attended the reunion.

Mary Sue Welcome

Ms. Jones also attended another reunion—the Miles family reunion where members celebrated the 100th birthday of great - aunt, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Elam Holmes.

She said representatives from seven generations were present at the reunion which occurred on the campus of Hampton Institute in Virginia.

In her travels, Ms. Jones stopped off in Bluefield, West VA., Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia.

Back on the work front, Ms. Jones said she is preparing for the NAACP Unity Banquet planned for early October by contacting local churches and asking their support.

Attorney Mary Sue Welcome, daughter of Sen. Verda Welcome, said she flew into Baltimore early this week to support her mother in the re-election bid.

While here, Ms. Welcome said she had a speaking engagement in Washington, D.C. and attended some of the functions sponsored by the National Black Caucus' Legislative Weekend.

She said she would be back in Baltimore for the weekend and had no special plans.

Ms. Welcome said she just finished a race for Fulton County

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AT POLITICAL FUN FEST hosted by Rachel Deford (far right) Sunday, Sept. 5 are (L to R): Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Del. Lena K. Lee and Attorney Elijah Cummings.

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