BEVERLY REID, (C) secretary at School #254 stops for a lively chat with Ms. Launetta Walden, principal of School #53 and Louise Whitten, her secretary, during the festivities at annual Bosses' Night hosted Friday, April 18 at the Forum, Primrose Ave. by the Baltimore City Educational Office Personnel, (BCEOP).

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RECEIVING A SINGING TELEGRAM from her staff via the long-haired gentleman is a surprised Ms. Mary Silver, principal of School #254.

SAVORING THE CAMARADERIE of the occasion are staff members and principal from School #102 (L to R): Ernestine Hill, Ida Conaway, Mary Patterson, Beatrice Dorsey, Support Teacher; Vernice Howard, Virginia Backmon, former staff member; Shirley Cartwright, Mrs. Pauline Bruce, principal; Dolores Cornick and Delores Funn, secretary.

MS. VIVIAN F. JACKSON, (L) principal of School #217, is all smiles as she chats with her secretary, Barbara Woodson.

Bosses' Night sparkles with fun

The trappings were all in place. The Forum buffet tables were filled to groaning proportions with edibly delectable foods; the mountain of raw bar and salad beckoned colorfully.

The bar had everything you could want to offer from fancy frothy concoctions to rose wine.

There were also mouth-watering fresh pastries for dessert, along with coffee and tea.

Up front the Deejay Delights played a mighty musical mixture of all the "just right" tunes, from the "Top 40" to "oldies but goodies" which kept the dance floor teeming with folks.

And what was the grand occasion? None other than the annual Bosses' Night hosted on Friday, April 18 by the Baltimore City Educational Office Personnel. Officially speaking, it's the night when the secretaries from city schools get the staff members together and they virtually take the principals out on the town.

The mood was one of constant festivity, as this year's ample crowd, sipped, supped, chatted animatedly, table-hopped to say hello to old friends and acquaintances and danced the night away from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

There were the latest steps, to cha-cha rounds to line dances, and no one was exempt from a turn on the floor.

To add to the fun and frivolity, there was a 50/50 raffle, won by one excited guest.

Principals received gifts and cards of good wishes from their various staff people and everyone seemed to let his or her hair down in the T.G.I.F. (Thank God it's Friday) mood.

Chairing this year's Bosses' Night was Veronica Lowery, secretary at School No.45, with Gloria Thornton, secretary at School No.139 as co-chairperson.

Others on the committee for the gala event were Beverly Reid, secretary at School No.254; Grace Bailey, secretary of School No.144; Louise Whitten, secretary at School No.53; and Annie Gregg, secretary at the Office of Reading.

Marjorie Green

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

SSA OLDTIMERS GATHER AT THE FORUM

It was just like old times recently at the Forum when familiar faces greeted each other with fond recollections of the past. Joe Carmody drove down from Pennsylvania where he currently resides. Several other SSA retirees arrived from out of town. Joe and Marian Futterman added a spark of humor to the informal gathering of old-timers.

The alumni was organized by Futterman and Betty Quinn several years ago and has helped them to stay in touch with the many friends they made during their working years. We shared a table with the Futtermans, Vivian Bailey and Otis Hooper who invited us as his guests.

We listened as the invincible Ann McDonough graciously relinquished her position as luncheon coordinator and placed it into the capable hands of Doris Hamm, an old co-worker from the Disability Inquiries Staff.

Among the names called and other faces we recognized were Joe and Fran Landon, Adam Tomis, Janice Tribble, Al Miller, Bob Kendall, Ralph Sirian, Ann Dickel and Al Martin.

RETIREMENT SEND-OFF

Another delightful occasion was the retirement dinner celebration for Jackie Taliaferro. The affair was held at the Quality Inn on Route 40.

The planning committee did a fantastic job of pulling together friends, relatives, co-workers, church members, neighbors and club members of the honoree.

Michael Taliaferro and George Barrick, the honorees son and brother-in-law represented the family on the program by sharing some of their experiences with Jackie and her husband Paul.

Following the program, guests danced to disco music furnished by Alvin Better Sounds.

Karen McGlothern, Barbara Garriss, Gwen Fleshman, Sue Greenberg, Gene Steinhilber, Janis Battle and Frances Butler served as host and hostesses for the evening.

BENEFIT CONCERT

On Saturday, June 1 at 8:00 p.m., the Maryland Conference of NAACP Branches will present a Benefit for Human Dignity At Home and In South Africa at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

A tribute to Congressman Parren J. Mitchell and Senator Charles McMathias, Jr. will be presented by several national and local artists.

Phylicia Rashad, Television wife and mother of the Bill Cosby Show has promised to appear on the program. State Senator Stewart Bainum, Mrs. Enolia McMillan, National NAACP president and Dr. Aris Allen, former State Senator will also be honored guests.

Nathaniel K. Smith is Maryland State NAACP president. The event is chaired by Henry Bellinger, Maryland State NAACP Vice President for Finance.

For additional information call 439-2800 (Washington) or 225-3939 (Baltimore)

Date to remember: Wednesday, May 14: The Welcome Parade and reception for newly located employees and officers of the National Office of the NAACP. For information re: participation call 366-3300.

Pinnie Ross

COLUMBIA CAPERS

CLUB DEJOUIR EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD

The Richmond Chapter of Club DeJouir, Inc. hosted the executive meeting of the national organization at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Richmond, VA recently.

This executive Council meeting had representatives from all of the organization's seven chapters: Washington, DC; the mother chapter, Richmond, VA; Philadelphia, PA: Norfolk, VA; Petersburg, VA; Baltimore and Columbia, MD.

Prior to and after the meetings, chapter members relaxed in a complimentary suite provided by the Richmond Chapter.

After lunch the meeting was called to order by Mildred Green, National Vice President and member of the Washington, DC Chapter, after which national reports were made. The reports included new ideas formulated by members of the national committees prior to the meeting. All the ideas presented were accepted by the National Council for presentation at the National meeting in Baltimore this June.

Mrs. Connie Edwards, business manager and member of the Richmond Chapter, gave a hearty welcome and presented the Executive Council report.

National President Charlotte Churn, a member of the Philadelphia Chapter, graced the podium with remarks to the members. She expressed concern for the present national thrust of the organization.

The United Negro College Fund has been a special project of the organization since its founding twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Churn asked each chapter to make a concerted effort to give more generously at one hundred percent levels this coming funding year. President Churn introduced another national project "BLACKS IN THE ARTS". She said that it is a challenge that we must take to support Black artists.

The highlights came before the meeting ended when the Baltimore Chapter presented their conclave theme for June, 1986 titled "A TALE OF THE SEA". President Jacqueline Hilson narrated the presentation with members of the Baltimore Chapter.

In essence, her story told that the 1986 Conclave would be held at the Sheraton Inner Harbor and included an elegant night of chapters dressed in fineries, a fumfilled boat ride in the Harbor and many surprises not revealed.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

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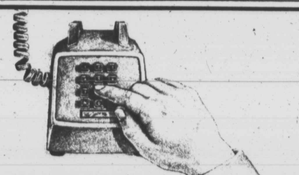

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Scenes from the reception for Bennett's prexy

PARTICIPANTS IN THE FUNDRAISER FOR BENNETT COLLEGE held at the estate of Paige and Flo Davis last Saturday were (L to R): James and Virginia Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Jones of St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, VA; Dr. Isaac H. Miller, president of Bennett College and the hosts Paige and Flo Davis.

Dr. Isaac Miller, chats with Frederick I. Douglass, Director of the Public Relations Dept. at Morgan U.

WILLIAM ANDERSON (L) engages in convivial party patter with (from left): Dr. Robert "Bob" Golden and Bob Bell.

POSING "ALL SMILES" FOR THE CAMERA are (L to R): Beverly Douglass, Beth Anderson, Alnora Granger, Liz Bovo, a Howard County councilwoman and Brenda Blake.

WHILE TOURING THE POSH INTERIOR OF THE DAVIS RESIDENCE Clara Burnette (L) pauses with (from L) Sharon Burnette, and Sheilah H. Tucker to admire a beautiful tapestry.

ENSCONCED ON A LUXURIOUSLY SOFT SOFA near the swimming pool are (from left): Rosalyn Henderson, Loye Lockett and Phyllis Walls.

Scenes from MSU choir reception

L. AYREE GLOVER (L) AND KRISTINE JONES, two members of the Morgan University Choir, pause to dine on the sumptuous delicacies at the reception held recently at Martin's West to promote the choir's May 4 concert at the Meyerhoff.

L. ANDERSON HICKS AND LARRY SHELBY, two active members of the President's Committee for the Morgan Choir, make plans for the big night at the Meyerhoff.

VICTOR FRANKEL (L) one of the choir's benefactors, and his wife, converse with Allen Quille, parking lot magnate and philanthropist.

DR. EARL S. RICHARDSON (L), Morgan president, greets Louis Goldstein, the State Comptroller.

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

PUTTING MUSCLE IN THE CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM

Even though the Justice system is making the laws stiffer, I still end up talking to parents who have gone through the system and still aren't receiving child support payments.

There are recently new cases that have been filed and three - months have passed and not a word from anyone. A typical case is that of a 35-year-old woman who has a son aged 13. She and her husband have been divorced for six months. In September of last year, she contacted the necessary personnel in order to enforce child support payments on a timely basis. Much to her surprise, she was in court within two months and a ruling was made on the behalf of the child.

Unfortunately, since that time, she still has not received the proper amount. She contacted her ex-spouse who showed her evidence of where his employer was deducting the correct amount from his pay check each week. So, I must ask the system why she still isn't receiving the proper amount of support?

Another case involves a young parent with three young children, who had to constantly call a support officer weekly in order to get results. Eventually she got tired of calling the Bureau of Support Enforcement and hired a private attorney to help with the problems she was encountering.

It seems as though there should be a separate court just for the hearing of child support cases....why must they be thrown in with the rest of the criminal and civil cases? After all, when you consider it, we are talking about children being supported on a daily basis.

Part-time support and occasional child support money can't be left in the hands of an occasional court system. Something must be done to help these custodial parents support their children.

Non-custodial parents who are trying to duck the system should stop and think about it....would you want someone to put you in this "occasional" situation? Stand up to the fact that they are your children, they are part of you and you should help support them within the means of your budget.

Too many times custodial parents are left to handle the raising of their children by themselves without any support from the non-custodial parent. I guess one could say maybe the children of tomorrow aren't important?

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