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Potomac Valley Section's 2nd Annual Jazz Brunch & Silent Auction

The 2nd Annual Champagne Swing Jazz Brunch & Silent Auction was held on Sunday, April 17, 2005, at the Indian Spring Country Club. The event was a great success, with approximately 350 attendees. Denise Rolark Barnes, Publisher of *The Washington Informer*, served as mistress of ceremonies. The renowned jazz pianist Marcus Johnson, the Marcus Johnson Project and soloist Cynthia Givens provided exceptional music. Hand-dancing entertainment was provided by the SMT Dance Academy.

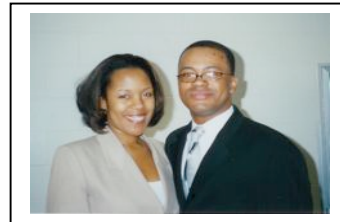
Over 75 luxury and exotic items were presented for auction including modeled designer men and women's wear. The models included Rev. Haywood Robinson, Delegate Gareth Murray, John Macklin, Phillip Baltimore, Rev. Joan McCarley, Ethel Lawhon, Tina Mance Lee and Jeanette Wolfe. Nearly \$10,000 was raised for the PVS from this event.

The featured item, a full-length ranch mink coat valued at \$10,000, was contributed by Rosendorf /Evans of Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, MD.

The Silent Auction Committee chairs were



Above: Rosendorf/Evans presents full length ranch mink coat (from left to right): Ghulam Zaka (Store Manager), Tina Mance Lee, Jeanette Wolfe (wearing coat), Effie Smith Macklin, James Simpson (Sales Associate)



Left: Jazz Brunch Ticket Sales Committee: Nicole Simpson and Daniel Wilson



Right: One of the three Silent Auction Committee Chairpersons: Ethel Lawhon,



Left: Silent Auction Committee Members (standing from left to right): Tish Winfield, Vivian Boyd, Jennifer Glen, Lana Wimberley Bowman, Vanessa Davis, Lynn Moore Hill. (Seated from left to right): Jeanette Wolfe, Carol James. (Not pictured: Jean Proctor)

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Message from our President

Dear Members and Associate Members,

'Where has the time gone?' We are nearing the end of another tremendously successful program year. As in the past, we have much to be **proud** of and we continue to be **second to none** in our creative and important works.

Because of our effective outreach, we are being called upon by National to serve in many capacities, regionally as well as locally.

As you examine this newsletter, you will see just how productive and successful our Section has been in many aspects of our community including education, senior citizens and youth programs. When we make a positive impact on the lives of those we touch we also empower them, which goes to the very heart of our mission. We must continue to model for others, to preserve our legacy and provide the building blocks for our tomorrows. When we do these things, we live out the mission of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). Let's continue to work together to make a difference.

Most Sincerely,



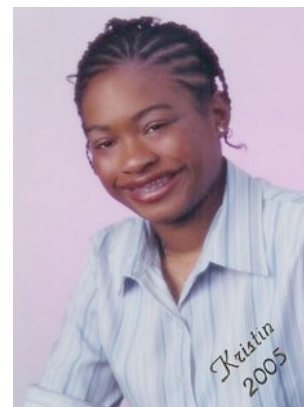
Effie Smith Macklin, President
NCNW, Potomac Valley Section



Above: Effie Smith Macklin
President, National Council of Negro
Women, Potomac Valley Section

Did you know?

Kristin Kelly, daughter of Rev. Donald and Brenda Kelly, is graduating from Paint Branch High School this month. Kristin was accepted to attend Howard University, Clark University and Spelman College. She has chose to attend Spelman in August 2005. Kristin recently competed in the Montgomery County Entrepreneur Competition and won first place. At the event, Kristin and a classmate presented a business venture for teenagers, which also included marketing strategies. In addition to academic excellence, Kristin is also a star basketball player. Her basketball team went to the Maryland State Championship for the second consecutive year.



Celeste Bennett (left) is the chair of the newly formed PVS Health Committee. Look out for informative information from the Health

Always Something New, owned by **Beverly Brooks Anderson**, celebrates its 20th year of providing unique and upscale jewelry and accessories. *Always Something New* supplies the crystal NCNW pins to chapters across the country. *Always Something New* is located in Silver Spring, MD.

Shirley Johnson recently received three distinguished awards from the community. On April 23, 2005 she received the '2005 Community Service Award' from The Black Business and Professional Women's League, Inc. On April 24, 2005, she received the '2005 Civil Rights Award' from The Montgomery County Chapter of the NAACP. Finally, on April 29, 2005 she received the '2005 Leadership Montgomery's Distinguished Leadership Award' at the annual meeting of The Community Leadership Program Association in Atlanta.

Kisa Shannon Crosse will graduate from the Residency Program at University of Maryland School of Medicine in June 2005. In August 2005 she will start a private practice in Columbia, MD. Dr. Crosse and her husband are proud new parents of Kester Crosse, III (born on May 5, 2005).

Noteworthy News

NCNW BEGINS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

NCNW is conducting a national public educational campaign entitled: **"Tomorrow Begins Today: African American Women As We Age."** The campaign aims to offer strategies and tools to women on living and aging well. Forums are being conducted in five cities including Washington, DC. These forums are free and designed to educate, motivate, and inspire African American women to live well. Advanced registration is required and space will be given to the first 500 to register. The event will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2005 from 1pm to 5pm at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. For more information contact Shirley Johnson at 301-460-

PVS In the Community

PVS Supports Kids' Fund

The Potomac Valley Section (PVS) is now a charter sponsor to the *Montgomery County Juvenile Court Kids' Fund (MCJCKF)*. The MCJCKF is a new initiative designed to provide resources to children involved in the Juvenile Division of the Montgomery County Circuit Court. The Fund provides access opportunities and services in the community to kids that would otherwise not have them available. This includes money for variety of goods and services such as eyeglasses, tutoring, summer camp, clothing, and many other needs that are not available to those so vulnerable. PVS member, Brenda Kelly, serves on the Advisory Panel, and she, as well as PVS member Jeanette Wolfe are on the MCJC Kids' Fund Raising Committee. The Potomac Valley Section is proud to be working with the courts to meet the individual and varied needs of youth in the judicial system to promote a turning point in their

PVS Supports African American Festival of Academic Excellence (AAFAE)

The 16th Annual African American Festival of Academic Excellence (AAFAE) took place on Sunday, May 29th at the University of Maryland College Park, Cole Field House. The Festival honored hundreds of African American students in Montgomery County who have demonstrated academic excellence. Many prominent guests were in attendance to support and encourage students including Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive; Ike Leggett, Former County Council President; Congressman Chris Van Hollen; Rev. Shawn Hicks, TPCBC Associate Minister; Patricia A. O'Neill, School Board President, MCPS; Dr. Gregory Bell, Director of Diversity Initiatives, MCPS; several councilmen; and parents, family & friends of the honorees.

The PVS continues to be a sponsor for the program. Moreover, several PVS members serve on the AAFAE committee, including Letita (Tish) Winfield who served as Volunteer Coordinator. Several PVS members served as volunteers and supporters of the Festival.

Below: (from left to right) Karen Swain, Co-Volunteer Coordinator and Nora Nelson. PVS Volunteer



Right: PVS Volunteers (from left to right) Jeannette Wolfe and Wanda Brown



Left: 8th grade Honorees from Eastern Middle School (from left to right): Samirawit Ayane, Janna Redmond, and Indigo Goode

Below: Speakers and dignitaries, including Congressman Chris Van Hollen (center) welcome and celebrate with middle and



Committee Updates

Legislative Affairs Committee

Co-Chairs: Shirley Johnson & Lorna Martin

Middle school girls in Montgomery County can have fun and learn about computers at summer computer camps to be held in July and August 2005 at the Germantown, Takoma Park and Rockville campuses of Montgomery College. Sponsored by Montgomery College, in cooperation with the Montgomery County Commission for Women and the Montgomery County Public Schools, the two-week camps are designed to help girls explore the world of computers, website design and computer programming. The goal of the courses is to involve girls in the computer world, giving them one more career option and decreasing the gap between men and women in this field. To learn more about the different camps offered, including schedule and fees, call 301- 251-7917 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce.

The Women Business Owners of Montgomery County (WBO) invites residents to join in the celebration of the silver anniversary of Women Business Owners of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Women's Fair and the Women's Legislative Briefing. The celebration is hosted by the Montgomery County Commission for Women. The WBO encourages nominations for the 'Athena Award' to honor an outstanding Montgomery County woman, who, in her own way, is a positive force in our community and is a role model for others. The committee will select 25 finalists, all of whom will be honored at WBO's annual luncheon on October 21st at the Gaithersburg Hilton. One of these will be chosen to receive the prestigious ATHENA Award.

Seniors Committee

Co-Chairs: Mary Watters & Cherry Richardson

The Senior's Committee concluded its program of activities at the Forest Glen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center with a 'Spring Review' on April 21, 2005. The program began with prayer and scripture. Ismay Parrish served as Mistress of Ceremonies. She was later honored with a tribute from the residents, staff, and committee members. The unusual hatboxes and hats made beautiful and unique decorations. Excerpts from the book "Crowns" were read. A 'Spring Commentary' was done by Millie Bryant, which set the stage for the fashion show of spring fashions and hats. Mattie Brown eloquently narrated the fashion show. The models were committee members (*see photo at right*). Hats decorated with flowers and ribbons (the handiwork of Joyce Knight) were presented as gifts to all residents in attendance. The program concluded with closing remarks, prayer and refreshments.



Above: Members of the Senior's Committee presented a 'Spring Review' fashion show at the Forest Glen Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Health Committee

Chair: Celeste Bennett

The newly formed 'Health Committee' will provide information to promote health for women and men of all ages! The committee aims to keep the Section informed about critical and relevant health issues, and provide details on special health alerts that may arise. The next discussion will focus on diabetes and/or AIDS, and will take place in the fall. For more information, or to join the committee, contact Celeste

Membership Committee

Chair: Juanita Thomas-Aruldoss

There are approximately 280 PVS members for the 2004 - 2005 membership year. The PVS consists of annual, associates, legacy life, life and youth memberships. The membership committee members are Patsy White, Kelly Jonas, Carol James, Ethel Duncan, Sadie Tyndell, Malinda Baxter, and Juanita Thomas-Aruldoss.

Committee Updates (continued)

Education Committee

Chair: Wanda Brown; Vice Chair: Kimberly Macedo

The Education Committee, together with The People's Community Baptist Church Norwood Academy Saturday School hosted another Parent Workshop/Conversation on "Writing for Success Parent Workshop/Dialogue Pre-School - 12th Grade". The workshop was held on June 11, 2005 from 9:30am to 11:30am at The People's Community Baptist Church. It was an exciting and informative day of sharing and learning.

The committee will now focus on the next steps for future workshops. They will be examining what worked and what needs to be improved to better serve parents. If you have any ideas you wish to share, please contact any of the committee members. Members of the Education Committee are Wanda Brown, Chair, Kimberly Macedo, Vice Chair, Dr. Vivian Boyd, Madeline Coleman, Carla Malone, Roline Milfort, Altheia Wyche, Crystal DeVance Walker, and Beverly Jackson.

The committee serves the Section by addressing educational issues, which impact the children in our community. The following is a list of the Committee's Objectives:

- Attend Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education Meetings
- Build alliances with other organizations concerned about African American Student Achievement
- Keep abreast of issues on "Closing the Achievement Gap" and "Encouraging Students to Take Rigorous Courses"
- Continuously assess programs, which can assist students and parents with nursing and achieving

Rites of Passage (ROP) Committee

Co-Chairs: Stephanie Cummings & Sheryl Perkins

The annual ROP crossover ceremony took place on Sunday, May 15, 2005. The following young ladies participated and 'crossed over':

Asha Abdullah	Aleisha Forde	Ashley Jones	Ariel Richardson
Renee Bates	Gertrude Godo	Keairis Michie	Ashley Toney
Jennifer Brown	Marcia Jackson	Isoken Obaseki	Dominique Williams
Bailli Coles	Sigourney Johnson	Courtney Patterson	Brittney Younger

Shayla Hines, Cherise Lesesne, and Ashley Bayton are moving up from mentor level to the ranks of the highly esteemed level of Sister Always Giving Excellence (SAGE).

ROP Book Award Scholarships: This \$250 award is a one-time only scholarship for graduating seniors who completed the ROP Program. The awardees were announced during the 2005 ROP Crossover Ceremony on May 15, 2005. Congratulations to:

Kia M. Thomas Tricia S. Wedderburn Amber B. Colclough Courtney N. Patterson

Ways & Means Committee

Chair: Jeanette Wolfe

Our final and major fundraiser for the year was the Section's 2nd Annual Jazz Brunch and Auction held at Indian Springs on April 17th, 2005. Nearly \$8,000 in proceeds was raised. A special *thank you* to all who helped make this a successful event.

If you need an NCNW scarf, contact Jeanette at 301-681-4559. Cost is \$35

Please welcome Carol James as the new Chairperson for the upcoming year.

Silent Auction / Jazz Brunch, April 2005



NCNW Sunday at TPCBC, February 2005



ROP Crossover Ceremony, May 2005



Above: Nicole Simpson and Niambi Jarvis (right), Keynote speaker at the ROP Crossover Ceremony 2005

Above: 2005 ROP Graduates



Dr. Dorothy Heights Visits TPCBC, April 2005



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 16 – 26, 2005: “If This Hat Could Talk: The Untold Stories”
Lincoln Theater, Washington, DC

June 25, 2005: NCNW “Tomorrow Begins Today” Forum in DC

June 29, 2005 Bebe Moore Campbell Book Signing and Forum
7pm at The People’s Community Baptist Church

July 10, 2005: Bethune Commemorative Celebration in DC

Sept. 9 – Sept. 11, 2005: Black Family Reunion Celebration,
National Mall, Washington, DC

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Top Row (from left to right): Janis Nix, Effie Smith Macklin, Nora Nelson, Penny Polk*, E.Patricia Stokes*, Carla Malone**

Bottom Row (from left to right): Juanita Thomas-Aruldoss, Lynn Moore Hill, Ardell Bell, Marilyn Peaks, Evelyn Hill, Cherry Richardson, Emily Henry, Nicole Simpson



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