

SCENES FROM FREEDOM FUND BANQUET



Mrs. Lawrence Albert, Dr. Hooks, Bob Bailey, and Michelle McIlveen



Dr. Benjamin Hooks with the Walker family



Left to right: Ms. Clinton Wright, Ms. Grace McGlutchen, and Dr. Angela Clarke



Pictured here with Dr. Hooks are other guest that attended the affair.

More than 400 persons recently (Feb. 13) attended the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet at the Frontier Hotel on the Strip in Las Vegas. The Theme of the program was "Togetherness, Progress, Prosperity."

Everybody that is anybody really interested in the NAACP programs in Las Vegas seemed to be there. Most of the candidates for the upcoming election Sunday (polls will be open between 1 and 5 P.M.) were there to honor the newly appointed Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks of the Federal Communications Commission.

The program consisted of the Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop #988 (Sponsored by the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County) with the invocation by Rev. I. W. Wilson, Pastor of True Love Baptist Church. Assemblyman Lonnie Chaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

William H. "Bob" Bailey, Master of Ceremonies, did a fine job and started with the introduction of our own gracious and capable President Eleanor E. Walker . . . During her brief statement she said: "You should be jubilant in knowing that you are making it possible to keep the dream - Freedom - Equality - Justice - alive. You are the ones who realize the importance of the NAACP and know that good is being done - not only for Blacks, for all of America."

After a beautiful dinner of Salad, Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus, Potatoes, Broccoli, with Strawberry Cheesecake and extra-good things: this enthusiastic audience were royally entertained with wonderfully inspiring music by Juanita Williams and Herbert Freeman.

Woodrow Wilson had the pleasure of introducing the honored guest, the Honorable Benjamin Hooks, Commissioner Federal Communications Commission.

You take a Minister, Lawyer, Judge, FCC Commissioner, Executive Director of NAACP and roll all of that into one man and put him behind a mike - you really have something unbelievable. That banquet room was electrified by this fine and wonderful man. I am one of many that does not know if he spoke for two minutes or twenty minutes or two hours - whatever, it was not enough. Hooks said so much and it was all important, but one thing he did get across real heavy, and there were many white people at this NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, was "We must forget this Black and White conversation and just let it be US - because that is what it is all about."

Mr. Hooks is the greatest thing that has happened to the NAACP in many years. He is our leader and needs every follower he can get - and deserves all he can get. Enough good can not be said about this great man.

NAACP Annual Awards were presented by the past presidents. Some of the awardees were Judge A. D. Guy, Judge Robert Moom Mullens, Economic Opportunity Board and our own hard working everybody knows Jimmy Gay, and of course the president Eleanor Walker walked away with a beautiful champagne cooler presented by our lovely lady Ms. Luberthis Johnson.

After a full-filled evening Rev. Marion D. Bennett, pastor of Zion United Methodist Church gave a sincere and believing benediction.

Thank you for coming.

See you next year.

NAACP



Jimmy Gay and Sarann Knight



Lubertha Johnson, Eleanor Walker and guest.



Pictured here Dr. Benjamin Hooks, with some of the guests who attended this lovely affair



Pictured left to right: Jimmy Gay, Funeral Director; Robert E. Walker, Judge; Woodrow Wilson, Pres. Credit Union; Benjamin Hooks, Commissioner; Joe Neal, Senator; Bob Baily, Director of NEDCO; Marion Bennett, Assemblyman; and Jesse Scott, Executive Director NERC.