

**RCA Records Throws Party**



Epic recording artist Bobbi Humphrey and Elton John were a few of the guest on hand at a recent party thrown by RCA Records at the infamous Studio 54 disco in New York City. The occasion celebrated the association of RCA Records with Rocket Records. Although surrounded by tons of fans and quite a few six-foot plus bodyguards, Elton managed to pull Bobbi through the crowd so he could meet the famed flautist. To prove he wasn't just jivin', Elton gave Bobbi the titles of his favorite cuts from several of her albums. Pictured here, Elton gives the little lady a big hug!

*Dionne Warwick Honored*



Recording artist and actress Dionne Warwick will be honored by the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease at a benefit tribute dinner to be held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Beverly Hills, on Sunday evening, November 5. The event, which includes celebrity entertainment, will be open to the public.

Miss Warwick will receive the NASCD's Award of Distinction that evening for her personal dedication to humanitarian causes, especially on behalf of sickle cell disease.

For the past five years Miss Warwick has worked diligently behind the scenes to encourage greater participation and monetary support from within the entertainment industry for the NASCD. In 1976 she served as mistress of ceremonies for the NASCD's tribute dinner for Ella Fitzgerald, and as one of the members of the non-profit group BRAVO helped raise \$20,000 which was recently donated to the NASCD.

The tribute to Miss Warwick will be the NASCD's fourth annual entertainment benefit dinner and Award of Distinction. Previous honorees have been Ray Charles ('75), Ella Fitzgerald ('76), and Count Basie ('77). The event annually attracts top show business celebrities who have joined in the entertainment.

The NASCD is a nation-wide, non-profit organization dedicated to providing leadership, coordination, standards and guidelines to more than 60 affiliate chapters across the United States, as well as several foreign affiliates. It is dedicated to providing leadership in public education about sickle cell disease and providing comprehensive sickle cell disease programming. The NASCD is a member of the American Blood Commission and the Combined Federal Campaign, a payroll deduction program for federal employees, postal, and military personnel.

Sickle cell disease is a life-threatening hereditary blood disease prevalent among those with Black ancestry, but which also affects persons with Mediterranean, Turkish, Arabic, Mexican, Indian, and American Indian heritage.

Ticket information for the Warwick Tribute can be obtained from the NASCD offices at (213) 731-1166, 3460 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1012, Los Angeles, California.

**EARTH, WIND & FIRE REACH ANOTHER MILESTONE**

Earth, Wind & Fire has reached another milestone in their illustrious career by becoming the first black group ever to enter Record World's Pop and R&B Charts as "Chartmaker Of The Week". This feat was accomplished with their fantastic rendition of the old Beatles hit, "Got To Get You Into My Life" (penned by Lennon & McCartney), which is the first single release from the "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" soundtrack. The record broke into the Pop Charts at #48 with a bullet and the R&B Charts at #41 with a bullet.

Earth, Wind & Fire has achieved phenomenal success since signing with Columbia Records in 1972 when their first album, *Last Days In Time*, sold close to 400,000 copies. The group's next two albums, *Head To The Sky* (1973) and *Open Our Eyes* (1974) both went gold. Every EW&F album since then, *That's The Way Of The World*, *Gratitude* (both 1975), *Spirit* (1976) and *All 'N All* (1977), has gone double-platinum.

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