



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

by Sarann Knight

DESERVING KUDOS

I was so pleased to read in the *Voice* about Mike Davis, Denise Lightford, and Susan Collin, and that this newspaper is anxious to hear from our young people who are attending Universities and Colleges away from home. Since I knew I was not responsible for the information or the idea, I tried to find the *Voice* staff member who introduced the new feature, only to find that it wasn't a member of our staff at all. Rather, it was Katherine Joseph of SNEDC who had the delightful brainstorm. Thanks, Katherine.

In a conversation with Dr. McMillan, this week, we were discussing the number of our high school graduates who have gone on to higher institutions of learning, and we agreed that, all in all, we must have a pretty darned good School District.....So take a bow, School Board of Trustees, School Superintendent Claude Perkins, and principals and teachers throughout the District.

This is a perfect place to mention that seventeen-year-old Gary Robinson, one of the NAACP Scholarship Awards recipients, this year, dropped by the NAACP office on Friday to take out a membership before taking off the following day to enroll at Stanford University. Gary said he will major in Political Science and plans to return to Las Vegas and enter the political arena. Of course all our best wishes go to Gary along with heartiest congratulations on being accepted at prestigious Stanford University.

I may be a bit premature with this congratulation, but by all indications, the U.S. Senate will be approving President Carter's nomination of Nathaniel R. Jones to the United State Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in time for him to be seated this fall. The President's announcement that he was appointing Mr. Jones to the bench came as a great surprise to the attorney who has been NAACP General Counsel since 1969. When he was invited to attend the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Brown vs Board of Education Supreme Court decision, he thought the President merely wanted him to represent the NAACP at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. To the surprise of the 600 guests in the East Room, and the utter delight of the NAACP Counsel and his wife, Lillian, Mr. Carter announced Jones' appointment.

Afterward, from his home in Teaneck, New Jersey, Attorney Jones commented that had he not been working for the NAACP, in all probability he would not have gained the recognition that was crucial to his appointment. He would have been like thousands of other black lawyers working unrecognized. But, because of the immense prestige of the organization and the opportunity it gave him to display his talents, he will be joining the ranks of such former noteworthy NAACP lawyers as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and U.S. District Judge Robert R. Carter.

If I may be pardoned for doing a little justifiable preening of the feathers, I'd like to report what a lovely meeting of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Rho Chapter, Soro Marjorie Elliott hosted last week at Sarann's "People's Choice" Supper room, last week. The ladies partitioned off a segment of the room and decorated it in the festive Chapter colors of red and white. A delicious dinner was served and Marge gave her Soror Sisters carte blanche at the bar. I would like to extend an invitation to any group or organization that would like to utilize the services of People's Choice and the very excellent home-cooked cuisine (that's what the customers tell me).

Please don't forget the NAACP Women's Auxiliary Tea Sunday (September 23) at Convention Center Gold Room from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tickets or information can be obtained by calling 648-2880. Donation is \$2.00. There will be a wealth of entertainment including appearances by the Treniers and a lavish fashion show.

OPERATION LIFE CDC

There is a new program called Project Assets, at work in West Las Vegas. This project is housed at 400 West Jackson Street. The Staff is Ms. W.J. Robertson, Coordinator, Ms. M.J. Greenlee, and Mr. Blake Stampley, Outreach Specialists.

Project Assets was funded to strengthen the finan-

cial base of the Westside Federal Credit Union and community. By doing so enhancing the economic development in the Westside. Our goal for the funding year is 2,000 or more new members.

Money saved in the Westside Federal Credit Union, directly effects economic development in the immediate area. Project Assets is working with the Economic Opportunity Board, NAACP, Operation Life CDC and the Westside Federal Credit Union to inform the public of the importance of credit union capitol and dollars, and the investments in the low income community.

Project Assets staff is available to do a presentation for a business or social group, churches, special interest as well as group neighborhood gatherings, etc. Please plan to put us on your agenda in the near future and call 648-0012, ext. 23 to set a time and date. We also can help with questions you might have in regards to our Westside Federal Credit Union. Join the Westside Federal Credit Union today and be a part of Westside development. Where your money makes more cents!!

An open letter to the residents of Clark County

Recently a series of public hearings were scheduled at the Clark County District Board of Health on the vital matter of health planning for our community. These meetings were largely unattended and ignored by the public.

That must be corrected.

During the next few months, the Health Coalition—made up of your friends and neighbors—will hold several public meetings on the issues that affect you and your family's health and well-being.

We'll discuss:

- Choosing a family physician
- Budgeting and controlling health care costs
- Clark County health care—now and in the future

And we'll give you plenty of notice as to where and when those meetings will be held. Because we welcome your thoughts and concerns on these and all matters dealing with health care.

In the meantime, if you have any comments or questions, please write us at

3191 Eastern Ave.
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With broad-base community participation from you, your Clark County Health Coalition can successfully move forward in planning the best health care for all the people of our community. Now, and for the future.

The Rev. Marion Bennett
for
THE CLARK COUNTY HEALTH COALITION