

SOCIAL NEWS with A TOUCH OF "GRACE"



by Grace McGlothen

FREEDOM FUND BANQUET

The Las Vegas branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold the annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, May 19, at the Frontier Hotel-Americana Room. No host cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m.

The theme is "A Salute to Blacks in the Nevada Judicial System" and the honorees are: Honorable Judge Addeliar D. Guy, the Honorable Earl D. White and the Honorable Attorney-Judge Farid Phillips.

Keynote speaker will be the Honorable Loretta Thompson-Glickman, Mayor of Pasadena, Calif. Freedom Fund Banquet Chairperson is Lucille Gee.

For ticket information please call the NAACP office at 384-1129 or you may call your writer at 649-7174 during the evenings and on weekends.

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

The Nineteenth Far Western Regional Conference of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. was successfully held at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel, Mar. 23-25.

Local Gamma Sigma Chapter members attending were Debbie Franklin-Basileus, Simmie Daniel, Jessica Perkins, Dorothy Powell, and your writer, Grace McGlothen.

Keynote speaker for the Public Luncheon was Mr. Guy Dobbs and the Phi Delta Kappa Regional Citation Award recipient was Maurice Morse. The award was given for Outstanding Community Services.

Presiding over the conference was Regional Director Lorayne Douglas who did a superb job in her very sweet, unassuming and humble manner. She communicates, she delivers, and she gets results.

As Amenities Chairperson, your writer was kept very busy throughout the conference, assisting the Regional Director with the awards presentation and distributing souvenirs, and raffle prizes. Incidentally, our Las Vegas chapter was the recipient of two awards: Best scrapbook and 100% attendance for 1982-83. This year's winners will be announced at the next conference.

Highlight of the conference, as I see it, was the various training workshops — "Using the Group to Achieve Break-Through," presented by Lee Gardenswartz; "A Call for Leadership in Our Pursuit of Excellence," presented by Sylvia Rousseau; "Know Your Sorority Roles and Responsibilities," presented by Emma Eastman; "Combining Elements of the Five-Point Program," presented by Winnie Palmer; "Protocol," presented by Lolita Boone; and "Assault on Illiteracy," presented by Carrie Haynes.

All the workshops were inspiring and informative; however, I found the workshop on "Using the Group to Achieve Break-Through" to be most meaningful and relevant.

Following the introductory remarks from Marina del Rey's Training Consultant, Lee Gardenswartz, we were divided into groups for discussion and interaction. We discussed problems encountered while working under misguided leadership. We learned that there is an art in being a leader. A good leader is also a good follower. A good leader is very under-

standing, patient, and is a good listener. A good leader should be tactful and should know how to make every member of the group feel useful and essential. A good leader never dominates or controls other people. You can only *control yourself*.

Helpful hints are as follows:

—Involve all members of the group.

—Be a good listener.

—Be tactful in answering questions, or giving directions.

—Never be rude or insulting.

—If you disagree with an issue, very tactfully make your suggestions.

—Never deflate the ego of an individual or damage their self-esteem.

—Avoid using the word I, I, I, for you are not on an ego trip.

—Learn group dynamics if you are to achieve success.

—Take time to evaluate yourself and your group.

A TOUCH OF ETIQUETTE

Don't wear so much perfume or cologne that it overwhelms passers-by or asphyxiates your co-workers. Perfume may be sprayed or dabbed behind the ears or on the wrists. Don't put perfume directly on clothing . . . it changes the fragrance and stains the material.

If you type a letter be sure to sign your name. Otherwise, the recipient has no guarantee the letter is actually from you.

The main purpose of monogramming is to identify belongings such as handkerchiefs, household linens, or luggage.

"We're Making Progress" MORAN ON W.L.V./METRO

By George A. Burns

Clark County Sheriff John Moran last week said that relations between Metro and the West Las Vegas community is "good, could be better, but we're making progress."

In an exclusive filmed interview held in his office for a documentary focused on West Las Vegas to be aired sometime in May, the Sheriff said that Metro, under his leadership is really making an effort to establish a good rapport with West Las Vegas. "Just like in any community," he said, "you can't please everyone all the time, but that effort on our part is there." He also said that he was quite pleased with the efforts of the newly formed Southern Nevada Urban League in working to recruit more black and other minority police officers.

While feeling "great" about crime in Las Vegas decreasing, he felt very concerned with the culinary strike talk. There's strong speculation that a strike of this nature is on the horizons in Las Vegas. He stated, "You know, unemployment always has a positive ef-

fect when it comes to the increase in crime." He continued, "I do hope that both sides (labor/management) get together to head off a strike which could really hurt our city." He didn't say whether he felt that an impending strike would spark a decreasing crime rate, but said "the bills keep coming even when there's no paycheck. I'm concerned." He added that if progress in economic development begins and continues strongly in West Las Vegas, "a positive effect on the community as a whole (including Las Vegas) would only be logical."

The sheriff also touched on the drug problem that exists in Las Vegas and throughout the Clark County School District. He noted that Metro is definitely involved in containing this serious problem. He also made note of the fact that in regard to crime, West Las Vegas' crime statistics are just as positive as Las Vegas'.

When asked if he felt that he was doing a good job and if he considered himself to be a good sheriff, he responded, "Certainly!"

WESTERNETTES DRILL TEAM VYING FOR ELKS STATE TITLE SATURDAY IN DALLAS

The famous Westernettes Drill Team, 45-member strong competitor, journeys to Dallas, Tex., Thursday to compete in the Elks Precision Drill Team State Championship on Saturday, Mar. 31. The team is representing the State of Nevada.

The Westernettes, 1983 Elks World Champion, captured the title in Miami last year. The team consists of 35 girls and 10 boys.

The organization was formed seven years ago and has team members ranging from 8-18 years of age.

Heading the organization is Ike Adams, president; Eugene Turley, vice president; Lottie Hurley, secretary; Bennie Ruth Turner, treasurer; and Billy Pat-

erson, director and leader.

The hard, dedicated work of the entire group has reaped extraordinary dividends. Their demanding schedule shows extensive practices four days a week at steady 2½ hour sessions.

The trip to Dallas is financed through contributions from the community plus monies earned through car washes and other special projects. Transportation and lodging costs to Dallas is approximately \$4500. Meal expenses are paid through the organization funds. Transportation is provided by Westside Charter Service. The front page picture was taken in 1982 in Washington, D.C. at the Capitol building during their tour of that area.

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