

## SOCIAL NEWS with A TOUCH OF "GRACE"



by Grace McGlothen

### PHI DELTA KAPPA SORORITY HONORS DR. & MRS. PORTER LEE TROUTMAN, JR.

On Saturday, June 9 at 7 p.m., a Testimonial Banquet honoring Dr. & Mrs. Porter Lee Troutman, Jr. will be held at the Silver Nugget Casino. The banquet, sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., will highlight the innumerable humanitarian services which Bobby and Porter Lee Troutman have rendered to the Las Vegas community. Due to the on-going strike, the banquet was moved from the Union Plaza Hotel to the Silver Nugget Casino (downstairs) at 2140 No. Las Vegas Blvd. at Lake Mead.

Keynote speaker will be the dynamic and amazing Maudra Jones, Activities Coordinator, Clark County Community College and writer of a weekly series in the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice entitled "The Black Family and the Challenges of the 80's." There will be musical entertainment and awards presentations from many local organizations.

Bobbie, who hosts a weekly radio show on KCEP known as "For Women Only," is a teacher at Cashman Jr. High School and her husband Porter is the Director of the Office of Professional Studies at the University of Las Vegas-Nevada and has directed and participated in a number of Educational programs in Clark County for the past two decades.

At this time we take great pride in listing for your information a

summary of the countless contributions made by Dr. & Mrs. Troutman:

Bobbie and Porter Lee Troutman are a unique couple who work together on many community service projects, with the exception of Bobbie Troutman's radio show, which involves the family and covers topics such as Educational Awareness, Financial Awareness, Spiritual / Religious Awareness, Civic Responsibility, Cultural Responsibility, and organizational responsibilities.

Jointly the Troutmans founded and published a Black Directory during the past two years. This directory was used exclusively by the Las Vegas Community and now it is used throughout the United States. The directory serves as "a network to improve the quality of life and assures continuous dialogue among individuals, organizations, and businesses.

In 1982-83 they sponsored an honors award banquet at UNLV and presented awards to 35 Black Pioneers and Trailblazers of Las Vegas. Again in 1983-84 the Troutmans paid tribute to 33 Black women and Black organizations which have made outstanding contributions in this community.

In 1982-83 a young tot, age 2, by the name of Jamar Batiste, was seriously ill and in need of a liver transplant donor. Bobby and Porter Trout-

man made an appeal to the public in behalf of young Jamar for a liver donor and funds to help save his life. Unfortunately he died, but before his death the Troutmans hosted the biggest birthday party for Jamar at their lovely home and scores of concerned community persons attended bringing toys and monetary gifts.

In 1981 the Troutmans formed a group called "Friends for a Multi-Cultural Center." At that time some 25 people consisting of Hispanics, Blacks, Clark County Class Room Teachers, University of Nevada Regents, Clark County School District, and the International Relations Office personnel at UNLV were invited to participate in this project.

At present the Troutmans are spearheading a committee for the establishment of an Afro-American Museum to be constructed in Las Vegas. The purpose is to house or deposit memorabilia pertaining to Blacks. This would also become a place where Blacks could accurately record their history.

In connection with this project the Troutmans are in the process of establishing a trust fund for the Afro-American Museum for those individuals who would like to make a financial contribution to the project.

This year the Troutmans were instrumental in presenting a traveling exhibition entitled "Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds." The Troutmans secured this exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute and Ancostia Museum through a grant from the Nevada Humanities committee. This project was time-consuming and almost a 24-hour a day job transporting the exhibits to and from local public schools, churches, hotels, VA hospitals, Social Services Office, and the University Student Union Building. Its purpose was to expose the community to the many significant contributions made by Black women throughout the United States. This educational and cultural project was highlighted during February in recognition of Black History Month. Through the instrumentality of the

Troutmans, this year's Black History observation was said to be one of the best ever held in Las Vegas. The honors award banquet was also held in February and was well-planned, well-organized, well-attended, very effective and highly appreciated.

The Troutmans were recently nominated for the NEA Carter G. Woodson Black History Award. This is an award given to Blacks who have made significant contributions to a given community developing creative ideas for Black History programs. NEA will convene in Minnesota sometime in July.

In 1975 Porter Troutman was listed in the 1st edition of "Who is Who Among Black Americans" and last February was listed in the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice among 100 Most Influential Blacks in Las Vegas as was his wife, also. Last April Dr. Troutman received the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity "Outstanding Community Service Award" from the undergraduate chapter.

The Troutmans will receive awards from various organizations at the Phi Delta Kappa Testimonial banquet.

Proceeds from the banquet will go to the Phi Delta Kappa Scholarship funds and on-going projects. Tickets are \$15 and for ticket reservations please call 649-7174 or 876-4290.

#### OTHER COMING EVENTS:

On Saturday, June 9, at 1 p.m. the Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Teachers (LABSE) will host their second annual public luncheon in the Baron room at the MGM Hotel. Tickets are \$18. The public is invited.

The Las Vegas Links, Inc. presents Paul Balfour noted pianist/harpist in concert at the Top O' the Dunes Hotel, Sunday, June 10 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Donation is \$25 per person and the dress is after-five. Proceeds will go to the Thelma Toms Scholarship fund.

#### A TOUCH OF ETIQUETTE

1. If someone asks you an awkward or embarrassing question you can remain a pillar of poise by either replying with a joke, or saying you

haven't the vaguest idea or just "no comment."

2. At check-out stands in a supermarket, if you have a week's supply of groceries, it is courteous to allow someone with one or two items to go ahead of you.

3. Children today follow their parents' exam-

ple and use the first name of adult relatives and friends because there is no rule of etiquette governing this matter. Each family deals with individual cases as it sees best. Godparents and close friends are often given the courtesy title "Aunt" or "Uncle."

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

Pursuant to Chapter 408, Nevada Revised Statutes, notice is hereby given that on May 30, 1984, Contract No. 2016 between Highway Rentals, Inc. and the State of Nevada, for construction of a portion of the State Highway System on I-15 from South Strip Interchange to Lamb Boulevard and on U.S. 95 Expressway from "F" Street Structure to near Rainbow Boulevard Interchange, Clark County, Project No. SP-000M(5) was accepted.

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