

SOCIAL NEWS with A TOUCH OF "GRACE"



by Grace McGlothen

Excellent! Excellent!

Excellent is the word uttered from the lips of all those who attended the Testimonial Banquet honoring Dr. & Mrs. Porter Lee Troutman, Jr. on last Saturday evening at the Silver Nugget Casino. The banquet sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (Gamma Sigma Chapter) made a terrific impact on the Las Vegas community when it successfully hosted what is projected to be the First Annual Testimonial Banquet. Mistress of ceremonies for the occasion was your writer Grace McGlothen who received many, many compliments from people who said that our banquet was the outstanding program of the year, excellent, outstanding, fantastic, the highlight of the year, well-planned and a well-deserved testimonial which was filled with love.

An enthusiastic audience crowded the room to its capacity causing management of the Silver Nugget Casino to pull in more tables and chairs before the program could begin. It was standing room only and there was much love, comaradery, and gaiety in the room.

The speaker for the evening was the dynamic Maudra Jones, Activities Coordinator, Community College, and writer for the Las Vegas SENTINEL-VOICE. Ms. Jones used the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority's National theme "Pursuit of Excellence — A Challenge to Fulfill" to develop her speech which was very

thought - provoking, timely, and most relevant to the occasion.

Organizations participating in the awards presentation, which included elaborate plaques, certificates, and flowers were: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Marguerite Crawford, presenter; Clark County Classroom Teacher's Association, Christ Giunchigliani, presenter; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Eva Simmons, presenter; Les Femmes Douze, Claudette Whitson, pre-

senter; Links, Inc., Lois Ice and Alice Carter, presenters; NAACP, Mary Aderholt, presenter; Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, Dr. James McMillan and Sarann Knight-Predy, presenters; National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Deborah Franklin, presenter; Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign War, Post 10057, Catherine Holder, presenter; and Grace McGlothen made the announcement received from Miss Ricki Cheese of KLAS-TV, that the Troutmans were the winners of the TV-3 Spirit Award to be aired one day this week at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Special music was provided by Henry Shed and family, exciting poetry readings by Rudi Jackson, Classical violin selection by Daphne Whitson, and piano solos by Master Dane Patrick Gee. All entertainers provided a super-quality of entertainment. We offer a special thanks to them for accentuating the positive, thus enhancing and enriching the well-balanced program.

Lovely door prizes and perfume samples were distributed among the audience by Simmie Daniel, door prize chair-

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