

Reno/Sparks NAACP Gives Celebrity Roast As Fund Raising Event

The Reno-Sparks Branch of the NAACP gave a Celebrity Roast Fund Raising Event at Pine Auditorium of the Jot Travis Student Union at the University of Nevada, Reno on Thursday evening, Oct. 3. President of the University, Joseph Crowley, was the toastmaster. Celebrities were Marc Brown and Tad Dunbar of KOLO-TV, Channel 8, Reno.

Marc Brown grew up in Harbor City, CA, obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Communications at the University of Southern California, and worked in Eureka, CA for a few months before coming to Reno to serve as co-anchor on the weekend Eyewitness News. Tad (Thomas Arthur Dunbar) Dunbar was born in Palestine, Texas and worked in several radio and TV stations in Texas before coming to Reno in 1966. Except for a two year stint as Public Relations Officer for Harrah's Hotel and Casino, he has been with KOLO-TV as its main week-day anchor. He is married and has several children.

Roasters were Belie Williams, Washoe County Commissioner; Lucille Adin, past president of the Reno Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and member, NAACP; Karen Zupon, formerly with KOLO-TV and now Press Secretary for Nevada Governor Bryan; Ron Ostlund, president and general manager, KCRL-TV; Chester Richardson, former Gambling and UNR drama student; Onie Cooper, past president of the Reno-Sparks NAACP and pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church; and Sam Shad, weekday weathercaster for KOLO-TV. Dave Finley of KCBN Radio sent written remarks which were probably as funny when read by Joe Crowley as if they were delivered by Dave.

The Reno-Sparks Branch had a special table for past presidents and paid up Life Members. It boasts seven paid up Life Members: John Paul Jones, The Reno-Sparks Branch itself, Armster Embry (daughter Julie attended in his place), Bertha Woodard, Ada Cook, R. Grant Seals and John West. New subscribing life members signed on as a result of the fund-raiser are David Meadows, Maya Miller, Jane Moon, William Moon, William Webb, Robert Crocker, and Rev. Don Butler. Walter Luster is a two-year subscribing life member and Bertha Woodard

is a paid up Golden Heritage member.

Verna Canson, director of San Francisco Region I of the NAACP gave remarks to the group. Many people in attendance were celebrities in their own right such as Nevada Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. Charles Springer, Justice Gunderson, and Bernice Jenkins, Special Assistant to the Governor's office.

At the end of the program, Dr. R. Grant Seals, President of the Branch, gave out the following "credits":

Producer, William N. Moon; Executive Producer, R. Grant Seals; Associate Producer, Delores Feemster; Publicity, Kathy Milone (KOLO); Writer and choreographer, Joe Crowley; Set, Karen Garrell; Accountant, Jane Moon; Secretary, Alberta Rederford; Assistant Secretary, Ann Jones Carter; Silent Secretary, Georgetta Seals; Culinary, ARA of California.

Bertha Woodard attended the Central Area NAACP meeting Oct. 12 at Stockton, CA. She and President Seals attended the previous area meeting at Merced, CA. Woodard is now attending the West Regional Leadership Training Conference in Portland, OR Oct. 25, 26 and 27.

The Reno-Sparks NAACP sponsored a National Day of Mourning for South Africa on Oct. 5 and 6. Several churches were open on the 5th. On Oct. 6, a special prayer service was held at Bethel AME Church with several Reno ministers participating.

Dr. Seals, President of the NAACP gave some remarks. Rev. Vincent Thomas presided.



Reno chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. hosted the Western District Area meeting in Reno last Saturday. Meetings are held annually to bring California and Nevada clubs together for brainstorming sessions and to discuss district business and local club activities and programs. The meeting was chaired by Governor of the Western District, Dorothy Harrison from San Francisco. Twenty delegates from five clubs attended the one day session. Members were honored with the presence of National President, Frankie Jacobs Gillette, of San Francisco. Gillette was an excellent resource person with valuable information on chapter responsibilities, how to increase membership and how to stimulate interest among present members and local communities. Shown above (l-r) Etta Francis - Reno Club, Dorothy Harrison, Western Region Governor and Lucille Adin, 3rd Vice President - Reno Club.



Shown above (l-r) Frankie Jacobs Gillette, National President; Rebecca Brown, President, San Francisco Club and Dorothy Harrison, Western Region Governor.



Others in attendance are shown below: Above group attended from the Los Angeles (Inglewood Club.)



Work Begins On New Reno CSA 202 Elderly Housing Project

Reno City Councilman Dave Howard and David Whitter representing the Department of Housing and Urban Development joined in the official groundbreaking for the Orvis Ring Park Apartments located on 7th Street and Evans Avenue. This new apartment complex will provide affordable

housing for local senior citizens and handicapped individuals.

The \$1.5 million complex will include 40 units. Thirty-six will be available to senior citizens 62 years of age and older. Four units will be completely accessible for handicapped utilization.

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Board Meeting: First Thursday, 7p.m., CSA Bldg.
Membership meeting: Fourth Thursday, 7p.m., CSA Bldg.
TV program: NAACP ON TOP: Fourth Sunday, 11a.m. and fourth Wednesdays, 5:30a.m.

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