

THE NAACP AND YOU!



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A Testimonial Dinner is an event where those who care are given an opportunity to make an outward expression about an inward conviction of love for you.

Just such a once-in-a-lifetime occasion took place Saturday night, June 9 in the elegantly decorated Pyramid Room of the Dunes Hotel. Everyone appeared to be a high spirit of anticipation and excitement. Even before the evening began, yours truly had reached a state of unmeasured gratitude and appreciation. Words fail me now as I attempt to convey to you, the readers of this column, what it meant to me to be in the fellowship of my relatives and closest friends.

The program began with Dr. Paul Meacham, President of Clark County Community College, serving as Master of Ceremonies. Presentation of the Colors was made by the Western High School Air Force ROTC. Rev. S.P. Parks, the president of the Ministerial

Alliance and pastor of Grace Immanuel Baptist Church, gave the Invocation. The National Black Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," was led by Ms. Marian Burns, assisted by Mr. Rosco Conner at the piano.

Greetings were made by Mr. James Martin, West Coast Regional Director, NAACP and Mr. John Mance, a member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. This was followed by dinner music provided by Mr. Conner.

After-dinner reflections were given by Mr. George Cotton, Rev. Willie Davis, Rev. David Harris, Mr. Jack French, Rev. S.P. Parks and Mr. Wesley Sholes.

The chore of introducing the speaker of the evening was given to State Senator Joe Neal. Attorney Thomas Todd of Chicago was the principal speaker of the evening.

Acknowledgements, presentations and awards were

given by Dr. Porter Troutman, Jr., the general chairman of this event and his assistant general chairperson, Mrs. Darlene Holliman.

Yours truly, the honoree, concluded the program by giving some remarks of appreciation after which Pastor Willie Davis gave the Benediction.

I am informed by Dr. Troutman that the Banquet was a success financially speaking also. Dr. Troutman concluded his comments about the Testimonial by saying that the scholarship committee will continue to receive donations because it would like to award funds to more than one Black high school graduate a \$1000.00 scholarship next fall.

Once again I thank my friends in Nevada and California for such a memorable evening.

Remember - Testimonials are far better than Obituaries.

M.A.G. Inventors Showcase Slated for June 15-17 at Hacienda

The M.A.G. Inventors Showcase offers a unique opportunity for new product exposure, investment and public viewing. M.A.G. is the "brain child" of Otis Durr, an inventor himself. After being involved in many trade shows and seeing the need for such a show in Las Vegas, Mr. Durr adapted the concept of other shows throughout the United

St. John Church Opens New Child Care Center In West Las Vegas

The St. John Church of God in Christ announces the opening of the St. John Child Care Center, 2301 Comstock Drive, on June 11. A gala open house was held at 10 a.m., preceded at 9:50 a.m. by a dedication service led by Reverend O.L. Jefferson, pastor of St. John Church.

Attendees included representatives of construction-related businesses and individual donors who helped make the child care facility a reality. The center serves children ages two through five. Operating hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The child care facility is non-denominational and is open to the public. Weekly, daily and hourly child care rates are provided. Families with more than one child enrolled in the center will receive a discounted rate for

each additional child.

According to church official Clester Nelson, a full balanced breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack will be provided to each child at no additional cost. Nelson, chairman of the board and business manager of the center said, "I am concerned about the need for affordable and safe child care service for those families in my community who cannot afford to pay \$60 to \$75 per week per child for child care service. This facility enables us to fill that need." As top officer of the center, Nelson receives no salary.

Director of the St. John Child Care Center is Paulette Bynum who will directly oversee the operation of the new facility.

Nelson said that, in accordance with state licensing requirements an extensive background investigation was conducted on officials of the child care center. In addition, Mrs. Bynum has been certified by the State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources Bureau of Services for Child Care as director of the facility.

A primary supporter of the project is Bally's Casino-Resort in Las Vegas where Nelson is employed as a baggage handler in the Bell Department. "I give Bally's and its Bell Department credit for their undying support which enabled us to make the center a reality," he said.

Donald Johnson, a co-worker of Nelson's at Bally assisted in every phase of the project, from planning through construction. "I want to personally thank Mr. Johnson for giving of his time and effort to ensure that everything was followed-through according to plans."

Nelson concluded, "We are very proud indeed that we have been able to establish a low cost, full-service child care center of this magnitude to take some of the burden off of some of our working parents who are striving to make ends meet."

Business and private donors who contributed goods, services and funding for the center include: Howdy Wells - Wells Cargo, Garth Frehner - Frehner Trucking Company; Las Vegas Paving; Lamb's Striping Company; Nevada Ready-Mix; McKinney Ornamental Iron Works; Young Electric Sign Company; Tiberti Fence Company; Dr.

KING COMMITTEE SPONSORS FIRST MOTOWN PARTY

The scheduled date for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee's first Motown Party is Saturday, June 30. The party will be held at Club Rouge, which is located at 900 West Bonanza Road, starting at 9:00 P.m. - until. Free hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person.

The proceeds from this event will be used to help defray the cost for the Southern University Band performance in the Tenth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in January 1991.

Gov Bob Miller To Speak On Children's Issues

Governor Bob Miller will discuss critical issues facing Nevada's children, families and schools in a two-day conference to be held at the Alexis Park Resort, Las Vegas, on June 21-22, 1990. Among the featured speakers are: Dan Guzman, Gang Awareness Specialist; Ward Gubler, Assistant Superintendent for Occupational Education, Clark County School District; Dr. Jennie Spencer-Green and Dr. Anthony Sancho, from the Southwest Regional Laboratories, who will speak on Race, Culture and Gender. Dr. Barbara Price, Director of Career and Continuing Education, Pomona School District, will speak about a successful Teen Parent/Pregnant Minor Program.

This conference is sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers, Nevada Chapter and the Nevada Department of Education, Occupational and Continuing Education Branch.

For information or to register for the conference, please call the N.A.S.W. at (702) 456-0046; in Reno (702) 322-7558.

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Child care fees at the St. John Child Care Center are as follows: \$45 weekly, \$12 daily and \$2 per hour (two-hour minimum) for drop-in care. Also, there is a \$10 one-time registration fee.



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