

## STRONG SALES OF "BLACK FAMILY REUNION COOKBOOK" DEMONSTRATE THE HUNGER FOR TRADITIONAL

Evenprior to its debut in major bookstores for Black History Month, "The Black Family Reunion Cookbook" easily sold out its first printing of 15,000 books in less than two months solely through sales by National Council of Negro Women members. Inspired by NCNW's annual Black Family Reunion Celebration events, "The black Family Reunion Cookbook" draws on recipes and "food memories" from people from all regions and all walks of life. Celebrities and

community leaders such as Dionne Warwick, Nancy Wilson, Dr. Johnetta Cole, Joyce Dinkins, Maxine Waters, and Patti LaBelle, among others are included. "The Black Family Reunion Cookbook" is now available at all Waldenbooks, B. Dalton and other quality bookstores, as well as at selected Nordstrom's department stores. "The response to this cook-

book has been great!" stated Dorothy I. Height, Present and CEO of the National Council of



Dr. Dorothy I Height, president and CEO of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Negro Women. "it has given NCNW yet another tool to help us build upon our historic strengths and traditional values. The vital role of the meal in giving us a sense not only of culture and tradition, but also of family, community and fellowship, cannot be underestimated."

"The Black Family Reunion Cookbook" is published by Tradery House and is available at major bookstores such as B. Dalton and (list). It can also be purchased by calling (800) 362-MEAL. A significant portion of proceeds from the sale of each book supports the social service



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Mrs. Benjamin Hooks will be is visiting the Las Vegas area to honored at a reception at Gates spearhead her new organiza-Bar-B-Q located at 2710 East tion, "WOMEN IN THE

N.A.A.C.P. (WIN). Local Las Vegas dignitaries will attend this very timely GATES BAR-B-Q Reception to meet and greet Mrs. Hooks and to receive additional information about her "WIN" organization. Also, Mrs. Hooks will address media questions regarding the recent retirement of her husband, Mr. Benjamin Hooks, from his Executive Directorship of the National N.A.A.C.P.

Mr. George Gates, owner of Gates Bar-B-Q eating establish-

ment, and long time and renowned minority entrepreneur will welcome Mrs. Hooks along other Las Vegas business people and politicians

Also, African American art work will be on display paying tribute to African American Women who partook in the struggle to secure African American advancement. Compliments of Maxine Porter's Art Works from the New Town Tavern.

Gates Bar-B-Q sends out the month of February, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, with this very timely reception in honor of WOMEN IN THE N.A.A.C.P.

- For stock, place chicken, water, celery, carrot, onion, bay leaf and salt in large 1. Dutch oven or kettle. Bring to a boil. Simmer 25 minutes, skimming foam and fat from top. Remove meat from bones and reserve. Return bones to stock. Continue simmering. 2. For gumbo, heat Crisco Shortening or Crisco Oil in large Dutch oven or kettle. Add flour gradually. Cook and stir until medium brown. Add okra, Remove bay leaf before serving.
- To serve, spoon desired amount of rice into individual soup bowls. Ladle gumbo over rice.

Note: Use 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen okra if fresh is not available. Make ahead and freeze, if desired.

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Wilma Rudolph, Athlete

- onion, celery, green pepper. Cook and stir until okra is crisp-tender. Add green onions, garlic, parsley, bay leaf, thyme, marjoram and basil, undrained tomatoes, ham and chicken meat. Strain stock. Stir slowly into gumbo. Cook sausage. Drain well. Add to gumbo. Simmer 11/2 hours, stirring occasionally.
  - Add Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper, cayenne and hot pepper sauce.

18 one cup servings