





A FOND FAREWELL! George L. Knox III, second from left, vice president, Public Affairs, Phillip Morris Companies Inc., leads business associates in wishing Rev. Benjamin and Mrs. Frances Hooks a fond farewell during Hooks' last participation as executive director of the NAACP and Association convention. Hooks will retire from the NAACP in the spring of 1993. With Knox are, Charles L. Reid, left, Director, Urban Affairs and Equal Employment Opportunity, Kraft General Foods and Noel Hankin, Director, Marketing Relations, Miller Breweries. Knox told the guests at the Women In the NAACP Dinner at the Association's 83rd Annual Convention in Nashville that he had "mixed feelings." He said, "we wish Ben and Frances well as they leave the Association's leadership ranks but we also realize that we are all losing two remarkable people within the NAACP."

**THE NAACP AND YOU!**

**Rev. Jesse D. Scott**  
President  
Las Vegas, NAACP

**DR. HOOKS DELIVERS INSIGHTFUL, ELOQUENT FINAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Eloquently, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, the retiring executive Director of the NAACP told more than 3,000 people on hand to hear his final keynote address that while his 15 years as the head of the nation's oldest, largest and most influential civil rights group have been trying, they have been equally as rewarding.

Following an electrifying introduction by Mrs. Hazel H. Dukes, Dr. Hooks told the NAACP faithful on Sunday night July 12th, that had it not been for them, the NAACP could not have made the monumental strides it has made during his tenure.

"Many times I have been weighed down with the burdens of leadership: the never-ending fundraising activity, staff changes and transitions and simply simple exhaustion," he said.

To the cheers of the packed house Dr. Hooks said that many times, though the moments at times seemed dark, the NAACP cadre of volunteers as well as the staffers provided him with vision to continue to carry out his charge.

"The NAACP's accomplishments continue to earn respect from both of its friends and enemies," Dr. Hooks said. "Some have written our early epitaph.....some talk shows and superficial pundits have written us off. They have draped the mantle of leadership about the shoulders of gang members and assorted rap singers of varying talents, unknown local people who, though praise worthy for their local efforts, certainly do not qualify as the leaders of national organizations," he said to sustained applause.

Throughout his speech, Dr. Hooks pointed to the many accomplishments the NAACP has made during his 15 years as Executive Director, including—waging war against the apartheid regime in South Africa; lobbying on behalf of the Haitian refugees; the tireless efforts to have a comprehensive and a fair civil rights bill passed by congress: and continuing to press for legislation that more fairly represents the nation's African-American citizens.

While the nation has witnessed significant changes during the last 15 years, there still remains work to be done.

"We have witnessed vast changes in the political landscape. Twenty-six black men and women now sit in the United States House of Representatives, including several from the states of the Old Confederacy—with many more to come in November.

"The U.S. Senate may have its first African-American women if Carol Mosley Braun is elected by the voters of Illinois."

"A black man sits in the governor's office of the Commonwealth of Virginia, a post once held by Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. The cities of Denver and Seattle have black mayors.

"Equally as important as what we won in the legislative halls is what we prevented. Despite some efforts, not one piece of anticivil (See NAACP, Page 9)

**THE BLACK ELKS TO HOST ITS JOINT 93RD GRAND LODGE AND 90TH GRAND TEMPLE CONVENTION**

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, which is the world's largest predominantly black Fraternal organization, headed by the Honorable Dr. Donald P. Wilson of Philadelphia, PA, will host their ANNUAL JOINT GRAND LODGE AND TEMPLE CONVENTION here in Las Vegas beginning this week. Last year, over 50,000 members and their families met in the Crescent City of the South, New Orleans, Louisiana, and this year the BLACK ELKS are expecting the same amount. The BALLY's Casino Resort is the headquarters Hotel and week long Convention activities will be open to the public. All activities are held at The Bally's unless otherwise indicated.

**LAS VEGAS HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARDS**

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) has awarded the Las Vegas Housing Authority three Agency Awards of Merit for the Housing Authority's Resident Initiatives Program; the Howard W. Cannon Center; and the Inter-Jurisdictional Agreement for Administration of Section 8 among the Housing Authorities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Clark County. According to Carl Rowe the Authority's Executive Director, this is the largest number of (See LV Housing, Page 18)

**1992 ROSE AWARDS**



Professional Black Women's Alliance president, Sharon Martin, presents Shirley Barber with the 1992 Community Service Award. Photo by Bobby Canada

"Sisters In The Struggle" was the theme as close to 300 were on hand at the Dunes Hotel Saturday, July 25, when the Professional Black Women's Alliance hosted their Sixth Annual Rose Awards presentation.

At this year's award ceremony, the Alliance honored over twenty women of color who have made a monumental impact in their career fields, community, and personal growth.

This year, Jacqueline McKinney was honored with the 1992 Rose Award, Shirley Barber was the recipient of the 1992 Community Service Award, and Betty Brown received the Humanitarian Award.

Also honored during the festivities were: Elise L. Ax, educator; Yvonne Booker, chemist; Evelyn Janis Brown, author; Barbara Carter-Duke, entrepreneur; Alice Massey Carter-Pearcy, entrepreneur; Ina Dorman, attendance officer; Dr. Beverly Neyland, pediatrician; Edna Perkins, site administrator; Nedra Cooper Scott, juvenile court services; Marie Wakefield, guidance counselor; Kathlyn Wilson, music director; Linda A. Young, educator; Lilian Hickey, political activist; Esther J. Langston, writer; Geraldine Leigh, community activist; Karen A. McCall, scientist; Elaine McGlothen, scientist.



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