

# Organizations

## ParentLink Has "Kick Off"

By Beth Linderman



(L to R): Beth Linderman, a past-president Charlotte BBW; Macio Mayo, Drug Education Center; Mayor Sue Myrick; Louise Bias, guest speaker; Abbe Bryan, president Charlotte BBW; Hyla Lipsky, BBW International president.

On Mar. 13 Lonise Bias, mother of Maryland University basketball player Len Bias who died from a drug overdose, delivered her "Message of Hope" to 250 people at the Grady Cole Center.

Mrs. Bias was in Charlotte to kick-off PARENTLINK, a family-oriented substance abuse program coordinated by Charlotte B'nai B'rith Women. This program focuses on parents of children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, and is presently being piloted now at McKee Road Elementary School. As Mrs. Bias said, "Just saying No is good, but we have to go beyond that. We must change our approach in reaching our children. Go into your own home; that's where the change will come." Mrs. Bias went on to say "the

problems of today can be solved if you (the parents) start giving the greatest gift — yourself."

PARENTLINK's goal is to unite parents to actively fight the substance abuse crises in our homes, schools and community through education and communication.

International President BBW Hyla Lipsky, who attended this very important program, was here to support the new springboard to action. This is being undertaken by the Charlotte Chapter BBW which supports the welfare of children and youth.

Before this dynamic program, Mrs. Bias and Mrs. Lipsky were presented with Keys to the City by Mayor Sue Myrick at a reception honoring Mrs. Bias.

## Charlotte Chapter BBW

The installation breakfast was held on Apr. 4 at the Providence Country Club. Candles were lit by Peggie Rovman as Marge Liebstein said the accompanying prayers. Vicki Hopkins gave the invocation; Abbe Bryan, Marge Liebstein and Peggie gave the year-end reports. Certificates were awarded to all the committee chairs by Beth Linderman. She installed the new Executive Board: Abbe Bryan, president; Paula Gentile, administrative v.p.; Lorrie Klemons, recording secretary; Mickey Waldman and Helen Rosenbaum, corresponding secretaries; Shirley Fytelson, treasurer; Eve Feldman, financial secretary; Peggie Rovman, counselor.

May 14 marks the first official program of ParentLink. McKee

Road Elementary School has been selected as the pilot school in the lower elementary grades of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. The PTA (525 members) unanimously voted to adopt this project after the ParentLink presentation given by Charlotte BBW.

Child's Place, a current project of our chapter, needs someone to help one morning a week. Aline Lorber has been instrumental in aiding this school for homeless children, but she is leaving Charlotte. It is hoped that this school will become an 11-month project instead of the 9-month it is now. Call Abbe Bryan, 542-2811, to volunteer.

— Ruth Eisenberg

## HaLailah BB Women

HaLailah prepared Passover baskets during the end of March for distribution in April. These baskets were lovely thanks to the hard work and monetary contributions of Randy Defilipp. A special thanks goes to Harris-Teeter in Providence Square for their contributions.

On April 17, we sponsored an afternoon tea and baby shower for Hunter House. Gifts were presented to both mothers and children; refreshments were served. Many thanks to Eileen Darholt for coordinating this event.

Installation of new officers was held at Wan Fu on Apr. 24. They are: President, Linda Spil; Administrative V.P., Debbie Palefsky; CVS V.P., Jenny Snyder; Membership V.P., Jan Weiner and Cheri Titlebaum; Fundraising V.P., Kaye Yaffe and Beverly Eisenoff; Communications V.P., Lisa Wohl; Treasurer, Michele Perlmutter; Financial Secretary, Janet Gorelick; Recording Secretary, Lisa Pharr; Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Darholt; Bulletin Editors, Eileen Darholt and Peggy Cohn.

New board members will participate in a Board Inservice on May 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Claire Putterman's home. Gail Robinson is the guest at this event. A board retreat will be held on June 24.

HaLailah has made a commitment to work with the Operation Exodus program. We are maintaining a list of volunteers for this project and are also setting up an apartment for one of the families. Members who are interested in being involved in this, please call Jenny Snyder, 845-1394.

— Rachel Rosenfeld

## Children and the '90s

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C., will speak on Friday, May 18, 1 p.m., at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Under Ms. Edelman's leadership, the Children's Defense Fund has become the nation's most active and effective organization concerned with a wide range of children's and family issues. This event is cosponsored by the Council for Children, the Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, and the United Way of Central Carolinas, with very special appreciation to Queens College for making Ms. Edelman's appearance possible. Luncheon is \$15.

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