

What's It Like Being Married To Successful Men?

By Lori Grier
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This week we bring to a conclusion what we hope has been a learning experience for all.

We also hope that the husbands, children and friends have discovered the deep, dark secrets hidden in the hearts of the wives we have featured. Their honesty, willingness to participate and most of all their love for their husbands, brand them with the stamp of success.

Mrs. Eunice McDonald and Mrs. Lucille Black bring down the curtain for the wives.

Mrs. McDonald, 53, is the wife of Mr. John McDonald, 14-year owner of McDonald's Cafeterias on Beatties Ford Road and LaSalle Street. He is also owner of the McDonald's Dining Room in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is employed at McDonald's Cafeteria as the Banquet Manager. She and John, married for one year, are the parents of Mrs. Cassandra Carter, 32, and Thomas Blackwell, 21. They met at the Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church.

"He's an answer to my prayers. I didn't go looking for him," revealed Eunice.

She doesn't believe that putting him and his career first means she loses out, because "He's a loving husband."

Eunice confesses that she is not jealous of her famous and successful husband. "I love him. Anything God gives you, you're not jealous of." She admits that she hasn't lost her identity or self-esteem.

Knowing about her husband's business is very helpful to him. "I like the same things he likes, people. This helps us to grow together." Being a good listener is a must. "Right now in our business I'm doing parties for him. If I wasn't a good listener, I could mess up."

Eunice considers her career as rewarding as her husband considers his. His food is excellent, and I try to make the service equally as excellent." There is no power struggle in their marriage, because "We work together." Her husband's success doesn't interfere with family plans



Mrs. Eunice McDonald
.....Hasn't lost her identity

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and activities. "What we do go together. We have a goal to accomplish."

Mr. McDonald's success has added a very positive aspect to his family. "What he's all about is the love of people. I think he gives the family an incentive by trying to accomplish his goals in life." The rewards of having a successful husband are "not material. They're all the beautiful things in life anyone could wish for. We want to work out our soul salvation by pleasing other people." There are no disappointments, because "Life is much more than I ever thought it would be. He is dedicated to his work and family."

Life today for John and Eunice hasn't been a struggle thus far.

If Eunice could marry John all over again, she would indeed. "He's everything a person would ever dream or hope for." She describes John with the word love. The 1982 graduate of West Charlotte High School advises other wives of famous and successful men to "Love and support your husband."



Mrs. Lucille Black
.....Can't afford to be jealous

Lucille considers her career as rewarding as Nathaniel considers his. "We both enjoy the club business." There is no power struggle in their marriage, but her husband's success does interfere with family plans and activities sometimes. "He makes up for it later, though. Our club is closed on Mondays, so we can do what we planned before on Monday or take another day off. When we aren't there Jerry Anthony, manager, runs the club."

Mr. Black's success has added a positive aspect to his family. "It has brought our family closer together, because our children are able to work with us." She mentioned no disappointments with having a successful husband. The reward is "We work together at the club."

Life today for Nathaniel and Lucille compared to those struggling times is "successful, thanks to the Lord."

If Lucille could marry Nathaniel all over again, she would head down the aisle. "Everything I saw in him before I married him is still a reality. He's made

Tax Checks Waiting To Be Claimed

Greensboro - Many hundreds of North Carolina taxpayers have a windfall in store awaiting them in the form of a Federal tax refund check, the Internal Revenue Service says.

Checks totalling more than \$270,000 are waiting for 1,189 taxpayers, according to Glenn Jones, Public Affairs Officer. "These are checks from this year's filing period," Jones remarked. "In most cases, they were returned to an undeliverable because the taxpayer moved without leaving a forwarding address. In some cases, we will find that the taxpayer is deceased and the check will become a part of the estate."

Jones said that a refund check can be reclaimed by filing Form 9911 with the IRS, 3131 Democrat Road, Memphis, Tenn. 37511. A new refund check can be reissued to the new address within six to eight weeks. When filing the form, Jones says, the taxpayer should provide the name and address as it appears on the tax return, any changes to the name and address since filing the return, Social Security number, the type of return filed (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ)

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According To Leatherman

Sharing Management Techniques Strengthen Purpose Of League

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
Since the Charlotte Business League has the intention of "contributing to the economic development of the minority community, vice president of the League, Omar Leatherman, explained the necessity of a relationship with major corporations, not necessarily owned and operated by minorities.

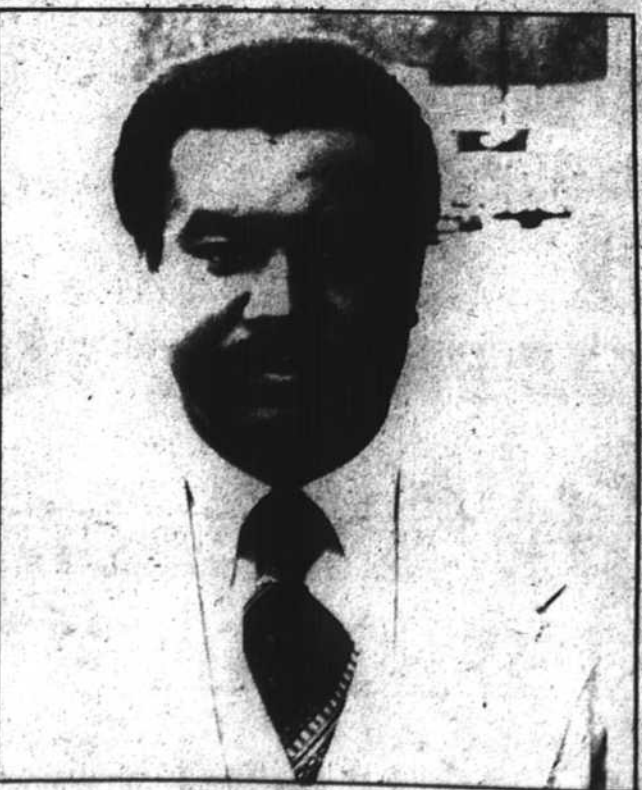
"We feel in order to have a representative cross-section, we need to associate with both small businesses and managers of large corporations," Leatherman pointed out. Those connections include IBM, Celanese, City of Charlotte, Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Duke Power and at least seven other corporations throughout the city.

The corporate members who represent their company of employment are blacks who passed the entry level positions some years ago. They've been with the company long enough to become decision-makers.

Because large corporations and small businesses operate with different viewpoints and styles, sharing those management techniques between the two can strengthen the purpose of the League, according to Leatherman. Leatherman specifically mentioned Franklin McCain, Sr., an engineer with Celanese Corporation.

"McCain is a senior decision maker at Celanese and active in the Charlotte Business League," Leatherman informed. He views projects which the League is promoting, goes back to management at Celanese and says, "Let's get involved."

Some of those projects are major, and some, while



Omar Leatherman
.....CBL vice president

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still significant, may simply be to get a manager of the corporation to speak at a monthly luncheon. The League is looking forward, for example, to having Howell Hoak, regional vice president of Wachovia Bank to speak at its January luncheon meeting. Wachovia also sponsors a member into the League.

Leatherman did admit there are some less aggressive corporate members in the League who aren't strong liaisons.

Jim Daly isn't a member of the Charlotte Business League, but he is responsible for the selection and sponsorship of an employee into the League. Daly is the personnel director at IBM.

Daly feels IBM's involvement with the League helps the corporation to satisfy its desire to be a good corporate citizen. Daly added, "Our intent is to continue to support the League's role of enhancing communications about minority-owned business issues to the community."

Leatherman, perhaps summed up the feelings of corporate and individual members about the League when he stated, "The Charlotte Business League is the most unique and effective black business organization in Charlotte."

While many of the members of the League express concern about those nonmembers who criticize their efforts, they, nevertheless, feel assured they are gaining grounds in "eliminating the isolation of the black business community from the business community at large."

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