

Nurses' Sorority Honors Five For "Serving Mankind"

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor
For 53 years, the local chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority has been dedicated to serving mankind. At its recent founders' day celebration the professional nursing organization paid homage to four individuals who also have dedicated their lives to serving mankind.

Mayor Harvey Gantt received the organization's highest award—the "Service for Humanity Award," which was accepted on his behalf by the wife of his campaign manager, Diane Baker. B. J. Harrison of WSOC-TV, Marcia Burton of WGIV radio, State Alexander of WPEG radio, and Al Cloud of the United House of Prayer For All People each received framed certificates of appreciation for their individual contribution to the community.

The presentations of these awards followed a challenging speech given by Phyllis Lynch. Tackling the topic, "The Role of Black Organizations in the Year 2000," Ms. Lynch told her audience that blacks must focus on servicing humanity. Throughout her speech, Ms. Lynch noted that Chi Eta Phi, Iota Chapter has indeed lived up to its motto of "service for humanity"



State Alexander
.....WPEG news director



Mayor Harvey Gantt
.....Receives highest honor



Al Cloud
.....United House of Prayer

through its networking with other community organizations and various workshops on teenage pregnancy and health topics.

Concluding a most thought-provoking speech, Ms. Lynch enumerated that black organizations must become involved with the church and in turn see that the church becomes involved with the

community; become politically involved; work for a just and peaceful society; build strong family units and render acts of service to mankind on both an individual as well as a concerted level.

In answer to Ms. Lynch's Challenge the Iota Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority will be hosting its first "Salute to Black Elected Officials' Wives" on Friday, October 25, at McDonald's Cafeteria. They have planned for the upcoming year comprehensive workshops with allied professionals, workshops on cancer, kidney, and teenage pregnancy. Once again they will be

sponsoring the twin contest and participating in their annual nursing program.

The founders' day program, which was held at the YWCA-Uptown, was emceed by Pearl Maxwell, chaplain. President Vivian Smith gave the welcome address and awarded the "Service for Humanity Award." Reading the history was Betty Dial, historian, and introducing the speaker was program chairperson, Ruthie Giles. Award chairperson, Mary Matthew, presented the awards and Bernice Fulson gave the closing remarks.

A reception followed the program.

Representing Group II of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity as its representative in the annual Mardi Gras queen contest is Miss Rosla W. Blue. Ron Mullen is chairman of Group II. Employed by Southern Bell, Miss Blue is a customer service representative. Much of her spare time is devoted to the Pop Warner Sports Organization. She was cheerleader coordinator for the Plaza Athletic Association, as well as the business manager for the Charlotte Youth Athletic Club. The mother of one son, Miss Blue has also volunteered to work with the Literacy Program at Central Piedmont Community College. She enjoys reading and traveling. Miss Blue is a graduate of Perry High School in Roseboro, N.C., and the University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut. The Mardi Gras Dance will be held Friday, November 8, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Convention Center.

Friends Of Black Children

Special To The Post
Ten-year-old Mary has had to endure three painful separations in her young life. She was originally placed in foster care for her own protection because she was mistreated by her biological parents. Later, Mary lived temporarily with foster parents and then an adoptive family. Her adoptive parents were not able to provide the love and affection the child needed, and Mary suffered from more emotional neglect. As a result the child has felt unloved, unwanted, and has suffered from guilt feelings.

In May, 1985, Mary's life changed dramatically for the better. The child was legally adopted by Peggy Jones, a 39-year-old widow who is a retired school teacher. Mrs. Jones first met Mary through the Friends of Black Children program in her community, where she is an active and enthusiastic volunteer. Mary is the second older child adopted by Mrs. Jones. Her love and trust as a parent is already proving successful. In just three months, Mary is becoming a happy, self-confident fourth grader who feels much better about herself by being part of a loving family.

Until recently, Mary was one of the 235 black children in North Carolina hoping to be adopted into permanent, loving homes. These black youngsters are among the "special needs" children who are in the custody of the state's 100 county departments of social services. Special needs children are often considered hard to place.

John Syria, director of the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services, said that special needs children are older. Some have physical handicaps or emotional problems. Others have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by their natural parents. Some are brothers and sisters who should be placed together. Many are black children.

He pointed out that Friends of Black Children is a new special needs adoption program that serves as a bridge between black communities and public agencies that help find homes for black children legally cleared for adoption.

"The Friends of Black Children program will go a long way toward building a brighter future for many of our black foster children like Mary," Syria emphasized. "This project is an important step in North Carolina's effort to strengthen services to black foster children and

Women In Business

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and area women business owners will be recognizing Women in Business Week.

On Saturday, October 26, at 10 a.m. the NANBPW and women business owners will be sponsoring a program at Spirit Square.

Mayor Harvey Gantt will issue a proclamation in honor of Women in Business Week and Deborah Saunders, director of the Business Opportunity Network at the Chamber will speak on the importance of networking. All women business owners are invited to attend this event.

McCrorey Party

The Johnston Memorial YMCA, 2025 N. Davidson St., will have a Halloween Costume Party and Haunted House on Saturday, October 26. The Haunted House will be open from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. and the party begins at 9 p.m., lasting until 1 a.m.

Admission costs \$1. For more information, call 339-6206.

reach out to black couples wishing to adopt."

Joan Silvey, coordinator of The Friends of Black Children program noted that the disproportionate number of black children remaining in the system without permanent families is a matter of grave concern for child welfare professionals. Forty-five percent of the state's children legally free for adoption are black, while blacks make up only 22 percent of the general population.

She said that in October, 1984, the program became part of DHR's Division of Social Services. Prior to that it was part of a two-year pilot project under the auspices of the School of Social Work at UNC-Chapel Hill. It has gradually grown and now includes 13 counties. They are Cabarrus, Chatham, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Iredell, Lee, New Hanover, Wake, Warren, and Wayne.

Silvey added that the goals of the program are to increase community awareness of the great need to find adoptive homes for black children, and to build a support network to track the children once they are placed.

"It is important to understand that black people do have a deep sense of family, and that the black community has always had a tradition of taking care of its own through informal adoptions," Silvey emphasized. "While many black children who never enter the foster care system have found permanent families through informal adoptions, this resource has not been a solution for those children who have become a part of the system."

Over-Night "Cool-Out" Held

Delta Zeta Chapter sponsored an Over-night Cool-out for their contestants of the Miss Blue Revue Pageant, at the home of Soror Joyce Ballard. The contestants had an opportunity to become better acquainted in an informal setting of fun and games, beginning with a Wiener Roast Friday evening, October 18, at 6.

An orientation concerning a fashion and talent show presenting the girls, was included in the evening's activities. Soror Philistine Dunlap, coordinator of this upcoming event, was well received by the participants.

The highlight of the Cool-out was a Charm Clinic directed by Sara Hill,

a representative of Mary Kay Cosmetics, Rock Hill, S.C. Mrs. Hill began her presentation with a session that stressed the importance of having a positive attitude, providing activities for the young ladies to interact with one another. She then proceeded to instruct the contestants in the necessity of having a good skin care regime and its advantages. The session ended with the candidates being directed in the proper selection and application of makeup to achieve the more sophisticated look of today's teenagers.

The gathering culminated Saturday morning with a continental breakfast.

THE CHARLOTTE POST

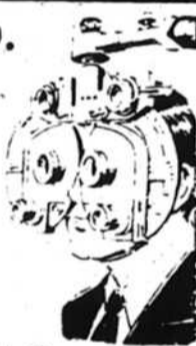
52 Weeks Of Informative,
Entertaining Issues From The
Number One
Weekly Newspaper In Charlotte!

...Now Subscribe, For Only \$17.66

CURTIS C. REEVES, M.D.

Doctor of
Ophthalmology
Eyes Examined For
Glasses, Contact Lenses,
Cataract & Laser Surgery

NEW
Medicare Cataract Surgery
Program
No overnight stay
No out of pocket cost
CALL ABOUT OUR FREE
CATARACT SCREENING
Program



Curtis C. Reeves, M.D.
Doctor's Building
Kings Drive
Charlotte, N.C.
333-0799

WE ACCEPT INSURANCE



ACCIDENT VICTIMS

CALL

Dr. Dennis Watts

CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN

YOU MAY HAVE A
WHIPLASH

PHONE

393-3333

2501 Beattles Ford Rd. Charlotte

For More Information
Take A Recorded "Whiplash Test" Phone 378-1413

WHAT'S GOOD FOR A CAT ISN'T GOOD FOR A KITTEN

Because the extra nutrients needed by kittens and pregnant/nursing cats conflict with the dietary restriction required for the prevention of urinary disease in adult cats, now there are two different Science Diet® cat foods for your cat's different stages of life.



LIFE CYCLE FEEDING CHART

STAGE OF LIFE	KITTENS		ADULT CATS		
	GROWTH	MAINTENANCE	MAINTENANCE	PREGNANT/NURSING	MAINTENANCE
DIET OF CHOICE	MOTHER'S MILK (born to weaning)	SCIENCE DIET FELINE GROWTH (up to 1 year)	SCIENCE DIET FELINE MAINTENANCE	SCIENCE DIET FELINE GROWTH	SCIENCE DIET FELINE MAINTENANCE

- **FELINE GROWTH**
Provides the extra nutrients kittens need from weaning to maturity for optimum growth and pregnant/nursing cats require for fetal development and milk production.
- **FELINE MAINTENANCE**
A highly concentrated, low magnesium food for non-reproducing adult cats to aid in the prevention of Feline Urologic Syndrome (FUS). Available in both dry and canned forms. Come by and let us show you why Science Diet is the best food you can feed your cat.

Freedom Animal Hospital **SCIENCE DIET**
3055 Freedom Drive, Charlotte, NC
399-6534
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:45 - 5:30
Sat. 7:45 - 12:00



ELECT

AL

ROUSSO

CITY COUNCIL

Paid For By Al Rousso