

Dorothy Lipscomb humbly accepts the Sojourner Truth award presented to her by the NANBPW president, Anna Hood. The Sojourner Truth Award, the

highest honor to be given by the NANBPW to an individual, acknowledges services beyond the call of

Miranda Mack, guest speaker for the NANBPW founder's day and appreciation luncheon, challenged the audience to keep the black family and the black

church alive. Ms. Mack is community relations field manager for Adolph Coors, the company that sponsored the club's event.

ANBPW Recognizes Community Leaders

By Loretta Manago Post Managing Editor

"Equity in Education, Employment-Economic Development and Health" was the theme for the Charlotte chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club's founder day and awards luncheon, held recently at McDonald's Cafeteria.

It was an event that allowed embers and friends to look at the NANBPW's past, present and future and also recognize some indivi-duals in the community who have assisted them in their endeavors. Founded in 1976 by Peggy Beckwith and Anna Hood, the local

chapter of NANPBW has stood for reaching out and making change. The group was formally organized on July 23, 1977, with the following omen as officers: Clara Mitchell, president; Theresa Gaston, first vice president; Hester Jones, third vice president; Charlotte Hampton, financial secretary; Anna Hood, recording secretary; and hereasea Elder, treasurer.

During the formative years of NANBPW, president Clara Mitchell elped to lay the groundwork for many of the club's present pro-grams and activities. The first Sweetheart Ball and the youth division of NANBPW were both established under Mrs. Mitchell's

Other worthwhile projects that the Club is involved in are the "Mr. B&P" Contest, a major fundraising event whereby outstanding men of the community vie for the title of "Mr. B&P" through ticket sales and advertisements, annual youth talent hunt, and the local Vocal Arts

An organization that takes its commitment to the community seriously, the club has been active in community affairs, youth support and elderly care. NANBPW has consistently supported other organizations in their programs and has remained a regular donator to the NAACP, the Urban League, the legal Defense Fund, YWCA, Empty Stocking Fund, UNCF, the March of Dimes, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, and the Afra-American lion, and the Afro-American Cultural Center.

Not only does the NANBPW seek

to support worthwhile organizations, it also serves to highlight and honor extraordinary individuals. That was as much a part of the founder's day-awards luncheon agenda as was a retrospective look into the club's beginnings. After the speaker, Miranda Mack, community relations fields manager for Adolph Coors spoke to the audience about achieving and about strengthening the ties of the black family and church, several individuals were singled out for their outstanding contributions.

Receiving the youth achieve-ment award was Ms. Nichole Renay Willis, a junior at North Mecklenburg High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis. A very involved student, Ms. Willis a Who's Who honoree and president of the junior class spends time tutoring her classmates and encouraging those who have dropped out of school to return.

The professional achievement award was given to Mrs. Mary Gill, while club appreciation awards were bestowed upon Carrie Murray and Connie Smith.

For her work in the community

Esther Hargraves was awarded with the community service award. Seven individuals whom the NANBPW felt had been supportive of their endeavors were given certificates of appreciation. They were Rev. George Battle, James Barksdale, Nathaniel Black, George

Goodman, Bill Johnson, Rev. E. B.

Newberry and Thomas Taylor. The highest honor that the NANBPW annually gives is the Sojourner Truth award. Named after the slave-preacher-abolitionist and lecturer, the Sojourner Truth award is given to a woman the club feels exemplifies Sojourner's tireless service to mankind. The NANBPW's 1986 recipient was Dorothy Lipscomb.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Lipscomb's contribution to the community is highly commendable. Her role as nurse goes far beyond the eight hour shift she works, she donates her professional skills to schools. But even more than that, Mrs. Lipscomb can be found carrying invalids to the doctors, transporting the elderly on shopping trips, running errands for them or reading to the shut-in. Mrs. Lipscomb, a member of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church is active in her neighborhood organization and comments that her greatest joy in life is to be able to help those sick and shut-in.

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