

AIDS Fundraiser A Success

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 Saturday night's SPRINGTIME "A Celebration of life," sponsored by the Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP), was a successful benefit celebrity event. The fund-raiser held at Spirit Square was a gala affair with an aura of humaneness. Stars from stage and screen entertained approximately 650 Charlot-teans, who paid between \$100 and \$250 per ticket for the event. SPRINGTIME, the first fund-raiser of this type held by MAP, had three objectives. The first, "to raise funds specifically to care for people affected by AIDS," secondly to "raise consciousness about AIDS and to broaden the base of support for MAP," and finally "to honor those courageous individuals

who are living with the disease." The emotions of the audience ranged from deep sadness to soulful merriment. Stars, such as Faith Ford of "Murphy Brown" and Rebecca Street of the

"Young and the Restless" read poems and letters, in addition to acting out scenes from various scripts concerning AIDS. "Dreamgirls" star Arnetia Walker brought the house down with a stirring rendition of the Jennifer Holiday hit "And I'm telling You."

In a post performance interview at the classy Dunhill Hotel, Arnetia Walker discussed her involvement with Charlotte Post Advertising Director Fran Far-rer-bradley. Walker, who had just flown in from the opening of her new movie "Scenes From

The Class Struggle In Beverly Hills" in San Francisco, is like so many others in the entertainment business who have lost close friends to AIDS.

She stressed that AIDS is a "human problem affecting all races and all classes of people." But she was keenly aware of the impact that AIDS is having in the African-American commu-nity which she said "(is) directly related to the menace of drug abuse.

"Making people aware through education is of primary impor-tance," Walter added.

Based on the response to this event, MAP will be able to continue its heroic work in the AIDS arena. This dreadful dis-ease can be defeated but it will take the involvement of the entire community to do so. Hope-fully, SPRINGTIME was a start in that direction.



Walker

AACC Elects Board Members

During a membership and board members meeting held last week, ten Charlotte citizens were elected and one was reelect-ed to the Board of Directors of the Afro-American Cultural Center.

The ten persons elected to the board are: James Bennett, David Belton, Faye Jones, Rita Littles,

Gerald Johnson, Curt Peters, Marie Watkins, Jack Bacot, Janis Strickland and Savander Parker.

Mildred Baxter Davis, who had previously served on the board, was reelected to another term. The new board members will begin their terms effective July 1.

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Singer/songwriter Stanley Alexander (l) will release a pop album this summer. Previously he recorded a gospel hit entitled "Drink From The Fountain". Alexander will be accompanied by Songbird which includes: Lynn Grier, Deborah Williams and David McClinton. Above he is pictured with his manager, Ray Gooding.

Call For Artists

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Art Commission, on behalf of Mecklenburg County, is announcing an open artist competition for the future Mecklenburg Aquatic Center.

The Art Commission is seeking to award on all-inclusive commission up to \$45,000 for an artist to design, execute, supervise and complete the installation of unique artwork for the site. The project's ad hoc art advisory group has identified two potential areas for art-work.

The first area is an interior wall adjacent to the main Olympic size pool and opposite the spectator seating. Specifically, the ad hoc group is concentrating on three center panels of the oppos-ing wall, each 26' wide by 14'5" high. The materials used for this wall must not be susceptible to corrosion and humidity. The ad hoc group is thinking in terms of ceramic tile, cast-molded or leaded glass, anodized aluminum, polychromed bronze, stain-less steel or enameled metal. The artwork should be mounted to the wall in relocatable panels in the event of future building ex-pansion.

The second area is outside and in front of the Aquatic Center. Specifically, the area is an oval median strip, 50' wide by 180' long, leading up to the center's main entrance. This site would be suitable for a sculpture.

Submission Deadline: Tuesday, August 15, 1989 at 5:00p.m.

To request a prospectus, please contact:
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