



"listen to the children... enrich their lives"

Chums chapter gets jazzy at scholarship fundraiser

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The Philadelphia Chapter of Chums Inc. held its annual jazz extravaganza and fundraiser at Drexelbrook Catering on April 9.

“All That Jazz Extravaganza” is the organization’s signature fundraiser to support its scholarship program and other projects that benefit youth in the region. It drew a receptive and appreciative crowd.

“The Philadelphia Chapter of Chums, Inc. thanks all of our friends and family who attended our ‘All That Jazz’ luncheon on Palm Sunday 2017. Your generosity makes it possible for student scholars to pursue their dreams.” said the group’s president, **Gisela Johnson-Smith**, whose nonprofit aims to develop the full potential in children.

Current scholarship recipients are **Taylor Marie Curtis**, a junior at Penn State University; **Amber Holley**, a sophomore at Xavier University, and **Daniera Ryan**, a junior at Widener University. The chapter is committed to supporting and mentoring these outstanding students during their undergraduate matriculation.

The chapter engages in several projects that demonstrate the Chums’ national theme, “Listen to the Children.” Throughout the year, workshops are held with the young ladies of the Evoluer House. Also, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets are given each holiday to families in need. This year, Chums participated in the Adopt-a-Family program.

This year’s event co-chairs, **Bettye Hill-Dixon** and **Margaret Livingston**, worked tirelessly to ensure a successful, enjoyable afternoon for nearly 300 beautiful people who supported the fun-filled afternoon for a great cause.

Other Chum members not mentioned above include: **Gloria Toxey Jones**, former national president; **Darlene Adams**, **Patricia Clisby**, **Dorothy Cousins**, **Millicent Hartsfield**, **Mary Livingston**, **Nadine Livingston**, **Roberta Muse**, **Esther Pratt**, **Vivian Ray**, **Dorothy Rush**, **Sonya Stackpole**, **Cynthia Wallace** and **Mattie Wesley**.

Four new members enthusiastically welcomed to the club are: **JoAnne Blackwell, Lorraine Chandler, Crystal Patterson** and **Yvonne Shervington**. Also, **Patricia Sims** and **Terri Brooks** are proud “Tea Rose,” prospective new members.

Hums, the moniker for the significant other of Chums members, include **John Adams, George Clisby, Robert Dixon, David Jamison, Everett Jones, Edward Livingston, James Muse, Kent Pipes, Artis Ray, Donald Smith** and **Uriel Wallace**.

Among other guests and members “Out & About,” having a great time were: **Mark and Patricia Robinson, Kamal and Desiree Mason, Clyde and Janice Sawyer, Vincent Sawyer, Lynada Martinez and Ruddy Bryant, Ingrid Fisher, Hum Donald Smith, Dr. Charles and Ruth Bridges, Cynthia and Russell Brown, Linda Robinson, Joseph Chitwood, Barbara and Tyrone Davis, Beverly Garofola and Carl Spurlock, Barbara and Richard “Bird” Glenn, Bethany Hill, Shanell Potts, Barbara Holley, Truddy Lowe, Carl Minott, Joanne Nichols, Yolanda and Booker Poole Jr., Dr. Lorraine Poole-Naranjo and Walter Collins, Louise Moss, Elizabeth “Betty” and William “Bill” Rivers, Jesse and Joseph Rooney, Marie and Stanley Simpkins, Diedrelaithe and Claude Smith, Barbara and Lawrence Stallworth, Marian Tasco and Ishaq Samai, Brenda and Ron Taylor, Susan and Claude “Don” Waterford, Delores Weddington, Barbara White, Shirley and Charlie Williams, Pamela Barlow, Kathleen Williams, Sherry Miller, Dolores Fields, Dr. Arnell and Charles Finney, Hum Everett Jones, the Rev. Henry and Kelly Chappell, Sam and Rhoda McKinney Jones, Eugene and Jacqueline E. Smith, Dr. Ekunola Adade, Isaac Esseku, Kenneth Louis, Beverly Louis-Livingston, Herman Wood, Yvonne Wood, Terri Brooks, Ebriel Livingston, Horace Patterson and Walter and Naomi Livingston.**

The Renaissance Orchestra was superb and entertained everyone with the best musical selections. Among those listening, and or dancing the afternoon away were: **Nile Livingston, Gregory Stephens, Dwayne Louis, Retha Louis, Wanda Coleman, Ray Tyson, Robin Martins, Rhena McClain, Gabrielle Wanamaker, Nikki Thompson, Gregory Bullock, Stephanie Tucker, Loretta Robinson, Ed Robinson, Felix “AJ” Toxey and Yesenia Maldonado, Marcel Tucker, Bernard and Beth Ann Grant, Eileen Wilson, Victoria Green Lautice Colbert, Keoni Colbert, Kaden Colbert, Kame’l Colbert, Andrea Evans, Rudy Hill, Thomas Wilson, Mark and Lorraine Chandler, Alan and Diane Jones Roseman, Gaylord and Patricia George, James & Crystal Patterson, Julius and Carmen Brown, Morris Bracey, Patricia Sims, Sheila Muhammad, Aaron Atkins, Victoria Hill, Jonathan Moore, Dale Moore, Wanda Logan, Sonya and Ronald Bond, Brenda and Darryl Boozer, Patricia and Norman Clark, Roslyn and Warren English, Cheryl and Reginald Cooper, Aniccia and Maurice Houston, Doris and Arthur Matthews, Valerie and Mark Derricotte, Rosalind and Glenn Derricotte and Loretta Harris.**

Thank you for another memorable afternoon and commitment to our young scholars. I also thank Toxey Jones for her public relations support. I was very moved when Johnson-Smith’s acknowledged my coverage of organization for The Philadelphia Tribune. The Chums were the first club I wrote about nearly eight years ago.

Johnson-Smith closed by saying, “Once again we sincerely appreciate everyone’s support, and we hope to see you all next Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018.”

Have a fantastic week “Out & About” everyone!