Mildred Johnson Speaks

Activist Finds That Friends Don’t Forget

By Carol Bitter • Democrat & Chronicle

In the past few days, Mildred Johnson has outfound who her friends are.

They are people she helped years ago and people she has never met, officially she built houses with and ordinary citizens grateful to be able to show how much they respect her and her work.

For decades, Johnson operated a non-profit social agency outside of her home where she built a team to track down people who needed help in finding shelter and jobs. She worked closely with defense lawyers and was instrumental in getting Monroe County to establish the public defender’s office.

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After a story in the Sunday Democrat and Chronicle, Mildred Johnson was approached by a stranger who wanted to help her with the repair of her home.

"I think it’s wonderful, so wonderful," Johnson told the stranger. "It’s all right." Johnson said that all of this is happening because of her friends and groups from all over the city who have rallied to return favors she did for them.

Johnson has been religiously inclined, so it was not surprising to learn that she is a member of the Belcoda Baptist Church in Rochester. The church was founded by Johnson’s father, James Johnson, in 1891 with services being held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Rochester and the American Baptist Historical Society.

The dinner is set for 5:30 p.m. in the Cobblestone Community Center

The Second Baptist Church of Mumford, New York will be holding a dinner to celebrate the life and legacy of Mildred Johnson, who passed away on December 24, 1991.

The dinner will be held at the Cobblestone Community Center on December 24, 1991.

The dinner will include a variety of dishes, such as roast chicken, potatoes, and vegetables, to celebrate Mildred Johnson's love of cooking and hospitality.

The cost of the dinner is $20 per person, and all proceeds will be donated to a fund-raiser organized by the family to help meet housekeeping expenses.

The event will also feature a musical performance by Norwood Banks, followed by a ceremony to honor Mildred Johnson's contributions to the community.

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Second Baptist Church of Mumford, New York — History

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Frederick Douglass was an eloquent spokesman for racial equality. In 1847, he came to Rochester where he began publishing The North Star, an anti-slavery newspaper. Douglass served as station master on Rochester’s Underground Railroad and helped runaway slaves gain their freedom. Douglass resided in Rochester for 25 years although his lecture schedule took him throughout the country and overseas. Douglass went to Washington, D.C. in 1872 to serve in government posts until his death in 1895. Frederick Douglass is buried in the City of Rochester’s Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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Gasoline Drops; Heating Oil Posts Small Increase

Statewide average unleaded gasoline prices fell 2.2 cents over the last two weeks, according to New York State Energy Commissioner William D. Cotter.

The Energy Office's gasoline and heating oil prices, as of Feb. 20, showed the statewide average unleaded gasoline fell 2.2 cents to 101.8 cents for a gallon for all grades of self-serve gasoline. The Western region has the lowest average price, which ranges from 94.4 cents for a gallon of self-serve gasoline.

The Western region has the highest average price for all grades, which ranges from 108.6 cents for a gallon of self-serve gasoline. Statewide average heating oil prices rose 0.6 cent a gallon to 134.7 cents in New York City.

The statewide average self-serve gasoline fell slightly during the survey with the Central region posting decreases for all grades. The statewide average diesel fuel price rose 6.6 cents a gallon to 110.3 cents in New York City.

Some heating oil prices rose in all regions during the survey with the statewide average price gaining 0.9 cent a gallon to 110.7 cents in New York City.

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Lou Rawls Parade of Stars
Telethon Features Energetic, 'Now' Talent

HOLLYWOOD — When the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon comes to town Saturday, Dec. 28, its entertainment playbill will feature top entertainers for a national television audience eager to support the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) in its mission of expanding opportunities for young people to get a college education.

In addition to celebrity personal appearances and testimonies of how UNCF schools have made the difference in students' lives across America, excitement for millions of viewers will come in the form of lively performances by some of the entertain- ment world's hottest talents.

Stars ranging from legendary greater to trailblazing new- comers will illuminate television screens from Hollywood and New York City, continuing a "Parade of Stars" tradition of spec- tacular entertainment for the good of Black higher education. Telethon host and Grammy award-winning singer, Lou Rawls, says the 12th annual show will be "the best ever."

The lineup of legendary greats scheduled to appear on the only national telethon to benefit education include jazz artists Joe Sample and Nancy Wilson, a founder member of the "Jazz Crusaders," has continued his innovative approach to jazz, which has created new excitement for fans of America's parent art form.

Wilson, the legendary song stylist, will treat viewers of the "Parade of Stars" to her latest compositions from the recently released recording, "With My Lover Beside Me." The Grammy and Emmy award-winning singer will also co-host the show from the Aquarius Theatre in Los Angeles with Ed McMahon and Marilyn McCoo.

Veteran gospel singer Shirley Caesar will also appear on this year's show. Caesar, who has made numerous telethon appear- ances in support of education at UNCF schools, will showcase her talents from the historic Apollo Theatre in Harlem, which for the first time will host a major portion of this annual television holi- day special.

Other noted greats joining Rawls and some 50 entertainers will include rhythm and blues singer Chaka Khan, actors John Forsythe, Avery Brooks and Charles Durning, singers Melba Moore and Freddie Jackson, and comedy great, Bill Cosby.

Rising stars scheduled to make their "Parade of Stars" debut include balladeer Keith Washington, songstress Oleta Adams, hip-hoppers Boyz II Men, Another Bad Creation (ABC), and Spice Girl, Bebe. Each of these performers has successfully burst onto the music scene and now have promising futures in the industry.

Keith Washington, a Detroit native who was influenced by the Dramatics, has already tasted success. His "Kissing You" sin- gle, a huge crossover hit, helped to land the rising star in a recur- ring role on a popular daytime television soap opera.

Washington says his association with Qwest Records, the company owned by Quincy Jones, has been an important factor in his career. "In talking with them, I found we all wanted one thing — we all wanted the record to sound as real as possible."

Oleta Adams, who for years resided on a local nightclub set in Kansas City, and recently has scored nationally, will thrill tele-thon viewers with her rich and relaxed vocals.

Her first solo al- bum, Circle Of One, fully demonstrates the breadth of this com- pelling artist, who is expected to make meaningful contributions to music for years to come.

The Lou Rawls Parade of Stars is made possible with the sup- port of its national and founding sponsor, Anheuser-Busch Com- panies, which underwrites the program annually through its Budweiser brand. Anheuser-Busch also provides national promotion, advertising and marketing support for the program.

The Kellogg Company is national co-sponsor for the seventh consecutive year. Kellogg provides substantial support for local segments of the telethon in more than 70 markets across the country.

American Airlines is an associate sponsor, American, in conj- unction with the telethon, will sponsor the Distinguished Alumni Sweepstakes and the Fly Away Challenge. McNeil Consumer Products, through its Extra-Strength Tylenol, and Nike, Inc., are the telethon's contributing sponsors.

AT&T is the contributing co-sponsor and the official tele- phone company of the Parade of Stars. General Motors Corpora- tion, American Health & Beauty Aids Institute/Walgreens and Durkee Red Hot Sauce are participating telephone sponsors.

The telephone receives special support from Walt Disney World, the McDonald's Corporation, Eckerd Drugs, Chrysler Mi- nority Dealers Association, Westwood One Companies and Satel- lite Music Network. The Urban American Network is the official radio network of the "Parade of Stars." Also adding to the excite- ment of the 1991 "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon will be co-host, Jackie, who will join late-night talk show host Clint Holmes from the Apollo. The vivacious, Emmy award-winning actress will add her special touch to the evening's entertainment, which will flash across television screens in more than 80 markets na- tionwide.

Jackie, who recently became the newest member of CBS's A Royal Family, is best known for her portrayal of the sexy, sassy Sandra Clark character on television's "227." Other popular ent- entrepreneurs who will join host Lou Rawls on the "Parade of Stars" include Vista, Joan Rivers, The Boy's Choir of Harlem, Hinton Battle, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Paulo Abdul, Roseanne and Tom Arnold, T. Gem Campbell, Jennifer Holiday, James Ingram, Tara Kemp, Kool Moe Dee, Louise Mandrell, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Artis Brothers.

The United Negro College Fund, founded in 1944, helps sup- port 41 private, historically Black colleges and universities. Nearly 56 percent of the students enrolled in these schools need financial assistance. Proceeds from the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon are used to further educational opportunities at these schools for students who otherwise would not have the op- portunity to attend. (Air dates vary. Please consult local televi- sion listings.)
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GO placidly amid the noise & haste, & remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.

Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

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