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 Pie-Full Delight  
 Lucy Gray

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Ruthie Hillisman, Chairperson  
 Patricia Adair  
 Benita Rollins-Gay  
 Octavia Cole  
 Tanya Jackson  
 Doris Hoskins  
 Betty Hassell

**HOSTESSES**

Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder  
 Dorothy I. Height, National President  
 Ruthie Hillisman, Local President  
 Odessa Hudson, Local Founder

Louise Tanner  
 Hattie Marion  
 Miriam Scantlebury  
 Alicia Lowery  
 Kathryn Humphrey  
 Betty Hassell  
 Benita Rollins-Gay  
 Octavia Cole

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES**

**National Council  
 of  
 Negro Women, Inc**

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*Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner/Auction*

*November 22, 1997*

*Arkana Civic Center*

*Dinner-6:30 pm Auction-8:00 pm*

**DOORS OPEN** 5:30 P.M.  
Preview and place your bids on Silent Auction items

## PROGRAM

Opening remarks Ruthie Hillisman  
Welcome Hattie Marion

Duet Mwansa Mandella  
Annie Estabrook

Instrumental Vincent Carter

Prayer Octavia Cole

Dinner  
Hostess will direct your tables

Dance performance Raquel Alvarado  
Rene Murray

Introduction of Artist Betty Hassell

Artist Presentation  
Marilyn Dean Cleveland

View auction items 20 Minutes

Auction begins 8:00 P.M.  
Auction ends 8:45 P.M.

Closing Remarks Ruthie Hillisman

## A BUFFET MENU

Tossed Garden Greens  
With Red Cabbage & Carrot Shreds  
Also including French & Oil/Vinegar Dressing

Pineapple Walnut Salad

Fresh Roasted Turkey

With Cranberry Sauce

Cornbread Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Pineapple Glazed Smoked Virginia Ham

South Style Green Beans

Macaroni & Cheese

Dinner Rolls

With Butter or Apple Butter

Pumpkin Chess Pie



NATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF  
NEGRO WOMEN, INC  
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**Pre- Thanksgiving Dinner  
& Silent Auction**

Featuring Black Art by one of our local Black Artist

When : November 22, 1997

Where : Urbana Civic Center

108 Water, Urbana

Time : Doors open @ 5:30p.m.

Tickets : \$12.00 donation

Reservations: 356-0396 or 352-8703

March 15, 1997

The March meeting of the Champaign County Section of the N.C.N.W., was called to order at 2:15 P.M., Ruthie Hillsman, President presiding. The reading of our Pledge by all followed. Present were: Pat Adair, Mary Alexander, Willie Campbell, Octavia Cole, Jeanette Graves, Betty Hassell, Ruthie Hillsman, Doris Hoskins, Tonya Jackson, Dora Jamerson, Haruko Kinase-Leggett, Hattie Marion, Miriam Scantlebury and Louise Tanner.

President Hillsman announced that there will be a meeting of the Executive Board on Saturday, March 22nd at 1:00 P.M., at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

First Vice-President Dorothy Vickers-Shelley is working on a program for April.

Second Vice-President Diane Pinderhughes will be working on the membership.

#### REPORTS

The Secretary's report was distributed to all present. CORRECTIONS included the spelling of names: Tonya Jackson and Hattie Marion. ADDITIONS - the Name of Dora Jamerson who was present but not listed - with no further corrections and/or additions - motion was made by Miriam Scantlebury, seconded by Dora Jamerson that the Secretary's report be approved.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and read by all. No corrections were necessary. It was approved as presented.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Thank-You Notes from "A Woman's Fund" and the "Covenant Foundation" on behalf of the Sr. Mary Gabriel Curby Fund were read along with a letter from Gin Osler, Director of the University Y.W.C.A., which included a breakdown of expenses incurred for the 1996 Harvest of Cultures in which the Y acted as a co-sponsor.

Our next event will be the Spring Luncheon which will be held at Jumer's on May 10, 1997. Certain responsibilities with regard to it were delegated to Tonya Jackson, Poetry; Haruko Kinase-Leggett, Roses; and Miriam Scantlebury, Tickets. We would like to have more members and guests present to support it. Tickets are to be \$10.00. This is NOT a fund raiser, rather an attempt to bring together as many members and guests as possible for food and fellowship and to remember our Mothers.

A report on the complimentary tickets given by N.C.N.W. to providers and servers of food at the 1996 Harvest of Cultures was given by Haruko Kinase-Leggett. This report included 22 tickets that were donated by N.C.N.W. members.

As part of the program initiated by Dorothy Vickers-Shelley (at our February Meeting, Black History Month) which included stories from eight members speaking on the Topic: "How is C-U different for African-Americans thirty years later from 1967 to 1997? Hattie Marion gave a very positive view of how she felt that things had improved these past 30 years in the area of jobs, housing, etc., but that there is room for improvement. Doris Hoskins spoke of the great ladies, most of whom were members of N.C.N.W.'s past and present and who were honored by the Y.W.C.A.'s Black Women's Achievement Dinner. A very proud moment for our organization.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned - and closed with singing "our song" - This Little Light of Mine.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris K. Hoskins,  
Acting Recording Secretary

**REMINDER:** President Hillsman called for an Executive Board Meeting to discuss the updating/revision of our By-Laws and the 1997 Harvest of Cultures Committee Report. This will be March 22nd, at 1:00 P.M., at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

NATIONAL COUNCIL of NEGRO WOMEN

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

DATE: MAY 10, 1997

TIME: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

PLACE: JUMER'S CASTLE LODGE  
BALLROOMS C & D

DONATION: \$10.00 per person

TICKET INFORMATION CONTACT:

RUTHIE HILLSMAN 356-0396

HATTIE MARION 328-4409

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN ANNUAL LUNCHEON  
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1997  
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 PM  
JUMER'S CASTLE LODGE  
URBANA, IL

Mistress of Ceremony: Dorothy Vickers Shelley  
Welcome: Pat Adair  
Invocation: Dora Jamerson  
Poem: Tanya Jackson  
Introduction of Speaker: Hattie Marion  
Solo: Ericka Harold  
Guest Speaker: Donna Harold  
Recognition of Mothers: Haruko Kinase' Leggett

Tickets: Marion Scantlebury  
Louise Tanner  
Remarks: Ruthie Hillsman  
Hostesses: Barbara Cooper  
Betty Hassell

May 24, 1997

The Special Call meeting of the Champaign County Section of the N.C.N.W. opened with the reading of our Pledge - Ruthie Hillsman, President, presiding.

Secretary's report was read - with no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Miriam Scantlebury, Treasurer, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report to all present. Balance on hand in our checking account as of May 16, was \$732.44. The report was approved as submitted.

Hattie Marion reported the luncheon was a great success, and she extended great appreciation for everyone's support.

President Hillsman updated us on the trip to the Black Expo in Indianapolis. The correct date is July 19th. The bus service reserved had to be cancelled due to the change of date - so contacts are being made with other bus companies to provide transportation. At the moment, the Expo trip is on hold.

The annual "Taste of N.C.N.W." which is to be on June 14th is questionable due to previous events at the church, so other arrangements are to be made. Octavia Cole checked with the Church Clerk, but the June Calendar was not made, so to resolve the matter, the date was changed to June 21st.

Haruko Kinase-Leggett, Chair of the Harvest of Cultures, gave copies of her report to those present. Due to impending restrictions by the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, it was decided to cancel the event for 1997. A motion was made by Octavia Cole, modified by President Hillsman, that the event be cancelled. With a "show of hands", the Festival of Cultures will not be held this year. To replace this fund raiser, Tanya Jackson volunteered to spearhead a type of "Silent-Auction" event to raise funds for the organization. Another event might be a "Thanksgiving Festival" at the new Holiday Inn was also suggested.

Haruko reported that the pre-paid reservation deposit is refundable and requested President Hillsman to take care of it. It is possible that it should remain intact for the next fund-raising event.

CORRESPONDENCE: President Hillsman talked about an announcement from National Headquarters concerning its "Brown Box" Fund raising event. It was tabled for the moment.

Tanya Jackson made the announcement about the Catherine Dunham



**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 14, 1997

A Taste of NCNW  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
Time: 2pm - 4pm  
No cost - Bring your favorite dish  
For information call: 352-8703

July 12, 1997

Trip to Indiana Black Expo  
Cost: \$20.00 round trip  
For information call: 356-0396

# INSIDE EDITION

February 19, 1997



1. Jeffries (Y)  
2. R. Hillsman  
3. Wurth  
4. H. Leggett  
5. D. Hoskins

## Harvest of Cultures Donation Presented



A donation of \$350 raised from Champaign-Urbana's Harvest of Cultures was presented to Covenant for the Sister Mary Gabriel Curby Fund in late January.

*Representatives of the National Council for Negro Women, the University YWCA, and the Festival of Cultures present Gene Wurth, Covenant Foundation President/CEO, with the Curby Fund donation.*

The Harvest of Cultures, a joint project between the University YWCA and the Champaign County National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), raised money for both the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund and the Curby Fund. This is the first year funds have been donated to the Curby Fund and, according to NCNW Spokeswoman Doris Hoskins, it is a very good cause.

"I have been around Covenant and have seen the good the Curby Fund does, especially for those who can't afford their own medicine," Hoskins said. "It really is a good cause."

The fellowship has extended to the Curby Fund, which is used for immediate needs of the poor served by Covenant and is named after Sister Mary Gabriel Curby, administrator of the former Mercy Hospital. The fund goes toward people's needs such as bus fare, cab fare, cafeteria meals, or overnight lodging.

"The fellowship of all different cultures is what allows us to make this donation," said Harvest of Cultures chairwoman Haruko Kinase-Leggett. "We're very happy we could help."

# Women of Champaign-Urbana

## GRANNY KATHRYN *by Anna Owens*

Kathryn is a sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and godmother, in addition to being a friend to many. She is loved for her graciousness, her wisdom, wit and unselfishness. She was born and raised in Champaign. When she retired she was the first and only African American female to hold a position in the Veterinary Medicine department at the University of Illinois.

I met Kathryn, whom I lovingly refer to as "Granny," through a church missionary group over which she presided. I soon learned that she was both biblically wise, and life-wise. I am too old to be her biological grandchild but she is my spiritual granny nevertheless. We all know how grandmothers treat children, a firm hand when needed, an open mind, a listening ear and a loving heart. She will always tell you what is right even when it is not what you want to hear, she always comforts you when you are hurting, and lifts you when you are down, and she can always go into her kitchen and make you a wonderful meal.

Her file cabinet is under the sofa pillow. If you need a quote or theme, or some church history, look under the pillow. Don't understand a point of scripture, call Kathryn. Not sure of the best way to handle a situation or problem, call Kathryn. Upset or angry, call Granny Kathryn. She uses great energy in encouraging those younger than her to grow in Christ, to learn, branch out and to be exposed to godly retreats, conferences and activities regardless of church denomination.

With a lovely smile, Kathryn says that younger women keep her youthful in thought and mind. She offers young people a safe place where they can discuss any issue. Mothers are quick to send their young daughters to stay with Kathryn while they go to school or start new jobs. They know their daughters will be safe and secure with Granny Kathryn. With love, I refer to her home as "Kathryn's Hotel."

Kathryn is very community-oriented and has held and continues to hold positions on many Boards of Directors, in addition to being a committee member for several community businesses. Kathryn believes in her Christian commitment to visit persons who are ill and confined. She runs errands for those unable to do so and provides transportation when needed.

In all the years that I have known her she has never said that she is tired, or unwell. She talks of her experience of marching from Selma to Montgomery with Martin Luther King in 1965, but never boasts about her own achievements. She lives her life very quietly, going about her works without seeking praise, glory or approval from the world. Her favorite saying is, "I know who I am and I know whose I am."

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*Anna Owens is a mother of two, a grandmother, an AIDS activist, and an ambassador of goodwill.*

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## KNOW OUR MEMBERS



News-Gazette photo by Robert K. O'Daniell

**Honored for excellence**

Those honored at a dinner given by the National Council of African-American Men, the Urban League and the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, are, from left, Jacqueline R. Matthews, Booker T. Washington award in education; Lucy Gray, Gray's Antiques & Collectibles, busi-

ness of the year award; Charles Henry, Henry's Style Shop, Madame C.J. Walker award recognizing African-Americans in business; Rosetta M. Gray, Peter Pan Learning Center, community service award; and Hester B. Suggs, Booker T. Washington award. The dinner was Saturday.

## Urban League to honor 5 people at awards dinner

By GREG KLINE  
News-Gazette Staff Writer

CHAMPAIGN — Five local residents will be honored for their contributions to the community at an Urban League of Champaign County awards dinner Saturday.

The third annual Evening of Celebration and Recognition, also sponsored by the National Council of African-American Men and the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, begins at 6 p.m. in the Chancellor Hotel and Convention Center, 1501 S. Neil St., C.

People interested in attending should contact the Urban League, 356-1364, by early Friday afternoon, said LaShunda Hambrick, the league's special events coordinator.

The award recipients this year include:

— Urbana High School counselor Jacqueline Matthews and Hester Suggs, former principal at Champaign's Washington Elementary, who will receive the Booker T. Washington Achievement Award. The award honors dedication and excellence in education.

— Lucy Gray, owner of Gray's Antiques and Collectibles, 723 S. Neil St., C, who will receive the

Business of the Year Award.

— Charles Henry, owner of Henry's Style Shop, 408 E. Tremont St., C, who will receive the Madame C.J. Walker Award of Excellence. The award honors success in and support for the African-American business community.

— Rosetta Gray, owner of the Peter Pan Learning Center, 1108 N. Harvey St., U, who will receive the Outstanding Community Service Award.

The Grays will make the awards ceremony something of a family affair. Rosetta Gray is married to Lucy Gray's nephew.

Lucy Gray, 83, started her business 14 years ago — after "retiring" from a career in downtown department stores.

"I feel very honored, really," she said of the Urban League award. "It's wonderful to be recognized for working. This is my job, but I enjoy it."

It must run in the family. Rosetta Gray turned the Peter Pan center over to her daughter Yvette when the new Hampton Inn forced the center to move from Park Street to Harvey Street a few years ago.

But Rosetta Gray still can be found working at the business, which she started in 1965.

# Covenant thanks the Harvest of Cultures!



Pictured from left to right: Gayle Jeffries, President of the University YWCA, Ruthie Hillsman, President of the Champaign County National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Gene Wurth, Covenant Foundation President/CEO, Hanuko Kinase-Leggett, Harvest of Cultures Chairwoman, and Doris Hoskins, NCNW Spokeswoman.

Our thanks goes to the University YWCA and the Champaign County National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) for their generous donation to the Sister Mary Gabriel Curby Fund.

The money was raised from the Champaign-Urbana Harvest of Cultures, which brings together different cultural organizations in the area. Money was also raised for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

The money raised for the Curby Fund will benefit the poor served by Covenant, providing bus fare, cab fare, cafeteria meals, and overnight lodging to be close to a Covenant patient.

With help from groups like you, the future of healthcare is well in hand.



Covenant

NATIONAL COUNCIL of NEGRO WOMEN  
SATURDAY APRIL 12, 1997  
MONTHLY MEETING

Call meeting to order

- a) NCNW PLEDGE

Officers report

- a) President
- b) V.President
- c) 2V.President
- d) Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Corresponding Secretary

Committee

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|----------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| a) Mothers Day Luncheon    | May      | Mrs. Hattie Marion |
| b) NCNW Luncheon           | June     | Taste of NCNW      |
| c) Trip to Indy Black Expo | July     | Ruthie Hillsman    |
| d) Festival of Culture     | November | Haruko Leggett     |

Old business

New business

COLLECT DUES

ADJOURN

HAVE A NICE WEEKEND

NEXT MEETING      MAY 10, 1997

April 12, 1997

The regular monthly meeting of the Champaign County Section of the N.C.N.W. was called to order at 2:15 P.M. Ruthie Hillsman, President, presiding. The following members were present, Patricia Adair, Billie Campbell, Octavia Cole, Jeanette Graves, Betty Hassell, Doris Hoskins, Tanya Jackson, Haruko Kinase-Leggett, Hattie Marion, Miriam Scantlebury and Dorothy Vickers-Shelley. All joined in singing the first verse of The National Negro Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

Minutes from the March meeting were distributed to all. A correction of the spelling of Tanya Jackson's name was made. With no further corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's reports were distributed to all, and accepted as given. Balance on hand as of March 17, 1997 was \$1,024.80.

REPORTS:

No report from the Corresponding Secretary.

Hattie Marion, Chairperson - Mother's Day Luncheon.

Hattie Marion gave the report on the date, time, place and menu for the Mother's Day Luncheon. It is to be held at Jumer's Castle Lodge on May 10th at 11:30 - 1:30. Tickets were made available to all present - and recorded accordingly.

President Hillsman: Announcement was made concerning the June "Taste of N.C.N.W.". Everyone is invited to attend and bring a dish made from a recipe printed in the N.C.N.W. Cookbook.

The Bus Trip to Indianapolis on the 2nd Saturday in July, 1997, to attend the Black Expo. Arrangements have been made with the J.W.T. Charter Bus Service in Danville to provide transportation to and from Indianapolis at the cost of \$482.00 per bus. Cost per person will be \$20.00. Hours will be from 8 - 5, leaving Indianapolis at 5 - arriving back in Champaign at 7:00 P.M. There will be advance publicity via WBCP Radio and the C-U News Gazette, encouraging people to attend and hoping to fill more buses. More information forth coming.

It was suggested by Patricia Adair that the minutes be taped at all future meetings so that all present (including the secretary) can participate in the meetings. It was approved by all.

February 8, 1997

The regular monthly meeting of the Champaign County Section of the National Council of Negro Women was held on Saturday, February 8, 1997 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Present were: Patricia Adair, Mary Alexander, Willie Campbell, Octavia Cole, Maudie Edwards, Jeanette Graves, Betty Hassell, Ruth Hendricks, Ruthie Hillsman, Doris Hoskins, Odessa Hudson, Tonya Jackson, Haruko Kinase-Leggett, Rosalind Lewis, Hattie Marian, Diane Pinderhughes, Miriam Scantlebury and Dorothy Vickers-Shelley.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM. Ruthie Hillsman, President, presiding. Following the reading of the Pledge was the installation of officers for 1997-98. They are as follows: Ruthie Hillsman, President; Dorothy Vickers-Shelley, 1st Vice-President; Diane Pinderhughes, 2nd Vice-President; Doris Hoskins, Acting Secretary; Odessa Hudson, Financial Secretary; Miriam Scantlebury, Treasurer. Appointed: Octavia Cole, Chaplin; Jeanette Graves, Historian; Patricia Adair, Parliamentarian.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed by Miriam Scantlebury. Mary Alexander made the motion, seconded by Odessa Hudson that the report be approved as read. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Festival of Cultures - Copies of the reports were distributed to all. After much discussion, the Festival of Cultures of 1997 was unanimously approved as the fund-raiser of the year - with Haruko Kinase-Leggett chairing. Other support committees to be appointed later. Further discussion tabled until the next meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from N.C.N.W. Headquarters in Washington, D.C. encouraging all units to send condolences to the families of Bill and Camille Cosby and Ruthie Sykes. The Cosbys and Sykes were great supporters of the N.C.N.W.

#### VIA LETTER

Two young ladies who are participants in the 1997 Cotillion sent letters to the N.C.N.W. for support. A motion was made by Dorothy Vickers-Shelley, amended by Willie Campbell that we purchase a full page add in their program. Recognizing the Cotillion and at the same time honoring the two young ladies making the request. Seconded by Miriam Scantlebury - the motion was passed. A donation of \$100 is being made.

Haruko Kinase-Leggett requested a correction be made on the Financial Report Ticket Sales. Instead of it being \$2,690.00 - the



figure should have been \$2,590.00. Correction approved.

As Program Chairperson, Dorothy Vickers-Shelley had recruited 8 members of the local Section to tell their stories of how is Champaign-Urbana different for African-Americans in 1997 than in 1967? Since time ran out, we were only able to hear the stories of the first four - namely: Mary Alexander, Willie Campbell, Octavia Cole and Maudie Edwards. It was agreed by all, the next four may be the responders at the next meeting in March which will celebrate "Black Women in History" Month.

Haruko Kinase-Leggett requested that a motion be passed approving the rental of the Urbana Civic Center. Tonya Jackson made the motion, seconded by Octavia Cole. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned, at 4:15 PM. Refreshments followed, along with special Valentine gifts distributed by our President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris K. Hoskins,  
Acting Recording Secretary

Harvest of Cultures: Financial Report (8 February 1997)

Gross Income:

Ticket sales	\$2'690.00
donation	\$ 20.00
refund (Early American Museum)	\$ 15.56
refund (AARWA)	\$ 8.00
donation (to round the sum up)	\$ 2.34

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total	\$2'635.90
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Expenses:

Food:	Early American Museum	\$ 52.50
	African & African-Related Women's Association	\$ 52.50
	La Casa Cultural Latina	\$ 28.00
	Iranian Cultural Organization	\$ 50.00
	Indian Student Association	\$ 100.00
Urbana Civic Centre		\$ 230.00
Fliers		\$ 89.30
Program		\$ 104.00
Comment cards		\$ 20.00
P.R.		\$ 9.60
Ruthie Hillsman (expenses)		\$ 50.00
Haruko Kinase-Leggett (postage, photocopy)		\$ 50.00

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total	\$ 835.90
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Net income: \$1'800 (there may be an addition of a few dollars when maney for some tickets are turned in)

\$1'780 will be divided for donation in the following fashion:

1) Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund	\$1'400.00
2) Sr. Mary Gabriel Curby Fund	\$ 350.00
3) Women's Fund	\$ 50.00
(matched with \$50.00 from NCNW)	

*Reported at March Meeting  
3 pages inserted here*

NATIONAL COUNCIL of NEGRO WOMEN

FEBRUARY 8, 1997

Call to order  
NCNW PLEDGE

Reports  
President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Financial Secretary  
Correspondence

Committee Reports  
a) Festival of Culture  
b)

Old Business  
a) Cotillion ad request  
b)

New Business

SHARE A -THON : REFLECTING ON BLACK HISTORY'S, PAST, PRESENT  
AND FUTURE

NEXT MEETING, MARCH 8, 1997

**PLEDGE**

*It is our pledge to make a lasting contribution to all that is finest and best in America, to cherish and enrich her heritage of freedom and progress by working for the integration of all of her people regardless of race, creed, or national origin, into her spiritual, social, cultural, and civic life, and thus aid her to achieve the glorious destiny of a true and unfettered democracy.*

Highly unscientific breakdown of Comment cards:

there were 12 blanks, and 42 cards with some comments:

Food: 22 rated it good to excellent  
1 said that it was not enough  
4 asked for receipes

seats: 3 asked for more seats

tables: 7 asked for more tables  
(1 said that seating/tables difficult because it was  
difficult to predict how many would be coming)

timing: 2 rated it good

location: 5 rated it good.

cost: 2 rated it good  
1 said it should be lower to encourage more people  
to come

The following were issues not specified in the comment card:

concept of Harvest of Cultures + company:

12 approves

Entertainment: 10 rated it excellent  
3 asked for more [of which 2 asked for no break in  
program (i.e. continuous entertainment)]

organization: 2 rated it good  
2 rated it bad

sound system: 4 rated it bad

doing it again: 2 asked that we should  
coming back: 2 said they will

miscellaneous: 1 asked for sectioned plates  
1 liked the door prize (she got one)  
1 asked for a vegetarian section