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PRESENTATION

1971

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Activities, Incorporated

presents its

Fifth Anniversary

Debutante Presentation

Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1971

Benefit Sinya Scholarship Fund

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Route 115, Easton, Pa.



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Message from the President

On behalf of all Sinya members, welcome to our Fifth Anniversary Celebration. Tonight marks a milestone in the history of our organization and we are grateful to all of you who are here to share it with us.

During my second consecutive year as president of what I consider one of the greatest organizations of today, it has been my pleasure to accept the challenge of the office and to work diligently toward the goals of Sinya. I have considered it an honor to be first lady among so many great responsible women.

I can't help but repeat words spoken with honest and sincere meaning last year when I paused to thank the members — for unselfish and dedicated support; our husbands — for continuous support and sacrifice of our many absences from home in preparations necessary to make this evening a success; and to our public — who has continued to show their interest through patronage of our affairs and generous donations to our cause; all of you remain dear to me, and I will always have the cherished memories we made together.

To our 1971 Debutantes, my congratulations to you, and may you continue to go forward as model young ladies of the "Black Community." We hope that your experiences in deb training have given you some source of inspiration and has helped you in deciding your life goals.

MRS. SAUL BRANTLEY, SR.

President



Brief Five Year History

In August, 1966, a small group of young women from the Easton area met to charter their course of improvement and assistance to the Negro youth of the Lehigh Valley. Subsequently, they were joined by others from their city as well as Bethlehem. They adopted the name and the challenge of the Society for Improvement of Negro Youth Activities. Plans were made for one goal, to present the young Negro ladies of the area at a ball they would never forget. A ball which would in reality be the means to enable the group to ultimately lend more tangible assistance to deserving youth of the area, in the form of scholarships to those making application and found most deserving by the group. The actual natural fusion of these purposes became a reality, and on March 18, 1967, thirteen young ladies were presented to society at the Hotel Easton in what news editors acclaimed to be the first of its kind in the Lehigh Valley.

The following June, the Easton Branch of N.A.A.C.P. presented to the organization, a plaque for its dedicating efforts to help the youth of the community. Sinya was on its way, and the organization began its second year with more enthusiasm and plans to carry out even more activities. Over the years SINYA has been active in putting on fashion shows, sponsoring bake sales for fund raising, rummage sales, teen-age dances, adult dances, and many affairs which have added to the entertainment of the whole Lehigh Valley area.

Our club years have always begun with an installation dinner for Officers and members, followed by activities of interest to the community leading up to the planned rehearsals and workshops for the big event, the Annual Debutante Ball. Over fifty young ladies have made their debuts at our annual affair, and we have awarded scholarships to some of these young ladies along with other deserving young people. Our scholarship recipients have been: Mr. Norman Johnson, who attended Northampton Community College, Miss Ethel Duffy, Moravian College, Mr. Ronnie Queen, Keystone Junior College, Miss Samantha Bright, Morris Brown College, Miss Andrea Fredericks, Allentown Computer Training School, Miss Alice Shorter, Bloomsburg State College, Miss Gloria Martinez, Lehigh County Community College, and we have given financial assistance to boys and girls needing books, transportation, or other things necessary to complete their chosen careers.

We have had good years, and we have had years with problems, but we have been able to overcome most of the problems through togetherness and dedication to the cause. It is the hope of the organization that we will continue to serve in the capacity of the past, and to lend new ideas to our ever growing community.

POST-DEBUTANTES

1967

MISS JO ANN BARBER
MISS LESLIE DOUGLAS
MISS CAROL KENT
MISS YVONNE KENT
MISS JOAN LOCKHART
MISS GAIL EDWARDS
MISS GLORIA MILLER

MISS ALCETRENA PETERSON
MISS HELEN PETERSON
MISS SHARON PRIME
MISS CAROL ROUNDTREE
MISS MARY ROUNDTREE
MISS DEBBIE WILLIAMS

1968

MISS MARIA ANDERSON
MISS RITA BUSH
MISS ANN COLLINS
MISS GERTRUDE EVANS
MISS PATRICIA GROVES
MISS FARNESE HICKS
MISS GEORGIA JONES
MISS RHODA JORDAN
MISS ELAINE KENT

MISS SARA OWENS
MISS BRENDA RONE
MISS FRANAKALENE SMITH
MISS LINDA WALKER
MISS LORRAINE WALKER
MISS BEVERLY WILLIAMS
MISS DEBORAH WILLIAMS
MISS GAYLE WOOD

1969

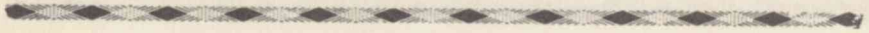
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MISS SAUNDRA BRIGHT
MISS SAMANTHA BRIGHT
MISS ANDREA FREDERICKS
MISS ALICIA HUNT
MISS CLAUDETTE GASKINS
MISS LAURA JAY
MISS JANIE KETCHEN

MISS CHRISTINE MARTINEZ
MISS PAMELA MITCHELL
MISS DORIS ROUNDTREE
MISS BERNADETTE ROYSTER
MISS ALICE SHORTER
MISS DONNA SMITH
MISS RHODA THOMPSON

1970

MISS ELLA BOYER
MISS RITA DAVIS
MISS LORRAINE DORSEY
MISS GLORIA MARTINEZ
MISS CHERYL McNEIL

MISS BETTY QUEEN
MISS SARAH ROYSTER
MISS CATHERINE TONEY
MISS JUNE WILLIAMS
MISS DELORES WORKMAN



We are grateful to:

Union AME Church for the use of their social room for rehearsals.

Trinity Episcopal Church for the use of their parish hall for workshops.

The news media for keeping the public informed of our activities.


The many people and organizations who have contributed to our scholarship fund.

Parents and guardians for permitting their daughters and sons to participate.

WE DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO ALL OF THE

POST DEBS

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DEBS-1971



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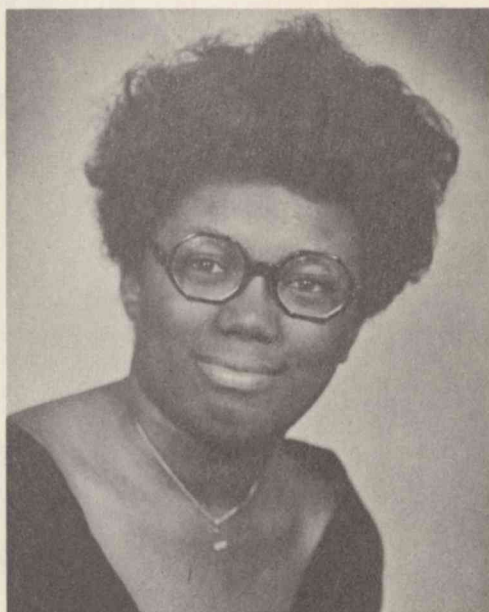
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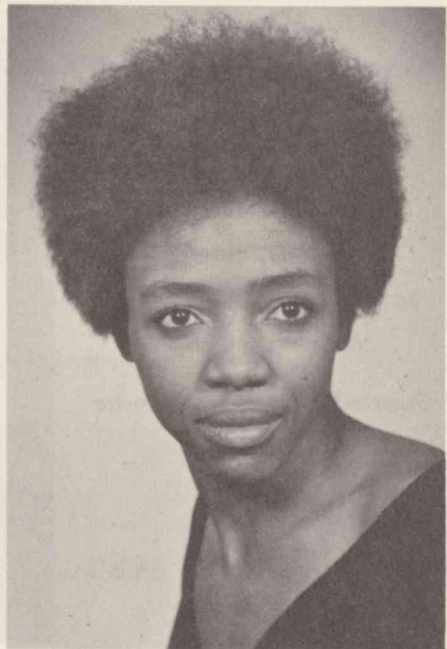
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Daughter of
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Easton, Pa.

Escorted by: Maceo Thompson



DEBS-1967-1971

FIRST YEAR



SECOND YEAR



THIRD YEAR



THIRD YEAR



FOURTH YEAR



FIFTH YEAR





MENU

Fresh Fruit Cup

Half Spring Chicken, Sherry Wine and Mushroom Sauce

Fresh String Beans, Almondine

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Chefs Tossed Salad with Russian Dressing

Rolls and Butter

Tea and Coffee

Old Fashion Strawberry Shortcake




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PROGRAMME

Welcome Mrs. Brantley, President

Invocation Rev. Isaac N. Patterson, IV

Introduction of SINYA Members

Announcements and Acknowledgments

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies

Mrs. Gwendolyn Johnston, Piscataway, N. J.

Entertainment Debs '71

History of SINYA, Inc.

Entertainment Past Debs

Announcement of Summer Special:

Trip to Freeport, Bahamas — August 5 thru 8, 1971
(For more information and reservations see brochure)

Guest Entertainment

Miss Deborah Everitt, Chesapeake, Va.
Freshman Student, Lafayette College

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"A Patch of Blue"

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