



Daughter Frances R. Johns, Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Oregon Daughters of Isis, Imperial Court. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Daughter Frances R. Johns, Imperial Deputy of the Desert of Oregon will make her Official Visit to Mina Court No. 142, Daughters of Isis, on March 21, 1987. Dtr. Johns will be honored with a reception following the visitation. Also in honor of Dtr. Johns, The Isiserettes Youth Club will receive funds for tours of the Metropolitan Art Museum in Portland and the Capitol Bldg. in Salem, donated by Dtr. Margaret J. Isaacs, Illustrious Commandress of Mina Court. Dtr. Isaacs states that the Isiserettes Youth Club is a National Organization whose objective and intent is to develop a cultural and educational program for girls, ages 7 through 18, one that is service oriented, that will aid in molding or building character. Dtr. Isaacs invites girls and their parents to drop a postcard to Mina Court No. 142, Dtrs. of Isis, Post Office Box 11587, Portland, Oregon 97211 for further information on the Isiserettes Youth Club.

Grandmothers Against Drugs

by Leon Harris

Citing the need to feed children who are victimized by parents on drugs/alcohol, a new group calling themselves "Grandmothers Against Drugs", is launching its own campaign to feed underprivileged kids in Northeast Portland.

Claiming that some parents are using rent monies and food stamps to support their drug habit, the group announced plans to open a children's hot meal program at 4128 N.E. Union Ave. in Portland on April 20, 1987.

The proposed twice-a-day hot meal program will focus primarily on school children who are sent to school hungry and must fend for themselves once school is out. According to the group's spokesperson, Vera Benson, "Most of the time, the only meal these children receive is at school, which could cause mental retardation or brain damage due to lack of proper nourishment or diet. Some older children, finding themselves in this situation, often are forced to steal or burglarize homes simply to feed themselves or their brothers and sisters."

The long-time N.E. Portland welfare reform activist claimed that, "Children are left alone or even locked out of their homes until the parent(s) arrives. They can go to the Salvation Army for recreational activities, but when that facility closes they have no place to go or nothing to eat."

The group is asking the public for donations of food supplies, kitchen equipment (commercial stove, dishwasher, freezer, microwave oven), high-chairs, folding chairs, banquet tables, paint, stainless steel cookware, etc. Also needed are volunteers to help remodel the facility.

The project has received letters of endorsement from the state Adult and Family Services Division, state Alcohol and Drug Abuse agency, Portland Public Schools, and Legal Aid.

The public is asked to contact Ms. Vera Benson at (206) 281-1611 or 281-1927 for further information.

Nurse Clinic Presents "Faces"

The North Portland Nurse Practitioner Clinic presents "Faces," the ACE Award winning true-to-life drama. The play(s) will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14th, and 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th, at Holy Redeemer Catholic School Auditorium located at 127 North Portland Boulevard.

The two plays are "Twisted Journey" and "Upside Down in Love." They are dramas about two young women whose lives are dramatically affected and changed by a variety of occurrences.

The plays are a one (1) woman show starring Ruby Reuben and accompanied by Nyewusi Askari. They are both done extremely well.

All proceeds from the Benefit will go to support the Nurse Practitioner Clinic providing needed health and pediatric care to the financially distressed of the Portland Area. We ask for your support for the clinic by attending and enjoying these two powerful dramas.

Tickets are \$10.00 donation per person, and \$7.00 donation for senior citizens and students. For information, call 284-5239.

Video/Live Talent Show/Disco Dance

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter (AKA), proudly presents, "Video/Live Talent Show/Disco Dance" from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., on Saturday, March 14, at the new Red Lion Inn at the Quay, Exhibition Center, Vancouver, WA.

This evening promises to be one filled with excitement and entertainment as the AKA Sorority provides you with some of Portland's finest recorded and live entertainment.

Recorded music will be provided by KBOO programmers Bruce Smith, Greg Porter, and The Berry/Berry Bros. Live music will be performed by Tracy Clay, James Johnson, Mary Lockridge Parker, Danny Osborne, Chocolate Chip and The Cookies and much more. Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Al Jamison.

Donations are \$10.00. Proceeds will be used for scholarships. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14th, 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., at the Red Lion Inn (Quay), for "Video/Live Talent Show/Disco Dance." Be there!!!!

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Sharon McCormack (L) and Edna Robertson (R) prepare for a report they will make on the conference they attended in Washington, D.C. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Robertson & McCormack Back From D.C.

The U.S. Department of Justice invited Edna Robertson, Coordinator of the Northeast Neighborhood Office; and Sharon McCormack, Crime Prevention Coordinator, to attend the National Symposium on Community Institutions and Inner City Crime.

Robertson and McCormack were representing the Pacific Northwest Region at this major national conference in Washington, D.C., from March 5-8, 1987.

The Seattle Office of the Department of Justice requested the Northeast Coalition's staff members to attend this symposium because of their extensive range of experience and depth of knowledge concerning the issues.

Robertson and McCormack will be reporting on the symposium at the March 17, 1987, meeting of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods.

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