

New Guide to Black Organizations Issued

Guide Lists 249 National, Regional and Local Groups In Popular, Free of Charge Book From Philip Morris

What do "Opera North," the "Legislative Coalition Caucus of Utah," "The Doll League" and "The Afro American Historical and Genealogical Society" have in common?

They are all among the 249 national, regional and local, not for profit groups in the recently issued "Guide to Black Organizations, 1987-88 Edition," published by Philip Morris Companies Inc.

First produced in 1981, the new edition is the fourth Guide in this series. The Guide is provided free of charge to individuals and groups. The popularity of the books has been based on their usefulness as networking documents for Black and other Americans.

The unveiling of the Guide came during a reception hosted recently by Philip Morris at its Manhattan headquarters.

"Black organizations have enriched every aspect of American life," wrote Hugh Cullman, Vice Chairman, Philip Morris Companies Inc., in the introduction to the book.

He added that those familiar with the Guide know "that this small booklet does two very big jobs. Not only is it a convenient directory; it also provides an encouraging overview of the organized Black community."

Stanley S. Scott, Vice President, Director of Corporate Relations and Assistant to the Chairman, Philip Morris Companies Inc., told the reception guests: "The Guide pays tribute to the dedication and the hard work of the people who struggle to keep these groups going—people doing a lot with a little. This is a tribute to black leadership—they are carrying out the long-time commitment to progress in the spirit of W.E.B. DuBois and of Booker T. Washington."

Each major, national, civil rights, religious, fraternal and economic group is listed. It also lists 31 Black state legislative caucuses.

Also appearing are many local organizations that provide such unique and positive services that they were listed to prompt the development of similar groups.

"Opera North," for instance, is a Philadelphia, PA-based opera company that provides additional opportunities for Black performers and musicians in grand opera.

The "Legislative Coalition Caucus of Utah" is led by the state's only Black and only Hispanic legislators, one of each, who have organized 60 business, religious, civic and community supporters to work on behalf of that state's minority populations.

"The Doll League" is an advocate group working to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged children and young adults through annual fundraising programs.

And "The Afro American Historical and Genealogical Society" was founded as a result of the "Roots" phenomenon created by Alex Haley and it "encourages scholarly research in Afro American history and genealogy."



Rep. Carter Elected Regional Council President of Blacks in Government

State Representative Margaret L. Carter was elected Regional Council President of Blacks In Government (BIG). The region is made up of 12 chapters and 4 states: Oregon, Alaska, Washington and Idaho.

The primary objectives of the organization are to be an advocate of equal opportunity for Blacks in government, to provide a non-partisan platform on major issues of local and national significance, and to promote training programs stressing the development and promotion of Blacks in government.



Kathleen Sadat (L) is received by Freddye Webb-Petett. (L-R) Sadat, Marion Petett, Petett, Andre Petett, Phyllis Gaines & Addie Haynes. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Petett Honored

Freddye Webb-Petett was honored for a reception on Saturday, June 20th, which was hosted by The Links, Inc., Portland Chapter and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alumni Chapter. Hundreds of admirers and friends gathered at the Cascade Center of Portland Community College to greet Gov. Goldschmidt's new appointee who

heads the Oregon State Adult and Family Services Division centralized in Salem. Petett administers the agency with 2000 plus employees who work diligently to aid people who are in need of food, medical care and employment. Jeanne Hartzog was over-all chairperson of this event.



Friends and co-workers said thank-you and good-bye to Elizabeth "Buff" Groff at a reception held at the Urban League. Groff's work with American Friends Service Committee South African Program and Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom was acknowledged and praised by all who attended.

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