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CHUMS, INC.
23rd ANNUAL CONCLAVE

[[image]] RUTH HARVEY CHARITY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Highlighting the conclave was the luncheon-fashion show where a \$1,000 check was presented to Mr. Herbert Moore, of the Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship to assist in the Fuel Assistance Program. National Service Awards were presented by President, Ruth Charity to: Mrs. Pauline Weeden Maloney, former Chancellor of Norfolk State University, educator, past President of Links Inc. and politician and Dr. Helen Edmonds, former chairman of the History Department of North Carolina State University, politician, author and lecturer. Dr. Edmonds was presented the key to the city of Lynchburg by Hum M. W. Thornhill, Vice Mayor.

General Chairman for all activities was Chum Geraldine Clark.

Friday nights dance and Saturdays' night dinner dance were centered around "Signs of the Times." Each Chum and Hum wore or carried something depicting their individual zodiac sign. Music on Friday was provided by a local Hum and his orchestra.

The Sunday morning brunch was brought to a glorious end with an inspirational message delivered by Hum Charles S. Rooks, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Rooks has recently been promoted to the (hierarchy) of the United Christian Church and will be moving to New Jersey.

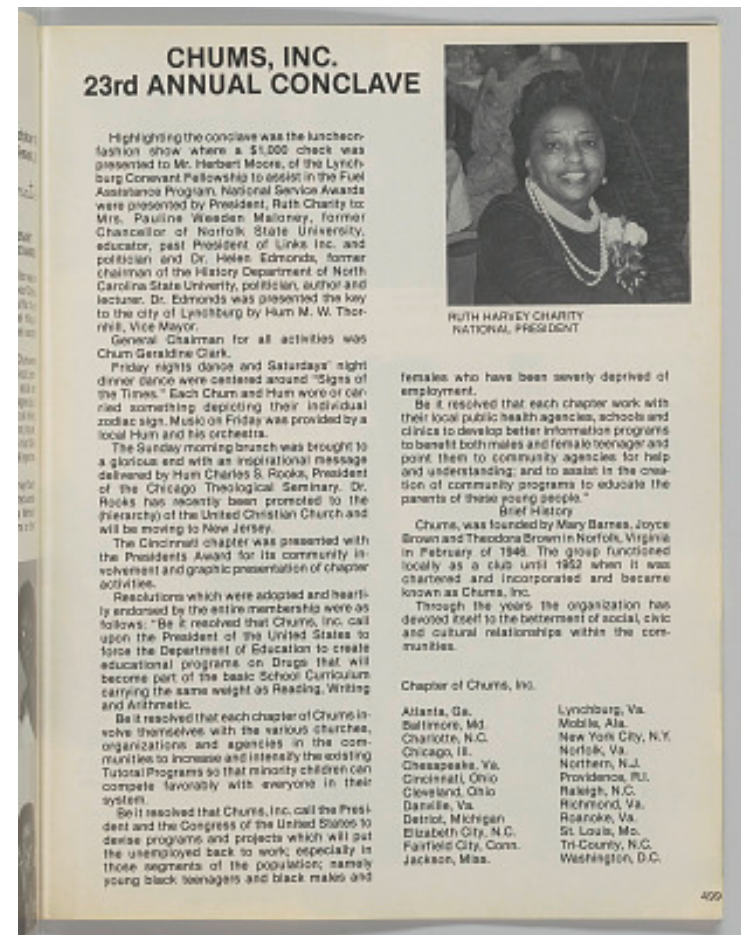
The Cincinnati chapter was presented with the Presidents Award for its community involvement and graphic presentation of chapter activities.

Resolutions which were adopted and heartily endorsed by the entire membership were as follows: "Be it resolved that Chums, Inc. call upon the President of the United States to force the Department of Education to create educational programs on Drugs that will become part of the basic School Curriculum carrying the same weight as Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

Be it resolved that each chapter of Chums involve themselves with the various churches, organizations and agencies in the communities to increase and intensify the existing Tutorial Programs so that minority children can compete favorably with everyone in their system.

Be it resolved that Chums, Inc. call the President and the Congress of the United States to devise programs and projects which will put the unemployed back to work; especially in those segments of the population; namely young black teenagers and black males and females who have been severely deprived of employment.

Be it resolved that each chapter work with their local public health agencies, schools and clinics to develop better information programs to benefit both males and female teenager and point them to community agencies for help and understanding; and to assist in the creation of community programs to educate the parents of these young people."



Brief History

Chums, was founded by Mary Barnes, Joyce Brown and Theodora Brown in Norfolk, Virginia in February of 1946. The group functioned locally as a club until 1952 when it was chartered and incorporated and became known as Chums, Inc.

Through the years the organization has devoted itself to the betterment of social, civic and cultural relationships within the communities.

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