



DR. THELMA PATTEN-LAW

“Woman of The Year”

HOUSTON CHAPTERS

OF

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

honor



DR. THELMA PATTEN-LAW
"Woman of The Year"



MRS. JAYNE ROBINSON
"Zeta of The Year"

and

Miss Nancy Smith
TSU "Lady of The Year"

at the

Finer Womanhood Observance

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
MUSIC CENTER AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 25, 1962 AT 4 O'Clock

PROFILES

DR. THELMA PATTEN-LAW

EDUCATION

Houston Public Schools (Valedictorian Class of 1917)
Pre-Medical Training at Howard University
Doctor of Medicine, Howard University
Honor Award in Gynecology
Interned at Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D.C.
Licensed in District of Columbia, New York, and Texas
Postgraduate Study at University of Texas

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Houston Medical Forum
Lone Star State Medical Association
Post-Graduate Assembly of Negro Physicians
American Medical Women's International Association
American Trudeau Society
Texas State Tuberculosis Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Southern Tuberculosis Conference
Harris County Medical Society
Texas State Medical Association
American Medical Association
Riverside General Hospital Staff
St. Elizabeth Hospital Staff
Prairie View Hospital Staff
Instructor in Pediatrics for Student Nurses of Prairie View
Out-Patient Pediatrics Clinics of Jefferson Davis Hospital
Director of Nutritional Centers for Negro Children of Relief Program

CIVIC

Governing Board of Negro Child Center
Florence Crittenton Home Committee
Director of Texas State Tuberculosis Association
Blue Triangle Branch of Y W C A
Planned Parenthood Center
Texas Inter-racial Commission
Houston Inter-racial Commission
Girl Scouts
N.A.A.C.P.
Chamber of Commerce
Executive Committee of Health Section of Community Council
Board of Health of City of Houston

FRATERNAL and SOCIAL

Grand Medical Examiner of Court of Calanthe of Texas
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
The Links, Inc.
Bachelor Benedicts Bridge Club

RELIGIOUS

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Women's Auxillary of St. Luke's Parish

PROGRAMME

Mrs. Lullelia W. Harrison, Regional Director, presiding
Miss Doris M. Chatmon, Director of Wheatley Girls Choir, at the piano

Prelude

InvocationThe Rev. Granville Peaks
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Music....."Ave Maria"Bach-Gounod
"Gloria" from The Twelfth MassMozart
Wheatley Girls Choir — Avious Davis, Accompanist

Presentation of Honorees

Introduction of Guest SpeakerMrs. Ethel Banks
(Gamma Omega Zeta Chapter)

Tribute to "Woman of the Year"Mrs. Ina Bolton Brown
"Woman of the Year", 1961
Pin to be presented by Mrs. Adelaide Forde, Amicae President Emeritus

Solo....."Were You There"Burleigh
Miss Betty Jo Ransom

Tribute to "Zeta of the Year"Mrs. Quintanna Alliniece
Pin presented by Mrs. Inez Bowman, "Zeta of the Year", 1961

Tribute to T S U "Lady of the Year"Miss Edith Moseley
Pin presented by Miss Charity McDonald, Nu Alpha Chapter

Music....."Overtones"Rashbach
"Go Down Death"Scott
Wheatley Girls Choir — Roy Hutchins, Tympanist

Acknowledgments

Platform Guests

Others

Responses from Honorees

Salutation

Delta Sigma Theta

Zeta Phi Beta Hymn

Ushers, Members of Nu Alpha Chapter

Reception follows at 3441 Binz — 6 to 8 p.m.



APPRECIATION

We, sorors of Zeta, are humbly grateful for your interest and cooperation in our programs through the years.

It is our sincere desire always to recognize the services of others as we endeavor to serve the community through our varied activities. With your encouragement we shall continue to do so.

Thelma S. Wells, Basileus, Lambda Zeta Chapter
Doris Mosley, Basileus, Gamma Omega Zeta Chapter
Charity McDonald, Basileus, Nu Alpha Chapter

PROFILES

MRS. JAYNE ROBINSON

EDUCATION

Houston Public Schools (Graduate of Phillis Wheatley)
Texas Southern University (B.S. Degree in Home Economics)
Kansas State College (Master's Degree)
Postgraduate Study at New York University and University of Illinois
Special Work with Dr. S. Rubin at Baylor College of Medicine

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Diabetic Association
American Home Economics Association
Home and Family Life Council
Home Economics Section of State Teachers of Texas
Texas Association of College Teachers

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Charter Member of Nu Alpha Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta
Sponsor of Nu Alpha Chapter (T. S. U.)
Life Member Lambda Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta

RELIGIOUS

First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Sunday School Teacher



MISS NANCY SMITH

Born in Shiner, Texas. Attended elementary school there. Also, for 1 year attended Dora Miller Elementary School, San Antonio, Texas. She returned to Shiner and attended school there until she was a junior in high school.

Moved to Houston, April, 1957.

Graduated from Jack Yates High School in May, 1958.

Texas Southern University: Business Education Major, Active in the following club and organizations: Women's League, Mack H. Hannah Junior Chamber of Commerce, International Club, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Afro-Asian Cultural Society. Former Active Member of the Progressive Youth Association.

Honors: Who's Who of Colleges and Universities, 1961.

Attended Boston University for one year. (1960) While in Boston, she was a member of the Greater Boston Muses. (a choral group) in Cambridge, Mass., she served as assistant director of the junior church of Greater Union Baptist Church. She also served as secretary of the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

She was selected by the University to apply for International Living in Africa this summer.

Dr. Thelma Adele Patten-Law Physician--Wife--Mother

BY FINIS FONSWORTH STEWART

There are many pleasant memories one may have on retirement -- especially if you have fulfilled your life's ambition, knowing that you have served "your God, your profession and your fellowman well."

This sums up Dr. Thelma Adele Patten Law's life story as she retired from private practice as physician-surgeon on her birthday, Dec. 30, 1964

"My father, Mason B. Patten, was my inspiration, although he was not a physician but a rail-road postal clerk. My mother was a teacher. We lived in Huntsville, Tex. and I was one of four children, 2 boys one sister and I. My sister is Mrs. Elizabeth Patten Washington, who resides in Houston," said Dr. Law.

"I am going to spend my leisure time reading and tending my flowers in my yard and of course nursing my daughter and husband, as both have been ill this year."

Doctor's husband is the infamous James "Jimmy" Law of coaching fame. At one time he was coach of the Prairie View Panthers.

In 1929, he entered the city school system. He served as a director of athletics of city parks and was broadcaster of the city school games and over many particulars in connection with stadium activities. He is returning to his duties at Wheatley Senior High School on Jan. 25, following a sick leave.

Her daughter, Miss Pauline Anna Law, teaches art at Harper Junior High.

Evidence of how well Dr. Patten has served has been shown periodically by honors bestowed on her by many, during her period of service.

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Among the many civic organizations which she gave her service were the Governing Board of Negro Child Center, Florence Crittenton Home Committee, Director of Texas Tuberculosis Association, Blue Triangle Branch of YWCA, Planned Parenthood Center, Texas Inter-racial Commission, Houston Inter-racial Commission, Girl Scouts, NAACP Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee of Health Section of Community Council, Board of Health of City of Houston.

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THELMA PATTEN-LAW

She is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of which Father Perkins is pastor and the Women's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Parish.

She was cited by the Houston Chapter of Links, Inc. of which she is a past chapter president in December of 1961. On Monday, Oct. 29, 1962, the Houston Branch NAACP honored Dr. Patten with a Life Membership Testimonial Dinner at Antioch Baptist Church. In March of 1962, she was selected as "Woman of the Year," and so honored by the Houston Chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She was also cited by her sorority, the Delta Sigma Theta.

In 1963, Jan. 29, the Planned Parenthood Center of Houston honored Dr. Patten for 25 years of outstanding service to the center. She stated that she has found that Planned Parenthood to be very essential in the lives of the average family to insure and secure essentials needed.

Dr. Patten estimated she had delivered over 5,000 babies during her career and recalls an event in which she said a patient from Baytown came to her office for treatment of a nagging ailment. She was the mother of two children, ages 20 and 21. Upon examination, she announced to the patient that her ailment was "a third child." This was very shocking to the patient, of course. It turned out that the patient's other ailments necessitated her entering the hospital during her 7th month pregnancy and at the time of the 11th month delivery by cesarian, was presented with a 9lb baby boy. As the doctor recalled, he should be about 15 years of age.

Then she remembered once on her daughter's birthday she had a party for all her "babies" on the lawn of the Houston Negro Hospital, now Riverside General Hospital, where the number was numerous.

In the life of a physician, she has seen and rejoiced at life's beginning and felt inner sadness as life has ebbed away -- so as Dr. Patten tends her flowers and relax among the many pleasures of being at home with her husband and daughter -- she will remember many little items tucked far back in her memory and may they bring her that inner satisfaction to which she pledged when she took the "Doctors Oath" many years ago.