Urban League's Black & White

The Urban League of Greater Cleveland presented the Celebration in Black & White. Back by popular demand, this much anticipated black tie affair was one of Cleveland's premier social events.

On Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 6:00 pm, nearly 300 supporters of the Urban League came together at The Manor Centre Complex to network, dine, dance and be entertained by Cleveland’s own; Retrospect, who rendered the soulful sounds of Motown legends. The evening continued as line dance

The honorable Louis Stokes served as the 95th Anniversary chair.

Miesha helped provide some music during the gala.

Tilmon Brown giving the invocation.

N. Michael Obi, Jackie Tucker, and Donald Graham receiving awards. (Photos by Rodney Brown Photography)

Senator Sherrod Brown and John Hairston receiving awards with the events Toastmaster Debra

Clinic, US Bank and University Hospitals. In addition to continuing fundraising efforts and sharing its mission with the community, this year’s event was extremely special as it marked the 95th anniversary of the Urban League of Greater Cleveland. The Honorable Louis Stokes serves as Honorary Chair for the League's 95th Anniversary celebration. The League's mission statement is to provide programs and services that will lead to the advancement of individuals and families of color to achieve economic development, educational opportunities, and political power.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 28, 2012 — The Urban League of Greater Cleveland, under the leadership of President and CEO, Debra Green, presented the 95th Anniversary celebration of its mission to promote economic development, educational opportunities, and political power for all citizens of Cleveland.

The event, held at The Manor Centre Complex on April 28, 2012, featured a guest list of 300 attendees who enjoyed an unforgettable evening of entertainment, networking, and celebration. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to Senator Sherrod Brown and Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge for their support on Capital Hill of the Jobs Act Legislation and the Project Ready-2-Serve Bill authored by Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge. Also honored were Urban League Lifetime Platinum Members, Hilton O. Smith; N. Michael Obi, Margaret Wong and Donald Graham.

Debra Green, Director of Community Outreach, for Cleveland Clinic served as the Toastmistress. Tilmon Brown gave remarks on behalf of New Horizons Baking Company, the presenting sponsor. He also provided in invocations.

Special Urban League reflections were given by Gerald A. Ford, president, Urban League of Greater Cleveland Young Professionals; Patricia A. Ramsey, Board Co-Chair, Urban League of Greater Cleveland and vice president, Community Development; US Bank; and James Myers, Board Co-Chair, Urban League of Greater Cleveland and Hub Division Manager, North Ohio District.

For ninety-five years the Urban League of Greater Cleveland has demonstrated a dedication to its mission of empowering African Americans and other minority group members to develop and exercise their full potential on par with other Americans through education, research, advocacy and the provision of services. As one of Greater Cleveland's oldest African American organizations and emerging from previous challenges, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland remains steadfast in its commitment to improving social, educational and economic conditions.

Jo Ann Harris, Eventful — by JoAnn coordinated the affair.
Marguerite and Leon Bibb with Greg and Dr. Theresa Johnson enjoying the event.

Dominion Gas guests.

Rich Lucky from the group Retrospect entertaining with TV 5 News Anchor Leon Bibb.

Board co-chair James Myers and wife, Marsha and James Mockabee, and Board co-chair Patricia and Ronald Ramsey.

Antoine Dunn and Dorella Sentena provided some of the music entertainment for the evening.

Keathun Gayle dancing with Deborah Brooks while taking part in the famous Soul Train line.

Guests had a chance to line dance during the evening.

The group Retrospect sing for the guests.