

Unique Restaurant Opens Downtown



Michael Volen (center) pictured with Tony Thomas and Van Johnson, and members of SDRA join in the ribbon-cutting ceremony

On Friday, March 6th the Distillery Restaurant and Bar celebrated its grand opening. Since its soft opening during the holidays, the Distillery has quietly earned a top spot among Savannah's great eating and drinking establishments, building a growing clientele of devoted customers via word-of-mouth advertising and consistent quality. Now we're ready to let everyone know Savannah's most unique new restaurant and bar is open for business! The opening featured a ribbon-cutting by several local officials as well as refresh-

ments, entertainment by local magician David Jowers, and a tour of the facility, a 1904 building which was originally home to one of Savannah's first distilling operations. Distillery features more than 50 craft beers, traditional American pub food incorporating ales, organic breads, fresh vegetables and fresh caught Georgia shrimp.

For your dining entertainment, Distillery feature old-time silent films playing on large-screen TVs around the dining room. Live music can also be heard on many evenings.

The Distillery, owned by Michael Volen employs 35 people in their wait staff, bar and kitchen, and is open 7 days every week, Monday-Thursday from 11:00 am until 1:00 am, Friday and Saturday, from 11:00 am until 3:00 am and Sunday 12:00 noon until 9:00 pm, including lunch and late-night fare.

Their mission is to serve the finest examples of microbrews, the freshest food available and continue the Hostess City's tradition of true southern hospitality. For information please contact SDRA at 651-6973

Links Day at the Capitol



Members of the Links, with Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue

"Links Day at the Capitol" in Georgia recently took place with members of The Links, Incorporated from chapters in Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Fort Valley, LaGrange, Macon and Savannah attending this full day of activities.

Georgia Legislators who are members of The Links -- Senator Freddie Powell Sims (District #12) and Representative Carolyn Hugley (District #133) -- welcomed the group of more than seventy women to the Georgia Capitol.

Lt. Governor Casey Cagle acknowledged The Links prior to Senator Ed Tarver (District #22) and Senator Sims presenting a resolution recognizing The Links on the floor of the Senate. Southern Area Director Mary Currie addressed the legislative

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"Should the Black student be treated as just another guest, fed and housed with the community? Or should local mores be heeded and the student boarded elsewhere - with a Black family in the village?" "Without consulting the students or even the rest of the faculty," Duberman writes, "The Board of Fellows decides that, although it unanimously disagreed with local mores, it would be safer to respect them." When word gets out of this action, eleven students write up a petition.

They decide "Black Mountain should follow the logic of its own declarations: a place for and by the community" and demand a public discussion of the "race question."

Drawing from recorded

minutes, Duberman writes: "That meeting was long and heated.

No one defended local opinions that receiving a Negro on an equal basis with Whites would be an affront to morality. But several did push the view that for the moment it was more important to ensure the college's survival than to strike a blow for integration - especially since Black Mountain had not been founded to advance that cause.

A minority during the debate insisted that no compromise be made on the racial question, but in the end caution reluctantly prevailed. Gary McGraw Sr., father of one local student, was asked to find 'suitable' quarters in town for the Black visitor." Jump forward

a decade. The "race question" has only deepened at Black Mountain College, as it has across the South. Students have voted by 2 to 1 to admit Blacks the following term.

Alma Stone received a scholarship from the Rosenwald Fund to make her attendance possible.

Before attending the institute, Alma Stone (Williams) was a valedictorian at Spelman College and received her M.A. in English from Atlanta University. She later received her M.M. from the University of Maryland and studied at Julliard. She had planned to study music at Julliard that summer but saw Black Mountain as a unique opportunity."

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Trumpet Foundation, and the Rev. Al Sharpton, president and CEO of the National Action Network, and radio talk show host.

A special Political Leadership Award will be given to U. S. Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.), who, as House majority whip, is an example of the "wisdom and influence that has been so closely intertwined with the Black Press over centuries of

activism and accomplishment," says Leavell.

America's first Black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, was founded by Samuel Comish and John B. Russwurm in 1827 in New York City.

During the Black Press Week celebration, held this year March 18-20, publishers from around the nation also visit with congressional leaders - in the spirit of the first editorial printed on the

front page of the journal.

"We are looking forward to our celebration of our founding in 1827 by Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm and other distinguished Publishers of note such as Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, The Murphys of Baltimore, Robert S Abbott and John H. Sengstacke of Chicago, and more that understood the importance of the Black Press.

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