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UPDATED: Roots of Howard County event featuring "Women of Distinction"  
Annual event expands to include tribute to late former CA President Maggie Brown

The "Roots of Howard County in Celebration of African American History" event will be held Sunday, February 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Historic Oakland in Town Center. The fifth annual event will feature a "Women of Distinction" speaking panel. Scheduled speakers include columnist Diane Brown, Patuxent Publishing; Wylene Burch, Director of the Howard County Center of African American Culture; Hon. Alice P. Clark, District Court of Maryland; and Dottie Moore, former head of the Community Action Council. Malynda Madzel, who has served on various community boards and foundations, will serve as discussion facilitator.

From 3 to 4 p.m., guests can visit the Howard County Center of African American Culture, located next door at 5434 Vantage Point Road. At Oakland Manor, visitors can enjoy light refreshments, musical entertainment provided by the Ellington-Adderley Jazz Ensemble and a display featuring artwork by Howard County students' for the Columbia Association's "Images of Freedom" Poster Contest. The speaking panel will be held from 4 to 5 p.m.

The event has been expanded to include a tribute to former CA President Maggie Brown by CA Board Member Pearl Atkinson-Stewart at 3:45 p.m. in the Ballroom. Additionally, a DVD celebrating the life of Maggie Brown will be shown continuously in the Library, along with a photo display.

The event is free and open to the public. Historic Oakland is located at 5430 Vantage Point Road in Columbia. Please call 410-730-4744 for additional information. This event is held in partnership with the Howard County Center of African American Culture, the Villages of Columbia and the Columbia Association

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