

MAKING THE SCENE AT DIVISION 1
African American Employee Association
and Division 1 produce memorable
Black History Month Celebration.



Guest Speakers U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Pastor Mark Whitlock of First AME Church raised the roof more than once.



AAEA's Nery Watson, Division 1 event coordinator Emily Beckett and AAEA's Stacey Watson present award to Rep. Waters.



Division 1 Bus Operator Sandra McGhee gave it up in song. AAEA's Mary Lee-Dysart joined guest Shirlee Cavallaro in rousing rendition of "Walk in Faith."



Rep. Waters enjoyed photo opportunity with Division 1 Maintenance Service Attendant Anna Bates, left, and Division 1 Transit Operations Supervisor Fred Fluker.



Honoree Dana Coffey, Arthur Winston Division Transportation Manager, with Arthur Winston, Rep. Waters, and County Counsel George Parks. Division Manager Coffey, who joined the MTA in 1976 as a bus operator, personified the theme of this year's event: *African American women stepping out of time and into time.*



From left, AAEA member Mary Lee-Dysart, Human Resources Director Naomi Nightingale, and Executive Officer Ray Inge congratulate Pastor Whitlock.



The Greater Compton Soulette Drill Team chill out after floor-stomping, roof-raising, crowd-pleasing routine.



More than 200 attended. At left, Transit Chief Tom Conner, Rep. Waters, CEO Julian Burke and Pastor Whitlock enjoy the program.



Line for the barbecue buffet wound through the train room.



Barbecue king "Cowboy," aka Mike Burke, kept five industrial- size grills going with the help of cousin Johnny Burns, background.

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