

North Carolina News Notes

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CHARLOTTE

Guild hosts English

CHARLOTTE — The Charlotte Business Guild will hold its monthly meeting on May 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 201 S. McDowell St. Guest speaker will be Crossroads Charlotte Community Building Initiative



Executive Director Dianne English (pictured). Anne Douglas Miller, licensed agent with HealthMarkets, will serve as host.

Attendees will be able to see and respond to "Crossroads Charlotte: The Movie," a film adaptation of four Crossroads stories. It originally premiered in February and has been seen by more than 1,800. Copies of the DVD will be made available for Guild members.

Since 2005, Crossroads Charlotte provides opportunities for organizations, institutions and individuals to examine four plausible futures for the Charlotte community and then to take action to steer the community towards positive aspects of those futures. Primary funding for Crossroads Charlotte is provided by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Charlotte-based Foundation for the Carolinas. Program implementation is provided by Foundation for the Carolinas and the Community Building Initiative with guidance from the Crossroads Charlotte Steering Committee.

The Crossroads Charlotte scenarios were written in response to a core question: What course will Charlotte-Mecklenburg chart for all its residents over the next 10 years as we deal with issues of access, equity, inclusion and trust in the social, political, economic and cultural life of the community? What happens when a whole community chooses to make a story reality?

The goal of Crossroads Charlotte is to choose and pursue a future for Charlotte, not just arrive in one. With an emphasis on creating a community that is accessible to all, inclusive and equitable, the goal of Crossroads Charlotte is to build a trusting, vibrant and sustainable home.

Because of its participation on the Charlotte Chamber's Diversity Advisory Cabinet, the Guild has participated in the formation of the Charlotte Chamber's Crossroads initiative which will be announced to the community later this spring.

Cost is \$15 for CBG Members; \$25 for guests and non-members. Individuals making reservations who do not attend will be charged for the event. Reservations were due by noon on May 15. A \$5 late fee will be assessed for those who attend without reservations.

For more information, call 704-565-5075, email businessguild@yahoo.com or visit www.charlottebusinessguild.com.

Calling all poemosexuals!

CHARLOTTE — In conjunction with Charlotte Black Gay Pride, Lip Service will hold the area's first LGBT Pride Poetry Slam on July 18. Location is still pending.

This fierce FAM SLAM comes complete with cash prizes and cool gifts. If you want to partici-

Monique. To get a spot on the list, email theblackdymond@yahoo.com.

Pride will feature a weekend of parties, workshops, an expo and more. Host hotel is ALoft Charlotte Uptown at the EpiCenter, 210 E. Trade St.

For more information on Pride events, visit www.charlotteblackgaypride.com.

TRIAD

The search is on

WINSTON-SALEM — The Pastoral Search Committee at Metropolitan Community Church Winston-Salem, 4105 Patsy Dr., will be interviewing a candidate from June 4-7.

Rev. Ron LaRocque from Portland, Ore., has accepted an invitation to meet with the congregation and board. Various opportunities will be made available to interact with LaRocque during the weekend. He will deliver sermons at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday services.

The candidate will be accompanied by his partner.

The church has been soliciting for guardianship commitments to help sustain its financial obligations and for securing a full-time minister.

For more information, visit www.mccws.org.

TRIANGLE

Dems say hello to Mandy

The Triangle Stonewall Democrats will welcome Mandy Carter on May 21 at the Stanford L. Warren Library, 1201 Fayetteville St., Meeting Room #1, from 6-8 p.m.

This event is presented by the Durham County Democratic Women and is free and open to the general public.

Young people and students are especially encouraged to attend.

Mandy Carter has been standing up for human rights and fighting oppression for over 40 years. She was a pioneering advocate for women's rights and is now a leading voice in the continuing struggle for LGBT equality. Hear how this remarkable woman manages to juggle the demands of being a Democrat, woman, friend and activist — and learn how she emerged from a childhood spent in orphanages and foster care to become a national spokeswoman for millions of Americans.

For more information, email risafoster@aol.com.

Pros to party down

CARY — Join Triangle Professional Lesbians (TPL) for a Rainbow Network Party with Sayer McShane on May 22 at 10 p.m. at Bella Napoli, 201 W. Chatham St. in the Old Cary Commons for Bella's first ever Rainbow Night.

Sayer McShane is a band from Detroit, Mich., which relocated to the Raleigh/Durham area. It is comprised of Kristin Sayer on guitar and Carolyn McShane on drums and keyboard. They have a style that has a Motown feel with blues undertones.

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