

People

Close-Up

Luncheon honors 1983 winners

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Going a step further than the full-page features accorded to the recipients of the *Winston-Salem Chronicle's* Man and Woman and Male and Female Athlete of the Year, the award-winning weekly recently honored 1983's winners at its First Annual Awards Luncheon at the Hyatt Hotel.

This year's Man and Woman of the Year, Clifton Graves and Norma Tanner Smith, and the 1983 Male and Female Athlete of the Year, Robert Hill and Jenee Cross, weren't the only subjects of the luncheon. Last year's Man and Woman of the Year, Aldermen Larry Little and Virginia Newell, were given 14-carat gold medallions presented by Executive Editor Allen Johnson.

Publisher Ernest H. Pitt told the estimated 90 guests that, "This is our appreciation to the people who have done more than their share to make this community a better place to live in."

The publisher also reflected on the weekly's meager beginnings, and noted that the *Chronicle* has endured both bad and good times in its 10 years of existence.

Bringing greetings from the city of Winston-Salem, Mayor Wayne Corpening said to the honorees, which also included Budweiser Salutes and Pepsi Prep Athletes recipients: "Being around winners makes me feel good. It's great to be winners, and with your spirit, Winston-Salem will remain the great city it is today."

Of the many notable Winston-Salem citizens attending the luncheon were aldermen Lynne Harpe and Martha Wood; school board member Beaufort Bailey; Richard Glover, director of the Patterson Avenue YMCA; Louise Wilson, executive director of Experiment in Self-Reliance Inc.; Pat Hairston, Democratic candidate for county commissioner; and Clarence Nottingham, local artist, and his wife, Elsie.

Winston-Salem State University head basketball Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines presented the Male and

Female Athlete of the Year awards.

"These youngsters have made outstanding contributions to our community," he said. "Robert Hill is in a dilemma because he's an outstanding athlete in three sports. Along with that dilemma, he's graduating from high school with a 3.2 grade point average and I just think we need to congratulate this young man."

In presenting the Female Athlete of the Year award to Cross, Gaines noted that due to federal legislation, more and more females are coming on the scene as top competitors in high school athletics and in Cross's sport of tennis.

Upon accepting the Woman of the Year award from Al Harrington of the Hanes Group, Smith remembered those who extended a helping hand when she was

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organizing the Neighborhood Justice Center, a non-profit organization to settle minor personal disputes.

"I am deeply honored," she said, "and Virginia Newell and Louise Wilson are the two ladies I must thank for helping me organize the Neighborhood Justice Center and making it a success."

Graves, who was accompanied by members of his family that included his wife, daughter, mother and grandmother, didn't hold his award for long. As soon as he stepped from the podium, his mother was there to receive it.

"There is no greater honor," he said, "than to be honored by your own for doing what you ought to be doing anyhow."

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The Healing Force, Gail and Joseph Anderson, sing "If You Can Believe" at the *Winston-Salem Chronicle's* First Annual Awards Luncheon at the Hyatt Hotel (photo by James Parker).

ed before me, and I am accepting this award on behalf of those known and unknown," Graves said.

R.J. Reynolds Vice President Marshall Bass presided at the luncheon. In closing, he remembered his doubts about the motive of Pitt's ambition to begin a weekly here.

"When Ernie told me he wanted to start a newspaper here because he felt it was right here," said Bass, "I didn't pay it much attention at first."

"But now we all have seen Ernie and his product grow," he said, "and he represents our community well and we all today want to say, 'Thank you for all that

you've done for this community.'"

Pitt and his wife, Elaine, who serves as the paper's office manager, received a standing ovation.

Others participating in the awards luncheon were the Rev. Carlton A. G. Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, who gave the invocation and the benediction, and Joseph and Gail Anderson of the Healing Force provided musical entertainment.

Fred Craig, general manager of R.H. Barringer Distributing Co., and Jay Sizemore extended their appreciation to last year's Budweiser Salutes and Pepsi Prep Athletes.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

*The Forsyth Council Society will host sessions on breast cancer screening only at the North Hills Community Center, Parkwood Avenue at 11 a.m.

*There will be a display of the Arts in observance of Black History Month, featuring the 14th Street Recreation Group, Mind and Body Arts and other artists at the East Winston Branch Library.

*Anheuser-Busch and the Winston-Salem Branch NAACP will sponsor a free multi-purpose health screening and mobile dental unit, high blood pressure, glaucoma and vision health care testing in front of Kennedy Dining Hall at Winston-Salem State University from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Friday at Mechanics & Farmers Bank from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

*The Winston-Salem Branch NAACP will host a meeting at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Building at 14th Street.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

*Interested persons are invited to hear representatives from the Council on Civic Affairs at Shiloh Baptist Church at 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Youth Group of the National Council of Negro Women Inc.

*All former and present students, graduates and medical staff of Keesling Reynolds Memorial Hospital and School of Nursing are urged to attend a special call meeting in the cafeteria at Reynolds Health Center at 4 p.m. For more information call 781-0582 after 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

*The local NAACP Youth Council will hold its regular meeting at the NAACP office in the Jetway Shopping Center on New Walktown Road at 4 p.m. All members and youth interested in joining are urged to attend.

*The Piedmont Chapter of the NAACP will meet in the Main Public Library at 7 p.m. The program will include a presentation by the Society members.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

*The Seventh Annual Music Competitions in Musical Performance will be held in the Brenda Racial Hall of the Wake Forest Center on the Wake Forest Campus at 10 a.m.



Mrs. Frazier was presented a plaque for dedicated service.

Social Notes

Frazier honored

A plaque for dedicated and untiring service to the Ralph R. Morgan No. 220 American Legion Auxiliary was recently presented to Mrs. Mary Frazier. Mrs. Martha Gillis, the auxiliary's president, presented the award.

Though Frazier has been ill and confined to a wheelchair for the last six years, she has proved an asset to the auxiliary, said the organization's members. Frazier recently sold \$177 worth of fruit-cakes for the auxiliary, of which she is member.

Also participating in the award presentation were George Grady Jr., past commander; Mrs. Doris Noble, 2nd vice president; and Mrs. Alice James, chaplain.

Health Fair scheduled

On Feb. 23 and 24, a Community Health Mobile will be in Winston-Salem.

The free multi-purpose health screening service will be sponsored jointly by Anheuser-Busch Inc. and the NAACP. The mobile will be on campus at Winston-Salem State University on Thursday, and Friday it will be at East Winston Shopping Center.

In addition to health screening and consultations, the mobile unit is also equipped with video presentations and literature to enable everyone who visits the opportunity to be better informed on health concerns. Standard tests include those for hypertension, glaucoma, diabetes and sickle cell anemia trait.

Men, women and children are encouraged to take advantage of the screening process, which normally takes 10 minutes to complete. In 1981, Anheuser-Busch made the corporate decision to join with the NAACP to provide the community health service on a national basis so that ongoing health concerns could be addressed in a personal, non-threatening way. Said Clayton Henry, Budweiser Brand Manager of R.H. Barringer Distributing Co., "The Community Health Mobile is our way of adding visibility to crucial health care concerns by bringing the service directly to the people."

Sorority celebrates

The Beta Alpha Chapter of the Iota Lambda Sorority Inc. observed Black History Month at the Delta House on Feb. 11.

The program consisted of a black history quiz. Some of the characters in the quiz are sorors of the local chapter, and they include Ruth Medlock, chapter president; Virginia Wright, the sorority's Southern regional journalist; and Thelma Small, national dean of pledgees.

The sorors were favored with one of Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poems, "Liza Liza," recited by Mary McCurry and dramatized by Arrie Wright and Flora Alexander, all chapter members. The program ended with the singing of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," the Negro national anthem. The Black History Month Committee consists of Alexander, Wright, Clara Douglas and Sarah Ephraim. Alexander is the chairperson.

New course charted

After an extended period of reorganization, the Winston-Salem Urban League has developed a new agenda targeted to assuring the success of a major expansion program of its parent body, the Winston-Salem Urban League.

"We are sincerely appreciative for the patience and ongoing support from our members and friends in the community," says Guild president, Mrs. Shirley Eaton. The organization, perhaps most recognized by its sponsorship of the Ebony Fashion Fair each year, is promoting a major campaign to reactivate former members as well as attract new ones.

Mrs. Eaton said that it is imperative that the Guild be prepared to assume the increased responsibilities of volunteers participation as it relates to the goals and strategies set forth in the Urban League's long-range plan.

The plan, developed by board members, staff and

Guild representatives, identifies the cooperative role of "volunteers" and staff as being a key factor in successfully fulfilling the Urban League's commitment to function as a community resource center.

"This is a tremendous undertaking," Eaton said, "but we must accept the challenge. We invite any interested person who desires to contribute to providing a better quality of life in Winston-Salem to join us." Membership enrollment is ongoing throughout the year at a cost of \$10 annually.

The local affiliate, under the leadership of President Thomas Elijah, recently launched a \$550,000 "Challenge to Achieve Campaign" to renovate an existing structure at the northwest corner of Fifth and Trade streets. The larger facility will house an employment and training center, administrative offices and meeting space for community organizations.



Shirley Eaton

The Guild, on behalf of the Urban League, is soliciting the financial support of all citizens in the community. Contributions are tax deductible. Persons who desire more information on the fund drive or Guild membership should contact the Winston-Salem Urban League office at 725-5614.