

# Ruby Dee Speaks to a Sparse Crowd

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Actress Ruby Dee showed up Friday night at the Marquee of Winston-Salem for the fifth annual national conference of the Association of Black Secretaries, but the secretaries didn't.

The tables in the banquet hall were dressed and prepped for at least 100 people. There was a dais for about a dozen and a disc jockey for the dance that was to follow the evening's proceedings. Alderman Vivian Burke was there, too, to represent the city and to present a plaque to Dee.

The main problem was that about only 20 people showed at the banquet — among them a spouse and a child.

Belinda Beasley, the event's organizer, said she didn't understand why there was such a sparse crowd. Last year, she said, the meeting was held in Chicago and about 300 people showed up.

Because of the small crowd, Doris Brown, the president of TABS, suggested that the meeting move to a hotel suite, where she was staying. The numbers got smaller at the new site.

Brown, of Oakland, Calif., who is a founder of TABS, explained during her remarks that the 23-year-old organization is composed of minority support workers from both the public and private sectors. She said she organized TABS when she discovered that blacks weren't wel-



Ruby Dee (2nd from L) with members of the Association of Black Secretaries at their fifth annual conference.

comed at Professional Secretaries International. Eighty-five people showed up at TABS' initial meeting in 1970, she said.

She also said that secretaries are sometimes "the least recognized and undervalued in" the workplace. "Besides just filing and meeting people ... we've always done more than that," she said. "This organization really does believe in the secretaries."

She went on to add that the name "secretary" is becoming anachronistic, and that TABS and PSI is considering changing the name of their organization.

"We have to start thinking of ourselves as professionals," she said. Such thinking, she said, would force employers to re-think their policy of only paying for management's association with professional organizations.

Without the introductory fanfare that usually accompanies some-

one of Dee's status, the actress of such productions as "Roots" and "Do the Right Thing," rose and read a comical piece written by Zora Neale Hurston.

Before the evening's events, Dee sat for an interview and explained that she often speaks before various organizations. Dressed Afrocentrically and looking sanguine, she declined to say what her next project would be. She did, however, talk about working with director Spike Lee, an experience she claimed was "gratifying."

The last piece she read at the gathering was a tribute to an executive secretary who had died. It was an original essay — a work in progress, she said, that eloquently described the many duties that a particular secretary performed.

"I hope that this (the essay) is saying Amen to what you do," Dee said.

# "Crossing 52" to Hold Third Meeting

The People for Racial Reconciliation, as part of its "Crossing 52 Initiative," has planned a third forum that will focus on race relations in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. The meeting will be held July 27 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Panelists will include individuals with specific interests and expertise in educational issues, including representatives from the city/county school system, from Citizens United for Justice and LIFT (Learning Is Fun Too) Academy.

Following the discussion among panel members, the audience will be encouraged to participate.


Future meetings will include discussions on race relations in law enforcement, economic development and issues concerning communication among the races.



## Community EVENTS CALENDAR

### July

How to Schedule Your Events: Send your information, concisely and neatly printed or typed, to the Chronicle Calendar, 617 N. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102, before 5:00 p.m., the Monday preceding the week in which your event will occur. Our FAX number is (919) 723-9173.

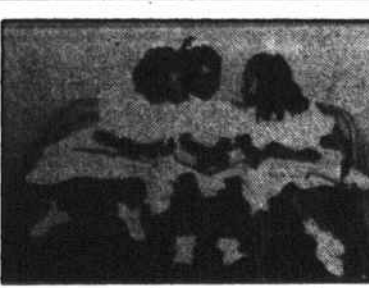



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**THURSDAY, JULY 22**

7:30 p.m. — "The King and I," the musical play by Rodgers and Hammerstein, will be presented by theatre students of the Mt. Tabor Summer Enrichment Program July 22-23 at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Memorial Auditorium. Admission is free. For information call 727-2629.

**FRIDAY, JULY 23**

2:30 p.m. — The Special Populations and Programs Unit of the Winston-Salem Recreation Department is sponsoring the Annual Senior Citizens Bingo Party until 5 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. Approximately 700 participants are expected. The group includes the visually impaired, persons who are wheelchair dependent and others with little or no disability. For information call 727-2505.

7 p.m. — The "Music Lovers Band Camp" awards concert will be held at Winston-Salem State University in the Kenneth R. Williams auditorium. Admission is free. For more information call Sanders Milligan, director of the WSSU Marching Rams, at 750-2572.

**SATURDAY, JULY 24**

10 a.m. — The Tiny Viking football program will hold registration for players and cheerleaders July 24 and 31 at the Mineral Springs Middle School parking lot field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for boys and girls, ages 5-15. Bring a certified birth certificate and registration fee. For information on boys, call Anthony Moore at 922-1137 or Johnny Oglesby at 788-1817. For information on girls, call Renee Oglesby at 788-1817 or Mary Ellen Stupakewicz at 767-4064.

10 a.m. — The Winston-Salem Tiny Rams

will hold cheerleader and football signups at the Miller Park football field until 2 p.m. For information call Leticha Coleman at 765-8038, Robert McCollum at 725-1165, Edalina Oliphant at 765-3105, or Lewis Green at 922-3922.

1 p.m. — The Sawtooth Center for Visual Art will hold a printmaking workshop July 24, 31 and Aug. 7 from 1-4 p.m. Painter and printmaker Ed Shewmake will teach "drypoint," a simple intaglio printmaking technique. Students will work from their own drawings to create a print while learning the basics of press, papers, inks and printing techniques. There is a fee. Pre-registration is required. For information call 723-7395.

**TUESDAY, JULY 27**

10 a.m. — American Health and Life Insurance of the Carolinas will present a seminar at the YWCA on the recent changes in Medicare, including the DRG prospective payment systems and many other topics pertaining to Medicare. The YWCA is located at 1201 Glade St. There is no fee. For information call Lorrie Durlak at 722-5138.

6 p.m. — Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Forsyth County is offering the workshop "Finances in Home Ownership" as part of its series concerning personal money control. The workshop will be held in the boardroom of CCCS at 926 Brookstown Ave. from 6-8 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The course fee is \$10 to cover expenses and materials. To register call 725-1958.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**

9 a.m. — The Stevens Center will hold

auditions for the Children's Chorus July 28 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for boys and girls, ages 8-13. To schedule an audition or for more information call 721-1945.

**ONGOING**

• The Early Childhood Center at Winston-Salem State University is accepting applications for enrollment. The center serves children ages 3-5. Activities include language arts, math, science, music, computer instruction, field trips and other developmentally appropriate exercises. For information call Rhona Isaiah at 750-2362 or Amanda Bowman at 750-2363.

**UPCOMING**

• The Kernersville Raiders football program will hold registration for the pee wee, midget and bantam football teams on July 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kernersville Jr. High School football field. Pee Wee boys/girls, ages 9-12, must weigh 70-110 pounds. Midget boys/girls, ages 10-13, must weigh 85-125 pounds. Bantam boys/girls, ages 12-15, must weigh 115-160 pounds. For information, call Coach Ron Brown at 595-3672 or Coach "J" at 788-8953.

• The Little Theatre of Winston-Salem will present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" at 2 p.m. on Aug. 1 at the Arts Council Theatre. The box office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information call 725-4001.

• The Citizens Coalition for a Better Tomorrow announces its Summer '93 Hire A Teen: Odd Jobs Referral Program for teenagers 13-18 years old. If you have odd jobs to be done, call Horace Fulton at 761-0346 or 761-0262.

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