

Club Formed to Help East Winston's Disabled

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Clarence Dalton knew nothing about the Sertoma Club until he was invited to a meeting last year. Then he helped establish one.

The meeting, organized by the Stratford Sertoma Club and the Old Salem Sertoma Club, was held to set the new Central Sertoma Club to serve children with disabilities in the East Winston area.

"We found that there was no one club specifically serving the East Winston area," Dalton said. "The club was formed primarily to work with people in East Winston but not limited to them."

Sertoma Clubs were established to work with people with hearing and speech impairments, but they also assist the elderly and others in need.

Dalton, owner of Dalton Realty,

was so vociferous that members named him president of the new club when it was chartered last August. The predominantly black, 39-member club, whose motto is

The club's motto is: "Making life worthwhile for those less fortunate."

"making life worthwhile for those less fortunate," has already begun fulfilling its aim since becoming chartered.

The club's first major project was to help pay for the hearing aid and surgery for Seth Pennington, a two-year-old born with a hearing impairment.

Pennington's grandmother, Bonnie, said the family noticed that the baby's hearing was a problem when he was around 14 months old.

"He didn't seem to be hearing anything at all," she said. "His back

would be turned and when we called his name, we got no recognition from him."

Pennington said she and Seth's parents, Mitch and Pat Pennington,

started searching for an organization that would help support the operation.

"I called everybody and got so upset. It seemed strange to me that nobody seems to care that this little boy can't hear," she said.

Finally, Pennington contacted Dalton and the new club began raising funds.

"We researched the situation and found out they were working poor and not making enough money to pay for the surgery," Dalton said.

The club held three fund raisers

and raised \$1,500 to help pay for the operation.

Seth continues to have speech therapy weekly and three days a week. He attends Ardmore United Methodist Church School, a subsidiary of the School for the Deaf in Greensboro.

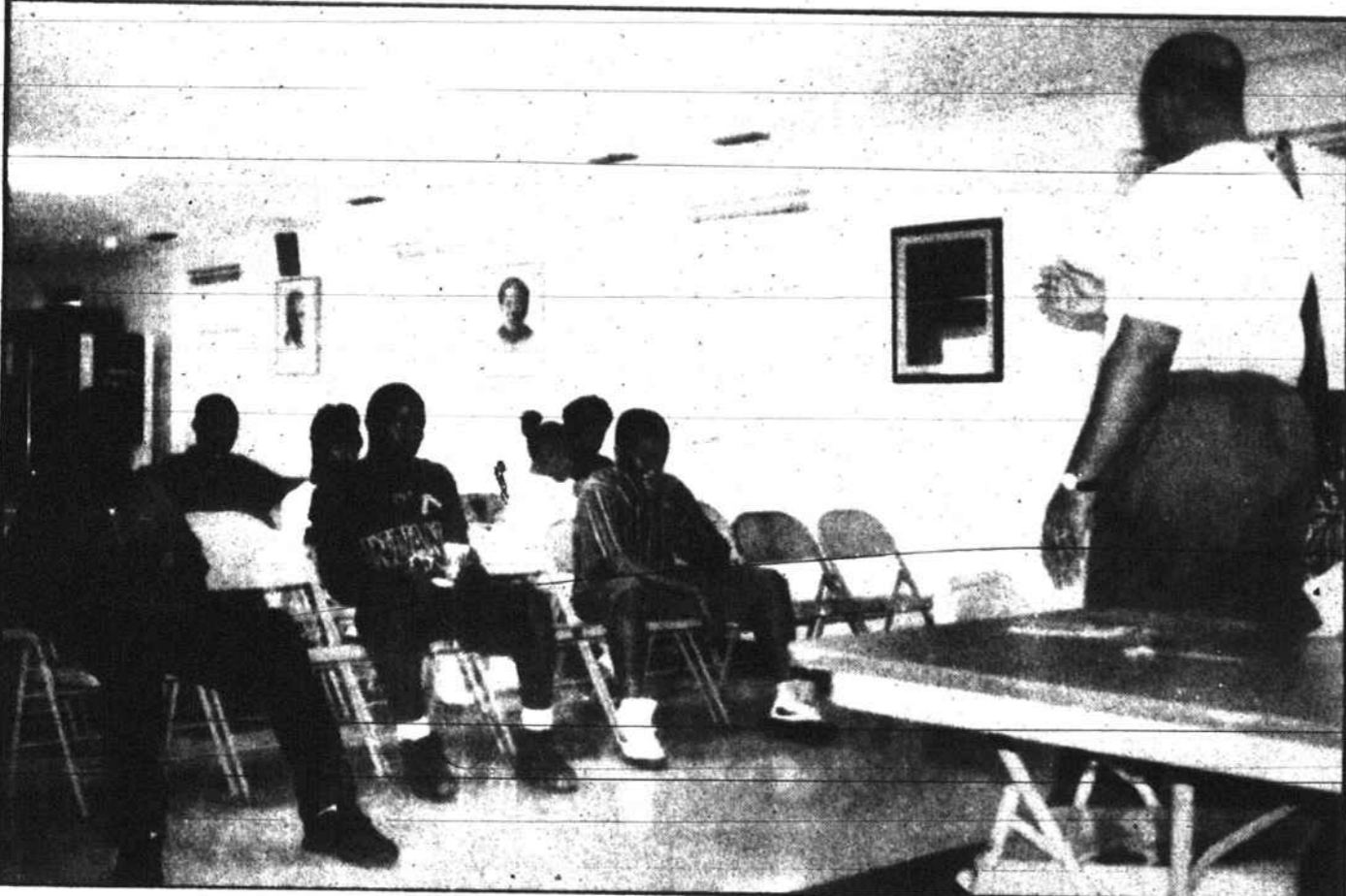
Dalton said they have also held a health fair at Cleveland Avenue Homes earlier this year where more than 100 people were given check-ups for high-blood pressure, sickle-cell traits and hearing test.

"We raise funds to put back into the community," he said. "We also work with our youths to give them encouragement and a better direction in life."

The Central Sertoma Club is open to all interested people. The club meets the first and third Mondays at Mayberry's on Stratford Road.



Seth Pennington, 2, got help to pay for surgery from the Sertoma Club.



Billie Booker, a psychologist, talks with teen-agers at a youth forum at Emmanuel Baptist Church Saturday.

Youths Discuss Ways to Offset Violence

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Youths attending a forum Saturday at Emmanuel Baptist Church wore purple ribbons to symbolize their desire to prevent violence.

There were only a handful of youths in attendance, but forum organizer Billie Booker captured their emotions with his hands-on approach in teaching conflict resolution.

Booker, who holds a master's degree in psychology, had the kids act out roles to demonstrate the effects of peer pressure on an individual who otherwise might not have committed a violent act.

"If you need a gun to feel good about yourself, then you need to look at why you feel bad about yourself," he said.

Booker told the grim statistics of black male victims of violent

activity. Although black males tend to be subject to violence at a higher degree than others, Booker said when a man find himself in a violent situation, his own inability to communicate effectively contributes to

violent activity.

"Most males can't talk their way out of a violent situation," he said. "Men have not learned to express themselves verbally and emotionally."

The forum is part of an effort by Emmanuel Baptist Church to reach out to black males. Dates for subsequent forums have not been made final.

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crimes and said certain elements in society breeds violence.

"Violence results in some degree from culture, racism, and to a great extent, the media," he said. "If a baby was born today and he was male and black, his chances of being murdered throughout his lifetime are 1 in 24."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1 p.m. — The Sims Center will hold its annual Collectors Extravaganza Show. If you have cards, cars, coins or ceramic pieces to show, call 727-2837 to register your items. A trophy will be given for the best kid collection.

6 p.m. — Club Elegante, a social and charitable organization, will present a Gospel Extravaganza at New Institutional Baptist Church, 2071 Bowen Blvd. The Rev. Anthony L. Hines is pastor. Free. A free-will offering will be accepted, with half of the monies being donated to Crisis Control Ministries. Any groups or soloists who are interested in participating may call Ilene Bell at 744-0713 or Jean Nunn St. Preux at 785-0121.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7 p.m. — The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service's Triad Money Management Center will sponsor "Fundamentals for Building Your Dollar Safety Net" at Diggs Gallery on the Winston-Salem State University campus. Topics include "Ways to Organize Your Money and Your Budget," "Ways to Secure Your Credit History" and "Tips to Use in Planning for Your Future." For information or to register, call 767-8213.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11 a.m. — The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to "Services for Seniors." Vera Phillips of Experiment in Self-Reliance will lead the workshop. Free. Call 727-2975.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

3:30 p.m. — The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to "The Big Thrill: 1993 Dixie Classic Fair," presented by Bill Austin. Free. Call 727-2975.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

2:30 p.m. — The City of Winston-Salem's Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave., invites the public to "Dealing with Hearing Loss," presented by Doug Cameron of North Carolina Baptist Hospital's Hearing and Speech Department. Free. Call 727-2975.

7 p.m. — Part II of "Investing in Stocks" will be held to teach how investments work in relation

to market risk, inflation and the time value of investments. The course will be held at the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, 1450 Fairchild Drive. To register call 767-8213.

ONGOING

• Registration for the Winston Lake Family YMCA Youth Basketball League will be held through Oct. 1. Registration times are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evaluation clinics will be held on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10. All youth must attend at least one evaluation. A parent organization meeting will be held Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. For information call 724-9205.

• The Pilot Club of Winston-Salem is accepting applications from artists interested in exhibiting in the Fifth Annual Winter Arts Festival, Feb. 25-26, at the Sawtooth Building. For applications and details, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Winter Arts Festival, Pilot Club of Winston-Salem, 210 Blake St., Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

• The Forsyth Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is sponsoring a Christmas fundraising pageant to crown Little Miss Forsyth Chapter - ABWA. Girls, ages 5-10, are encouraged to participate. Call Mose Belton-Brown at 767-1583.

• The Little Theatre of Winston-Salem's ACT program is accepting registration for classes for students in grades K-12. Classes begin the first week in October. For information or to register call Charles Pringle at 725-7793.

• Exchange/SCAN will hold training sessions Oct. 2-5 for volunteer parent aides to work one-on-one with parents to stop the cycle of child abuse or neglect. Call 748-9028.

• Contact Winston-Salem, a 24-hour crisis intervention telephone ministry, is holding registration for its fall volunteer training classes, which run from Sept. 16 through Nov. 15. Call 723-4338.

• USAir's "Giant Flea" will be held Sept. 25 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 799 Hanes Mall Blvd. (across from Lowes). Rain date: Oct. 2. To rent a space, call Denise at 661-8242 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. All proceeds from space rentals go toward USAir's community service projects.

• The Winston-Salem State University Class of 1968 will celebrate its 25th reunion at Cafe Piaf

from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Oct. 9. Call Shirley Kindle at 924-4491 or Lawrence Starks at 1-800-245-7935.

• The Miss Forsyth County Scholarship Pageant is accepting applications for the pageant, which will be held Oct. 30. Call 768-5206 or 945-9031.

• The Little Miss Forsyth County Pageant is accepting applications for Forsyth and Davie County residents. There will be four age groups: (Tiny) 3- to 5-year-olds; (Little) 6- to 8-year-olds; (Junior) 9- to 12-year-olds; and (Teen) 13- to 17-year-olds. The pageant will be Oct. 16. Call 377-2787 or 768-5206.

• The Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem is looking for volunteers to work with the Scout Programs in four housing communities. Fridays have been designated under the RAID program (Residents Against Involvement with Drugs) as Scout Day. Leaders are needed for every age group and for boys and girls. Call 727-8500.

• The American Heart Association needs enthusiastic volunteers to help with a newly reorganized residential campaign. Work with your neighbors to help fight the No. 1 killer of Americans. Your efforts help raise needed money for research and education programs. Call Tricia Woods at 659-9590.

UPCOMING

• Bowman Gray/Baptist Hospital Medical Center will hold Mini Medical School, a seven-week lecture series on the human body and the science underlying today's medical breakthroughs, Sept. 20 through Nov. 1. Classes will be held in the Babcock Auditorium from 7-9 p.m. on consecutive Mondays. There is a fee for registration. Call 777-3100.

• Family Services Inc. of Forsyth County will have a volunteer training session on Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for volunteers interested in working with its Family Services Shelter, for battered women and their children, and Sexual Assault Response Services. Call 722-4457.

• The Winston-Salem State University Class of 1953 will hold its reunion Oct. 8-9 at the Marquee Hotel. Call Donald Astwood (Fatz) at 914-934-5502 or send a post card to: Donald Astwood (Fatz), New York Life, 411 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, N.Y. 10580.



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