



Pictured are Mary Moore, Dianne Fuell, newsletter editor Paula McCoy Corbin, committee chair Haywood Vaughn, and club president Elizabeth Wright.

## Neighborhood unity celebration kicks off Bowen Park Neighborhood Grant Award

A grant up to the amount of \$5,000 was awarded to Bowen Park Cooperative Community Club by the Winston-Salem Foundation's Neighbors for Better Neighborhood program. Bowen Park will collaborate with two other neighborhoods, 25th Street Take Back Our Neighborhood Association and Fairchild Hills Community Tenant Association. Through this grant these neighborhoods will improve the appearance of the neighborhoods and increase resident and youth involvement. Activities will include an ongoing beautification project, neighborhood reunion and unity celebrations (block parties). These activities will be held in various locations in the neighborhoods, primarily to bring residents together. Newsletters and flyers will make residents aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods.

UNITY (United Neighbors Involved in Transforming Youth) was the name given to the project that has been funded by Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods. A committee formed by

the members of Bowen Park Cooperative Community Club meets regularly to implement the plans outlined in their proposal.

Committee members are Haywood Vaughn, chairperson; Dorothy Bonner, co-chair; Mary Moore, secretary; Elizabeth Wright, treasurer; Paula McCoy Corbin, newsletter editor; Alvin Eaton, youth coordinator; Stephanie Anthony; Georgia Smith; and Ben Piggott.

An Easter egg hunt and cookout has been planned for Monday, March 31, 3-6 p.m. at the Bowen Park Par Course to kick off the grant award. All neighborhood youth, children and parents are invited. A sign-up will be held for youth interested in participating in the neighborhood beautification project. Participating youth will be able to go on special trips and specially planned events as a benefit for their participation.

Bowen Park Cooperative Community Club was first organized in 1956 and has been in existence since that time. The club grew out of the need to provide more charitable services to

the community. The club has over 55 members on its roster with about 21 active members. The club meets every first Friday at the Carl Russell Recreation Center on Carver School Road at 6 p.m. during the winter and 7 p.m. daylight savings time. Neighborhood residents interested in learning more about this neighborhood association may contact Elizabeth Wright, president, at 723-8293.

The Take Back Our Neighborhood Association was organized in September 1996 as a response to the high incidence of crime and drug-related activity in the neighborhood. The association meets at the Praise Assembly of God Church on Ansonia Street. Alvin Eaton and Barbara Frost are coordinators. Interested residents should contact Eaton at 722-3758.

Fairchild Hills Community Tenant Association has been in existence for four years. Within this organization is a youth association called Youth Recognition Association. Dorothy Boner is president. Interested residents can contact her at 761-8520.

## Carver parent session aim to ensure success

Carver High School will host a Parent Registration Information and Review Session April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents of Carver students and parents of rising ninth-grade students will receive copies of their children's course selections for the 1997-98 school year, as well as copies of their transcripts. The event will allow parents to learn how to ensure the success of their child, review the child's course selection for the upcoming school year, and focus on graduation requirements for the classes of 1998-2000. They will have an opportunity to meet with a representative from each department and discuss how their programs fit into the child's graduation and post-secondary plans.

Parents will also learn how to read the new state standardized transcript. According to Carolyn Gray and Steve Bissette, members of Carver's Improvement Team, this will allow parents to have the maximum possible information to assist them as it relates to their child's future and to form a partnership between school parents and Carver High School that is focused on the success of each child.

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## Christian Men United to host men's conference, revival

Christian Men United, a fellowship of laymen leagues and men's fellowship organizations from several local churches, will hold its first annual non-denominational men's conference and revival. The conference will be held April 2-4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Phillip Chapel Baptist Church, 132 Glenn Ave.

The conference is being called Supermen Conference '97, with the theme "Where Does Superman Get His Strength?" Workshops and evening messages will be given each evening by the pastors of the fellowship's churches. Workshops will be given by the Rev. Ray Watlington of Phillip Chapel Baptist Church, Dr. J. Ray Butler of United Cornerstone Baptist Church, and the Rev. Paul Lowe of Shiloh Baptist Church. The evening messages will be given by the Rev. Donald Salley of Morning Star Baptist Church, Dr. John Mendez of Emmanuel Baptist Church, and the Rev. Sheldon McCarter of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. Music will be rendered by the Christian Men United Mass Choir, with guest soloists the Rev. John Heath, Clyde Lindsey, and Jeff Williams.

Each night, the program will begin at 6 o'clock, with refreshments and fellowship. The workshop begins at 6:30, and the evening worship service starts at 7:30. Churches from throughout the Triad have been invited and all are encouraged to bring the youth of their churches.

The idea for Christian Men United came out of a fellowship breakfast in March 1995 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, in which some 85 men, representing seven churches, were in attendance.

Those churches were New Bethel Baptist Church, Morning

Star Baptist, Phillip Chapel, Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, United Cornerstone Baptist Church, Shiloh Baptist Church and Emmanuel Baptist Church. The men in attendance felt that "Christian men in our community must stand up and do something to enhance the quality of life through their witness for all people of our communities and city, including and especially for our youth."

The organization has sponsored a forum on the Million Man March and has co-sponsored several youth events with the Teen Life Community Action Group Inc.

The next event will be a day showcasing trades to the young people of the city, entitled "It's a Career Too!" Men and men's fellowship groups are invited to become a part of this great fellowship.

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