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Community Calendar

Santa Claus at Reynolda Manor Shopping Center

Santa will be making his grand arrival to Reynolda Manor Shopping Center on a restored antique fire truck on Nov. 24 at 8 a.m. All kids 12 and under are invited to have a free breakfast, from a special menu, with Santa at the Four Way Restaurant. Children can visit with Santa from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Photos are also available.

Christmas Music

Sharon Evans & Friends will be performing Christmas music on Dec. 15 from 7-10 p.m. at The Master's Loft at 50 Miller St. The public is invited to attend.

Sorority to host Beautillion

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. of Beta Lambda Chapter will present the 2007 Beautillion in April. The Beautillion is an African-American celebration of Rite of Passage that introduces young men into society. Featured contestants are males, ages 13-18 and young males, ages 6-12.

The chapter sponsors the Beautillion to provide an opportunity for students to raise scholarship money for educational endeavors. Phi Delta Kappa encourages young men to strive for excellence to reach their maximum potential. The deadline for applications is Nov. 29.

For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 336-760-1454 or Donna Mickens at 336-414-4008.

Christmas tree event

The Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership and the City of Winston-Salem will present the annual City Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 2, in Corpening Plaza at the corner of First and Liberty streets. The fun will begin immediately following the Jaycees Holiday Parade, with music, costumed mascots, and treats for the children. The program, which is packed with talent from all parts of the community, will start at 6:30. The community is invited to attend both back-to-back events which will officially kick off the holiday season in downtown Winston-Salem.

Mayor Allen Joines will light the 50-foot tree that is erected each year by the City Vegetation Management Department. It will hold 20,000 lights and will be the centerpiece of beautiful Corpening Plaza. The Recreation and Parks Department will add other decorations around the Plaza for a festive, holiday scene. Blankets and lawn chairs for seating on the greensward are encouraged, along with cameras for take-your-own holiday photos at special holiday vignettes.



Annie Johnson accepts an award for her son, Larry Leon Hamlin, from Marlon Hubbard.



Winners Ciat Shabazz and Claudette Weston.



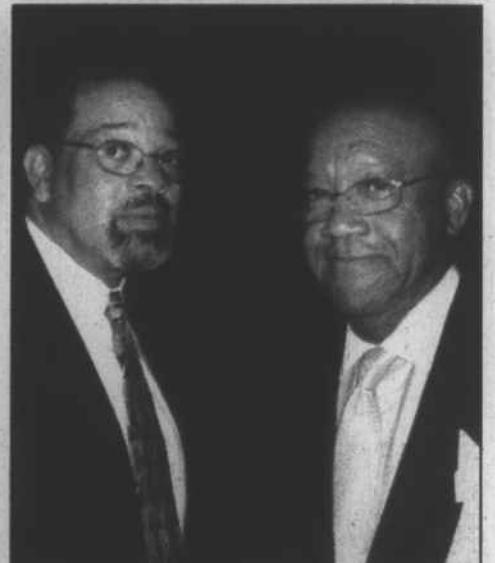
Winner Hobart Jones with County Commissioner Beauport Bailey.



A representative from the Anderson High Alumni Association, right, accepts an award presented by Tabitha Bailey and Guy Blynn.



Anne MacLeod accepts an award with her husband by her side.



Winners Ernie Pitt and Bob Brown.



Deltra Bonner and City Council Member Dan Besse, far right, pose with the three honored pastors, the Revs. Seth O. Lartey, Sheldon McCarter and John Mendez.



Evelyn Acree and Don Williams, far right, present awards to RJR's Guy Blynn and Pepsi's Fran O'Rourke.

PLENTY OF HONORS TO GO AROUND

Equal Opportunity Day Awards Gala focuses on "Bridging the Community"

BY FELECIA P. MCMILLAN, PH.D.
THE CHRONICLE

More than 400 people filled the Millennium Center on Saturday night to recognize local volunteers and business leaders during the first Winston-Salem Urban League Bridging the Community Awards.

Honorees were recognized for their work toward empowering communities and changing lives for the better in Winston-Salem. WXII 12 anchor Tolly Carr and District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield served as the emcees for the evening. Keith Grandberry, president of the Urban League, expressed his great expectations for the organization.

Since 1948, the Winston-Salem Urban League has been leading the charge... to improve the quality of life for the Triad. We look forward to being a part of the community for a long time," he said.

The President's Award went to Robert J. Brown, chairman and CEO, B&C Associates, Inc. Brown is also chairman and CEO of B&C International, Inc. and head of the South Africa BookSmart Foundation. Brown also served as the keynote speaker for the evening. He offered wisdom on the keys to success.

"Life is all about giving and serving. It is not what you can



City Council Member Joycelyn Johnson with Florence Corpening, Natasha Gore and Tabitha Bell.



Superintendent Don Martin with Rev. Prince R. Rivers, Evelyn Acree, Pedro Martinez and Chuck Wallington.

get, but what you can give... We have a chance to lift others up. We have many wounded people in our paths. We need to be lifting them up," Brown said.

He added: "We need to try to make a fire for someone else. Employ the Golden Rule. Respect and treat all people fairly... He who would be the greatest among you, will be your servant... Be committed to the job, to the Urban League, to your family, to God, to the community, to the country, to excellence," he said.

Many honorees received awards for their service to the community. The Bridging the Gaps Awards went to Donna Rader, vice president for grants and programs at the Winston-Salem Foundation; Anne MacLeod, director of Forsyth County Community Service; and Ralph Mitchell, co-founder of the Nehemiah-The Leadership Company.

The Honorable Mayor Allen Joines presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke and Delores Wylie, a former Urban League president. The Legend Award went to Chronicle Publisher Ernie Pitt. Marshall Bass, president of Marshall Bass Associates and Winston-Salem Journal Publisher Jon Witherspoon were also awarded as legends.

The Emerging Leader of the Year Award went to Mechanics & Farmer's Evelyn Acree, vice president. Other honorees were the Rev. Prince Rivers, pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church; Winston-Salem

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