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Joia Johnson

Exec's climb to the top

Hanesbrands' only black higher-up shares keys to success

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

She's executive vice president general counsel and corporate secretary for Hanesbrands Inc. - the only African American executive in the thriving company - but Joia Johnson doesn't take herself too seriously.



Sutherin

"I can't remember the last time my name was on the inside of a bathroom stall," she quipped when she took the podium at the Piedmont Club on Nov. 7 to keynote the club's Professional Women's Forum. "At 40-something years old, that's pretty exciting."

The forum has been a staple event for the Piedmont Club for some time, attracting women from all across the city and the Triad.

"Winston-Salem isn't that big so it's important that everybody get together and help each other. We all learn from that," said Membership Director Judy Sutherin, who started the forum two years ago. "Our education never stops; we always want to learn something else and we're always interested in meeting new, interesting people and

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The battle's ongoing for some veterans

Rescue Mission pays tribute to residents who served their nation

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Many of those who laid their lives on the line for this country have no place of their own to lay their heads at night.

It's a sad reality, but don't cry for the men of the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, about 30 percent of whom served in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines. Most of them have more regrets about their personal life choices than their military service, but at the mission - which provides a shelter and myriad other services for homeless men - they've learned that their tomorrows are more important than yesterdays.

Saturday, a day before the nation celebrated Veterans Day, the mission paid tribute to its vets during an evening ceremony in the Oak Street building's chapel, where the flags of the four main branches of military service were

displayed prominently along with the nation's and state's flags.

"A lot of us don't say thank you, but we appreciate veterans," Ron Hairston, an area Veterans Administration official, told mission residents who packed the small chapel for the hour-long ceremony.



Maj. Peters

Patriotism and faith were the themes of the evening. Chaplain Lou Carrico and keynote speaker Maj. Charles Peters laced their tributes to veterans with scripture; the nearly two dozen veterans in the crowd of more than 50 were asked to stand as organist Melody Dyson played the theme song of their particular branch of military service, and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (the "glory, glory, hallelujah" song) was sandwiched between the national anthem and "America, the Beautiful."

Even the personal reflections of

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Photos by Kevin Walker

John Frazier III, a Rescue Mission resident and Army vet, plays a patriotic tune on his saxophone during Saturday's program.

Candidate-turned-landlord wins kudos for efforts

Nathan Tabor has worked to remove illegal elements from Chestnut Street Apartments

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Marcella Robinson remembers a time when she was afraid to step outside her front door after darkness fell. The men and women who delivered her Meals-On-Wheels and Trans-Aid drivers were reluctant to come near her neighborhood, and it wasn't uncommon for the disabled veteran to encounter people doing drugs or having sex in the breezeways of her apartment complex.

"There was a lot of drug trafficking going on," stated Robinson. "[Illegal activity] was just everywhere. I couldn't go out the door."

Robinson and other residents say the winds of change have blown through Chestnut Street Apartments since the complex was purchased by entrepreneur Nathan Tabor in September.

"I'm loving it," declared Robinson, who says now she sleeps a lot easier at Chestnut Street, a development off of Northwest Boulevard.

Thirty-four-year-old Tabor is best known for his political aspirations, not his business savvy. In 2004, he was among a crowded field

of Republicans who vied to win the Fifth Congressional Seat that was left vacant when Richard Burr successfully ran for the U.S. Senate.

Virginia Foxx eventually won the GOP nomination and the Congressional seat. Tabor also unsuccessfully ran for the N.C. Senate in 2006.

To outside observers, his purchase of Chestnut Street Apartments, which were notorious for illicit activities, also seemed like another losing endeavor for Tabor. But he says he saw something more than ragged buildings and criminals.

"I try to help people. Yes, ultimately, I'm

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Photos by Layla Farmer

Nathan Tabor, left, and Ben McClary stand in front of the units at Chestnut Street Apartments.

Goodwill celebrates many successes

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina honored some of its stronger supporters last week at an annual awards banquet.

The agency sells donated items such as clothing in its discount stores and uses the money to fund career development and training programs that help those left behind by the rapidly changing job market. Last year, the regional Goodwill served more than 18,000 people.

Two of Goodwill's success stories were honored with awards at the ceremony. Clarissa Simon received Goodwill's Achiever of the



Year Award. Simon was in an abusive relationship and ended up in a battered woman's shelter. She had

90 days to get a job and find a place to stay. So she took Goodwill's housekeeping course and, afterwards, was hired by the agency itself to do housekeeping. She was then hired as Goodwill's receptionist, a position she still holds. Jones has worked for Goodwill for three years now and says she loves her job.

"Just about everyone in this room has supported me in one way or another and I just want to thank you all," said Simon during her acceptance remarks, before reading a long list of Goodwill employees whom she credits with her success.

Another success story was this

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Cherry Carpenter, left, presents an award to ESR's Twana Wellman.

Right: Clarissa Simon, who won the Achiever Award, speaks.



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