

COMMUNITY

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Community Calendar

Get organized at the Y

Work on getting organized by eliminating clutter and reducing stress in the new year. The essential principles of organizing will be presented at the Gateway YWCA in four classes by Sarah Hunter, a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers. "Organizing 101: Find Your Car Keys and Get to Work on Time" will be offered this evening, Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. "You Don't Have to Retire to Downsize" will be offered Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. There is a fee of \$20 for each class. Space is limited. For more information and to register, call 724-6805.

AARP meeting set

The Forsyth Chapter of AARP will hold its monthly meeting on Jan. 8 at 3:15 p.m. at the Shepherd's Center, 1700 Ebert St. The speaker will be Vince Stevens. The topic for discussion is CheekMed NC, a groundbreaking program for seniors in North Carolina.

The critical pharmacist counseling will not only help seniors save money, it could improve their health or save their lives. Information will be shared regarding Medicare and seniors who have a prescription drug plan. All AARP members as well as all seniors age 65 and older are invited and encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones, at 750-3231 or taylorjones@wssu.edu.

Belly Dancing

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, BestHealth in Hanes Mall will feature a belly dancing class with instructor Paula Stump at 6 p.m. Dress comfortably to participate. Call 716-2255 to register.

IAAP annual meeting Jan. 8

The Winston-Salem Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will meet on Jan. 8 at 5:45 p.m. at the office of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, One West Fourth Street on the 13th floor. The program topic is "Technology: Growing Winston-Salem" with guest speaker, Nancy Johnston. For more information, please contact Sherry Waycaster at 777-3580. To make reservations, call Patricia Shelton at 480-2101. There is no cost for this meeting. The IAAP meets every second Tuesday.

Genealogical Society meets

The Forsyth County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Forsyth County Public Library, 660 W. Fifth St. Richard Starbuck will speak on "What's New at the Moravian Archives"; Feb. 13, Randell Jones will speak on "NC's Women Heroes"; March 12, R. G. Absher (Overmountain Men) and Dr. Gilreath (Regent of Yadkin County SAR) on "Battles of Kings's Mountain and Guilford's Courthouse." The meetings are free and open to the public.

PLAYING NICE

Annual 'Peace Toys' staged once more at rec center

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

It looked as if Santa Claus himself had set up shop in the gymnasium at the William C. Sims Center, where the 14th annual citywide Christmas Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange was held recently.

Tables stretching almost the length of the room were covered with toys, games and goodies of nearly every strain. The center of the gym was devoted to rows upon rows upon rows of bicycles — the vast majority of them new — waiting to be given away.

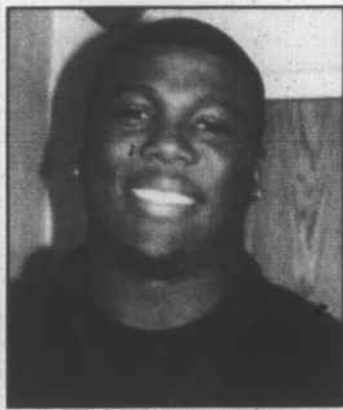
The exchange was conceived of by Center Director Ben Piggott, who aspired to put an end to the youth violence that raged in Happy Hill Gardens, and virtually everywhere else.

"This is always a wonderful event for the city of Winston-Salem and makes our city such a special place," said Mayor Allen Joines. "To me, the 14 years of putting this program together (that) Ben Piggott and others have done is just an indication of the commitment that we have to our young people.

"(By) trying to give them positive examples and trading in their war toys for the peace toys, hopefully, we are turning some minds around a little bit," the mayor added in a subsequent interview. "If you just look at the excitement in the kids' faces, I think it's hugely successful."

Joines was among many dignitaries on hand for the event.

See Toys on B9



Tory Woodbury

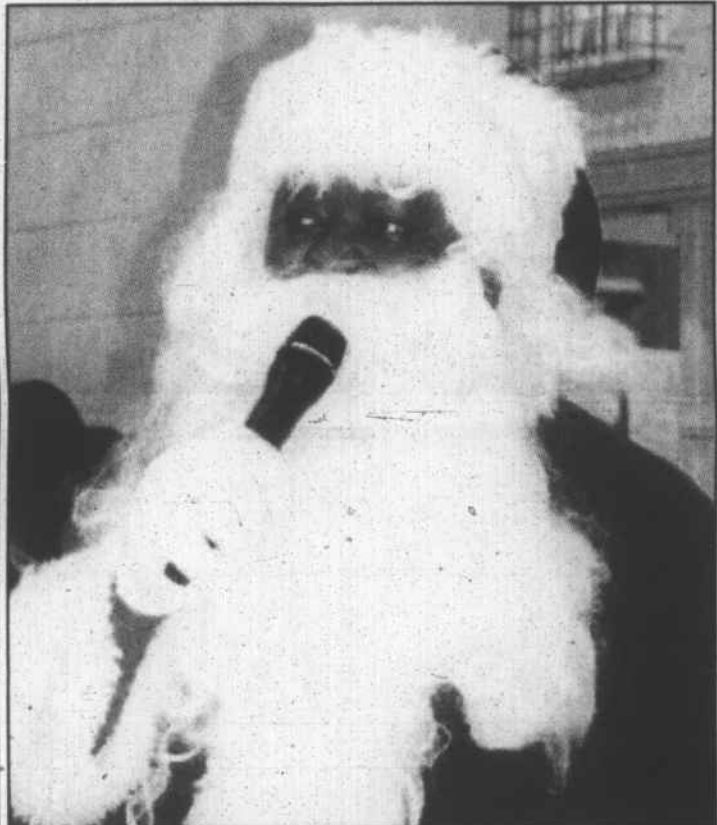


Photos by Layla Farmer

Eighteen-month-old E'Lysha Daily with her new doll.



Karen Anthony with Mayor Allen Joines and Council Member Joycelyn Johnson.



Ben Piggott as Santa.

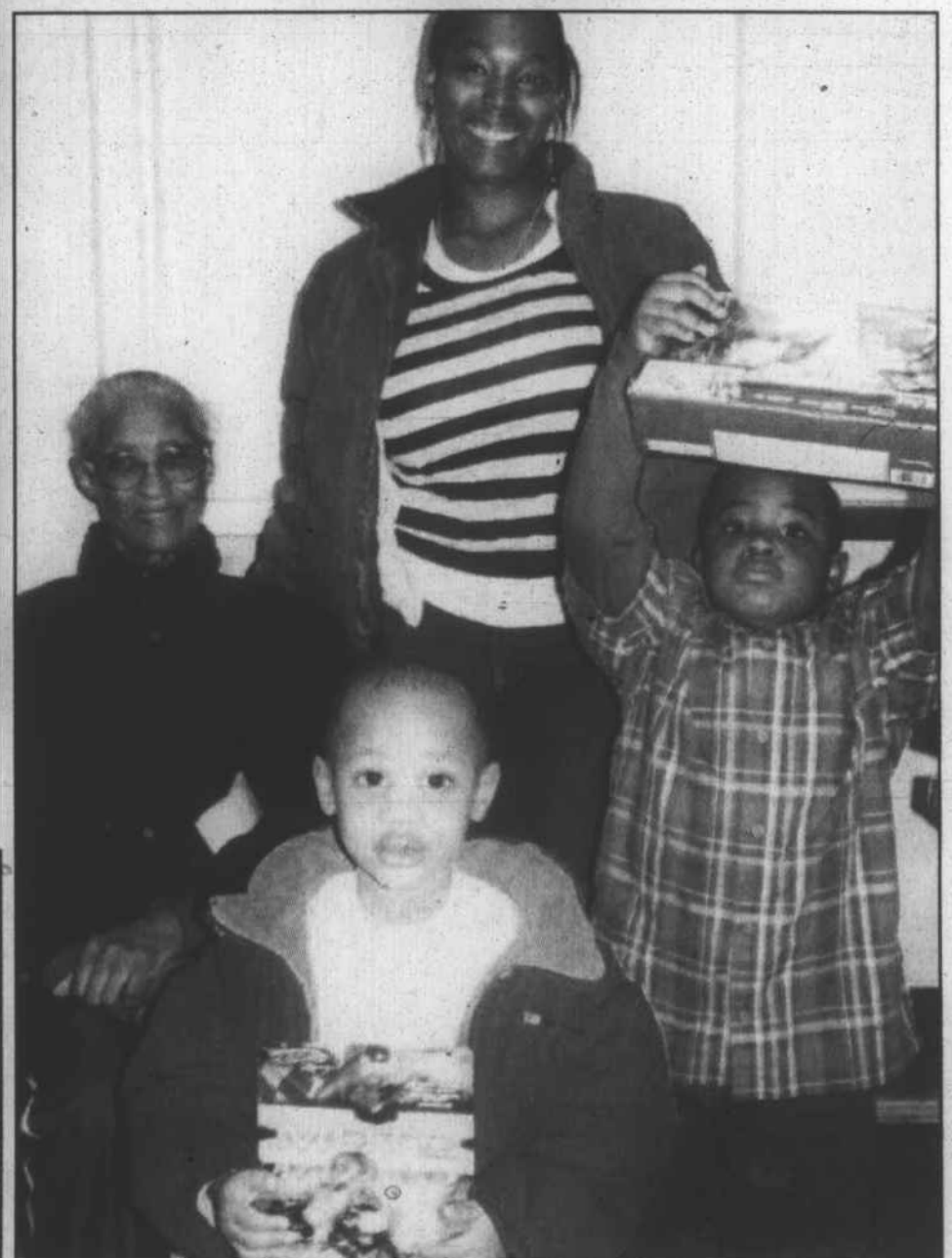


Radio personality Renee Vaughn was the emcee for the event.



John Cunningham — a member of the Carolina Cruisers bike club, which gave dozens of toys — was on hand for the event.

Below: Chandler Robinson, from left, Indya Rucker and Jerome Warren Jr., were excited about the event.



Emma Westbrook, left, with her granddaughter Sade Moore, her great nephew Trevon Russell and great grandson, Israel Moore, right.

