

COMMUNITY

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Community Calendar

Volunteer training

The Faith in Action Care Program of The Shepherd's Center of Winston-Salem will conduct training for new volunteers on Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Peace Haven Baptist Church, 1501 N. Peace Haven Rd. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers are needed to provide visitation and respite care, transportation for grocery shopping and medical appointments, and minor home repairs for older adults. For more information and to register, call 748-0217.

Free computer classes

YWCA Gateway, 1300 S. Main St., is holding free computer classes during the month of January as follows:

Computer ABC's - 10 - 11:30 a.m., Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Microsoft Publisher - 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 (one session only)

For more information or to register, call the Public Library at 703-3079 or log on to www.forsythcomputertraining.org.

Project meeting

The Aging and Disability Resource Project meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month to design a system that will provide information, assistance and access to services for older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers residing in Forsyth County.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m. at the Senior Services building on Shorefair Drive. Call 703-3883 for more information or for directions.

Art show opening

Dispassionate Discourse, an art show examining the impact of racial disparities, opens Friday, Jan. 11 from 7-9 p.m. at WhiteSpace gallery in the Piedmont Leaf Loft (near The Warehouse).

Sponsored by the Institute for Dismantling Racism and the Forsyth County Healthy Community Coalition, the show features art work from local, regional and nationally known artists addressing disparities in health, economics, education, the justice system and everyday life.

Atkins High Hall of Fame accepting nominations

Applications for nomination into the Atkins High School Hall of Fame can be obtained from the following business: Special Occasions, Martin Luther King Drive; WSPA at Atkins, 1215 N. Cameron Ave; St. Matthews Apostolic Church, New Walkertown Road; Russell Funeral Home, Carl Russell Avenue; Hooper Funeral Home, East 14th Street and any member of The Atkins High School Hall of Fame Committee.

Please mail all applications to The Atkins High School Hall of Fame, P. O. Box 1072, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

All applications must be received by Jan. 14, 2008.

Black Chamber of Commerce

The Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, Jan 15, 7 p.m. at the Hewitt Business Ctr. 1001 S. Marshall St. Solomon Quick of Building the Future Winston Salem Business 40 will be the presenter. For more information, contact Randon Pender at 575-2006.



American Business Women's Association (ABWA) members Kim McMahon, Sandra Kay, Mashelle Odom and Claudette Reynolds.

Photos by Layla Farmer



Rocia Terry, 20 with her boyfriend, JaShaun Peele.

RAZZLE DAZZLE

City's first Kwanzaa Ball well attended

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

It looked like a convention for African kings and queens at WhiteSpace Gallery on the night of Dec. 28, as some of the city's best and brightest strutted around resplendent in native garb.

The first annual Kwanzaa Ball, the newest addition to the citywide Kwanzaa celebration, drew more than 100 people to the gallery for food and wine, live entertainment and plenty of time to socialize.

A nonreligious national holiday that celebrates the culture of African Americans, Kwanzaa is held each year from Dec. 26 - Jan. 1. Seven principles are observed during this time, one on each day, through activities that mirror the day's objective.

More than 25-years-ago, a small group of local residents gathered to celebrate the holiday together. Since that time, it has grown to become a citywide event. Now, the observance of Kwanzaa here in town is growing again. Triad Cultural Arts, Inc., a new nonprofit that seeks to promote African American culture, took aspects of the Kwanzaa celebration under its wing this year.

"There was really no real organized effort and this year has been one of the best Kwanzaas we've ever had, because we did try to bring everyone together and organize it," explained Lucy Vaughn, TCA board member and mother of Tichina Vaughn, a

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Brenda Sloan with Shirley Mosley, Renee Andrews and Ciat K. Shabazz.



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