

Program this Tuesday will observe Older Americans Month

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

In observance of Older Americans Month, the Winston-Salem State University Gerontology Program and the Forsyth AARP Chapter will hold a program Tuesday, May 13, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. The event, which will be held in the Main Dining Room of the Anderson Center on the school's campus, will feature a



Taylor-Jones

formal proclamation by Mayor Allen Joines and a panel discussion about the issues facing seniors.

The panel will include Dean Burgess of Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments; Andi Reese of Senior Services, Inc.; Debbie Hall of Senior Financial Care; Sam Matthews of The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem; and Diane Wimmer of Forsyth County Department of Social Services. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones, Gerontology Program Coordinator at WSSU and President of the Forsyth AARP Chapter.

The program is free and open to the public.

Older Americans Month was established in 1963. At that time, only 17 million living Americans were 65 years of age or older. In 1963, approximately one third of older Americans lived in poverty and programs to meet their needs were very limited. President John F. Kennedy met with the National Council of Senior Citizens and designated the month of May as "Senior Citizens Month." In 1980, President Jimmy Carter changed the name from "Senior Citizens Month" to "Older Americans Month," and the custom continues.

The theme for Older Americans Month 2008 is "Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities."

Walk chair is Bauer

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Scott Bauer, chairman and chief executive officer of Southern Community Bank and Trust, is the chairman of the American Heart Association's 2008 Start! Tanglewood Heart and Stroke Walk.

"Support of the Heart Association's work is critical. Heart disease is the number one cause of death," says Bauer.

"Monies raised go directly to help the great people of our community to make better choices and lead healthier, longer lives."



Bauer

Bauer is a native of Winston-Salem and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After his education in Chapel Hill, he worked at numerous banks, gaining valuable experience to be able to bring back to his home town. Bauer formed Southern Community Bank and Trust in 1996, which now consists of 22 branches which can be found throughout the Triad.

The 2008 Start! Tanglewood Heart and Stroke Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons. Over 5,000 people participated in the AHA's 2007 Start! Tanglewood Heart and Stroke Walk, raising more than \$541,000 for vital heart disease and stroke research and educational programs. Heart disease is the #1 killer and stroke is the #3 killer in the nation, accounting for over one third of all deaths in the United States. For more information on the Start! Tanglewood Heart and Stroke Walk, call 336.662.1365 or visit www.starttanglewoodnc.org.



Mayor Allen Joines will accept the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award on Tuesday evening.

Boy Scouts will honor Mayor Joines

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Mayor Allen Joines will be honored at the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award dinner on Tuesday, May 13.

The dinner will be at the Benton Convention Center and North Carolina Secretary of Commerce James T. Fain III will be delivering the keynote address.

This is the eighteenth year that the Council has honored a distinguished citizen. Previous honorees include John G. Medlin

Jr., Senator Richard Burr, A. Tab Williams, Jr.; Len B. Preslar, Jr.; John A. Allison IV; Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines; Murray C. Greason, Jr.; Dr. Richard H. Dean and C. Richard Vaughn. Last year's honoree was J. Walter McDowell III.

Joines has been contributing to the Winston-Salem business and civic community since 1971, when he began his career as assistant to the city manager. He subsequently held a variety of positions including director of evaluation, public safety coordinator, the director of development and

deputy city manager.

During his time with the city, he worked with more than 30 companies that relocated or expanded in Winston-Salem, creating over 6,000 new jobs. He retired from the City of Winston-Salem in 2000 to become the president of The Winston-Salem Alliance. He was elected mayor in 2001 and re-elected in 2005.

For invitation or table sponsorship information, contact Steve Daniel with the Old Hickory Council at 336-760-2900 or sdaniel@bsmail.org.



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