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Community Calendar

IAAP meeting

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will have its monthly meeting on June 10 at 5:45 p.m. It will feature the installation of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. The keynote address will be given by NC Division President Dianne Hughes. The meeting will be at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, which is in the One West Fourth Street Building on the 13th floor. RSVP to Patricia Shelton at 336-480-2101 or pshelton@targacept.com. The Winston-Salem Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at the office of Womble Carlyle.

NC Disability Action Network to host Statewide Congress

"Advocacy in Action" is the theme of the NC Disability Action Network Statewide Congress being held May 30 - 31, 2008 at the Clarion Greensboro Airport Hotel in Greensboro.

People with disabilities and their supporters from across North Carolina are gathering at this meeting to share information, discuss issues and set a plan of ACTION for the North Carolina Disability Action Network in the upcoming year.

The Congress will feature a dynamic keynote speaker in Billy Altom, a longtime disability advocate, who is the Executive Director of the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL). In addition, the Congress will offer four great educational workshops focusing on disability rights and culture.

For more information or to register for the Congress, contact Disability Rights at Resources at 800-755-5749 (toll free) or visit the NC Disability Action Network web site at www.ncdan.com.

Community yard sale

Positive Image Performing Arts Dance Teams' Fundraising Committee and Carver High School's Marching Band will sponsor a community yard sale on May 31 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Carver High School's parking lot. The event will take place rain or shine. Families, groups or vendors can purchase a space for \$25. For more information, call 971-1890.

Black History screening set

A Black History Celebration, "Down Memory Lane," will be presented on DVD on June 4 at the Granville Place Apartments in the dining hall from 2 - 3 p.m. Featured in the presentation will be Armenta Hummings, James Braxton, Pastor Patricia West and Annie Johnson. Mamie Brown is the producer. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes. For information contact Mamie Brown at 703-5488. Granville Place Apartments is located at Grandville Drive, at the corner of Academy.



A volunteer paints the face of a young Rolling Hills resident.

COMMUNITY EMBRACED

Church offers Rolling Hills health and hope

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Residents at Rolling Hills Apartments got a wake up call on the morning of Saturday, May 17 as members of a Clemmons church arrived to offer them a plethora of services and activities.

For the second straight year, Agape Faith Church held its Operation Rolling Hills. The church has adopted Rolling Hills, a development along New Walkertown Road that is inhabited by low-income residents, and stages various outreach projects there.

The event offered a health fair, with free screenings, give-aways and wellness information. Agape



Agape Outreach Pastor Michael Watson welcomes participants.

other outreaches planned for Rolling Hills include a Math Camp, Back to School Backpack Give-a-way and a Christmas gift distribution.

Agape has also adopted Salem Glen, a housing complex on Reynolds Park Road, and senior citizens high-rise Crystal Towers. Plans are in the works to adopt Piedmont Park, another HAWS property, in the near future.

The church maintains a relationship with all the communities it adopts, and likes to think that its presence is making a difference. Watson says the Winston-Salem Police Department has had a decrease in calls from Rolling Hills since Agape started its efforts.

A wide variety of health professions were on hand for the health fair. Tanya Ford, owner of Liberty Fitness, came with exercise advice, even bringing along visual aids to show the difference between muscle and fat. Her work out demonstration got the kids at the complex dancing.

Free first aid kits were given to residents who attended. Toothbrushes and toothpaste were given out by employees of Winston-Salem Dental Care. Folks from Digby Eye Associates conducted glaucoma tests. Blood pressure and weight checks were conducted by Wellness & Corp Health Services. Pearl Resources Unlimited gave out books to children, while city firefighters showed young people all the gadgets on and inside a fire truck. Today's Woman Health & Wellness Center and

screenings, give-aways and wellness information. Agape Outreach Pastor Michael Watson said the health fair was just one of many activities designed to strengthen the families that call Rolling Hills home.

"Its showing people they have value," said Watson. "No, you may not have everything, but you do have value and you can make it."

Rolling Hills is run by the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAW S). Watson said Agape works with HAWS when choosing communities to adopt, looking for ones that need a "pick me up." Some of the



Liberty Fitness' Tanya Ford leads an exercise demonstration.



A young girl accepts a toothbrush and toothpaste.



Church members and Rolling Hills volunteers Joseph and Teresa Neal.

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