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Community Calendar

Atkins Class of 1969 Holds Meeting

The Atkins Class of 1969 will meet on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, 2745 Patria Street. For additional information, contact Sheila Smith Astrop at 336-744-1228, James Berry at 336-760-1307 or Spencer Glenn at 336-661-0705.

Ordination Service

Bishop S. T. Davis, Sr. and the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church family is extending an invitation to worship at the Ordination of Deacons and Deaconesses service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7.

The guest minister will be Dr. H. D. Davis Sr., Pastor of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church of Georgetown, S.C. Mt. Pleasant is located at 495 NW Crawford Place. For more information or transportation needs, contact the church office at 336-725-9623.

Holiday Open House at Darryl Hunt Project

The public is invited to the 3rd Annual Holiday Open House for The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice from 4 - 7 p.m. tomorrow (Dec. 5). There will be a brief awards program at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The office is located at 8 West Third Street, Suite 350. For questions, call Vernessa Wright at 336-655-1236.

Inauguration trip

Triad Travelers Group will sponsor a trip to President Elect Barack Obama's Inauguration. Departure is Jan. 19 at 11 p.m. from Winston-Salem State University. The group will return on Jan. 20. Call 336-749-1192 or 336-391-6676 for more information.

Interested in Girl Scouting?

Girls in Forsyth County can learn about themselves, their communities, and the world all through the fun and friendship of Girl Scouting. Local troops have openings for various grade levels. Contact the Girl Scouts Tarheel Triad Council at 336-369-7430 to obtain further information.

Closing reception

Winston-Salem State University's Diggs Gallery will hold a closing reception on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. for its current exhibit, "Herbert Gentry: The Man, The Magic, The Master." Attendees will enjoy jazz music and hot cider. The gallery is located in the lower level of O'Kelly Library on the WSSU campus. For more information, call 336-750-2458.



Guests are served a delicious Thanksgiving-style meal.

Urban League Photos

FOOD AND THOUGHT

Public housing residents enjoy holiday luncheon at the Urban League

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Public housing residents were treated to a pre-Thanksgiving feast last week, compliments of the Winston-Salem Urban League and several other sponsors.

The Nov. 25 Thanksgiving luncheon attracted dozens of people to the League's downtown headquarters for an afternoon of food, fellowship and good advice. The League's Quality of Life Program put on the event, in partnership with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem.

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church provided most of the food, while the Les Arbres Club, or "The Tree," donated catering services and additional food items. Les Arbres has been owned and operated by Manuel Johnson and his wife, Mabel, in East Winston for decades. The club's chef, Norman Dunlap, prepared a delicious meal of turkey and stuffing, ham, green beans and yams with all the trimmings for the luncheon.

The Department of Corrections' Forsyth Action Committee was also instrumental in staging the event, according to Urban League officials.

The mission of the Urban League's Quality of Life Program is to empower the community and change lives. To that end, Greg Cox of Bank of America presented a financial literacy workshop during the luncheon. A Forsyth Technical Community College representative also made a presentation encouraging public housing residents to continue their education.

Motivational Speaker Morris Morrison was also on hand to encourage low-income families to persevere during these tough economic times. He delivered an inspirational presentation, challenging the guests to rise above their current circumstances by believing in themselves and setting goals to achieve success.



The Urban League's William Bailey and Patricia Sadler with Greg Cox, right.



Above: A guest poses for a picture with her bright-eyed daughter.

Left: Morris Morrison gives a motivational pep talk to the guests.



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