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Community Calendar

Black Rep auditions for Teen Theatre

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will hold auditions for the Winter 2009 session of its Teen Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 2 - 5 p.m. Auditions are by appointment only.

Auditions will be held at the Arts Council Theater, 610 Coliseum Dr. Youth between the ages of 13 and 18 are invited to audition. Everyone must perform a monologue (no longer than two minutes); a choreographed dance piece; and a song (youth must provide your own music accompaniment). The total presentation should not exceed five minutes.

Call 336-723-2266 between 9 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to reserve audition time.

Black Chamber meeting

The Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Hewitt Business Center, 1001 South Marshall St., from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and networking after the meeting until 8 p.m. The meeting will feature an economic update and elected local and state officials.

For additional information contact, President Randon Pender at 336-575-2006.

Read to Me Festival

The Read to Me Festival will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Road.

This free festival is open to the public and promotes a love of reading for children ages pre-school through third grade. The kids will meet with authors, have story time, make crafts and receive a free book. For more information, contact the Junior League of Winston-Salem headquarters at 336-722-9681 or readtome@jlws.org.

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.

Healthy eating classes

The community is invited to a five-week, two-hour class on "Eating Healthy on a Budget" beginning Saturday, Jan. 17 at the St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church Building on 14th and Cleveland Avenue. The event is being done in conjunction with NC Cooperative Extension. Participants will learn to make healthy drink choices, the benefits of eating more fruits and vegetables and of physical activity.

Call 336-767-6145 and leave your name, address, and telephone number to register, or you may mail your information to St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1151 E. 14th Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27105.



Judge Denise Hartsfield delivers the keynote address.

Photos by Todd Luck



Scholarship winner Rashad Wilkerson



Scholarship winner Nicole Little



Association President Rudolph Boone speaks.



Scholarship winner Brianna Bradsher



Scholarship winner Carmen Caruthers



Scholarship runners-up Suzan Simmons, Blessing Rusere and Joy Martin.

A NEW DAY FOR BLACKS

Event celebrates freedom of yesterday and promise of tomorrow with President Obama at helm

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Attendees at this year's Annual Celebration of Emancipation had a new reason to rejoice - the election of the nation's first black president.

Sponsored by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association, the New Year's Day ceremony took place at Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. The event celebrates the signing of The Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863. While Lincoln was discussed during the event, there was no doubt that the inauguration of President-Elect Barack Obama was clearly on the mind of all who attended.

"I think for everyone in this room, November 4, 2008 was one of the happiest day of our lives because that's when Barack Obama was elected the 44th President," said local attorney and Emancipation Association member Harold Kennedy III, who gave the annual reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Rudolph Boone presided over his last service as Emancipation Association president. He said in the 144 years since the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, it appeared the country would never see the election of an African-American president. Obama changed that.

"God raised up a man, a scholar, a community organizer and the generation of ... supporters demanding change in the way our country needs to be governed," said Boone.

Both Mayor Allen Joines and Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke spoke, sharing their thoughts on Lincoln, freedom and other topics. The Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church Choir and Reginald McCaskill lent their vocal talents to the service.

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