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Community Calendar

Bowling fundraiser

The Bow-Tie Boyz (n Girlz) Auto Club will be hosting its Second Annual Charity Bowling Event on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2-5 p.m. at Northside Bowling Lanes, 3550 N. Patterson Ave. The cost is \$50 for a team of four. Prizes will be given away. All proceeds will benefit the Peace Toys for War Toys Exchange program. For more information or to find out how you can help, contact Gerald Hardy at 336-692-8305.

Astronomy observation

On Saturday, October 1, from 7 to 11 p.m., the Forsyth Astronomical Society and SciWorks Planetarium will have an astronomy observation at SciWorks, which is located on Hanes Mill Road off University Parkway, or just off exit 116 on US 52. The public is invited to attend this free observation event. Inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances may cancel the observation. Call SciWorks after 5:30 p.m. on October 1 at 336-767-6730 for cancellation information. The next observation will be at Pilot Mountain on November 19.

Charter school workshop

Hazel Mack, founder of Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge, will present the workshop "Fast Tracking Charter Schools" on Monday, Oct. 3 at the Piedmont Club, BB&T Building, 19th floor, 200 W. Second St. The workshop is designed for those who want to start a charter school. There is a registration fee. To register, call 866-865-4391 or e m a i l Hmackconsulting@gmail.com.

Business events at the Piedmont Club

The Piedmont Club is hosting a free Business Expo on October 4 beginning at 2 p.m. The theme is "Building a Road to the Future." The event will feature a number of breakout sessions and at 6:45 p.m., VJ Smith, the author of "The Richest Man in Town," will give the keynote address. From 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Club will host the Piedmont Triad Economic Growth Summit. This program is \$20 at the door and includes lunch. For reservations, call 724-7077. The Club is located on the 19th floor of the BB&T Financial Center at 200 W. Second St.

Seniors' festival

The Senior Fun Festival for those 50 and older will be held on Monday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 14th Street Recreation Center, 2020 E. 14th St. There will be line dancing demos, games, information booths, food and free health screenings. Admission is \$3 per person.

Zumba-Thon

A Zumba-Thon will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Road, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. Donations of \$5-\$10 are encouraged. For more information, call Rosemary R. Napper at 336-682-572.



Fellowship Home Executive Director Thom Elmore (back row, far right) with certificate recipients (front row, left to right) Sandy "Sam" Medlin, Kenny Montgomery, Kim Morris, (back row) Bobby Ray Barrett, Demorris Carpenter, and Tyrone Daly.

BEATING THE ODDS

Substance abuse program celebrates its many successes

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The Fellowship Home celebrated its 49th Annual Alumni Reunion Saturday - attracting many former residents who found their way to sobriety and independence at the successful halfway house.

Started in 1962 as a Flynn Home, the facility first provided a live-in treatment program for those recovering from alcohol abuse. In 1979, it was renamed The Fellowship Home and began offering programs for other types of addictions.

Thom Elmore, executive director of the Home, said the program helps residents to not only conquer their addictions but to also be self-sufficient.

"Abstinence from drugs and alcohol, just staying clean, is just half of the program," said Elmore. "The other half of this program is to become self sufficient and to be able to practice independent living."

The Fellowship Home offers a two year program for men. Residents live at the House - a stately West End home that was built in 1917 and is on the National Register of Historic Homes - for up to nine months. During their stay, they must

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Mayor Allen Joines speaks at Saturday's reunion at The Fellowship Home.



Alumnus Obie Johnson shares his success story.



Piedmont Natural Gas Operations Manager Randy Bost speaks.



Alumnus Morris "Russ" Russell talks about overcoming addiction.



The Fellowship Home Executive Assistant Judy Moles lights candles in honor of deceased alumni at the vigil.



Fellowship Home Executive Director Thom Elmore speaks as Randy Bost and Judy Moles look on.



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