



The Alphas in attendance with the most tenure in the fraternity were (from left) Herman M. Burney, James M. Jones and Dr. Willard McCloud Sr.



Fifty-Year Brother honorees (from left) Calvert B. Jeffers, Willie L. Clark and Donald Benson.

Alphas

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University School of Law. Morant was among the more than 300 people in attendance at the ball, a formal occasion where the men wore tuxedos and the ladies donned gowns. The Alpha Pi Lambda Chapter, which was founded in 1931 and is made up of about 80 members, had a lot to celebrate. Last month, the chapter hosted a convention of Alpha chapters from across the state. As part of the convention, an Alpha Pi Lambda-led project was held at Old Town Elementary School that saw Alpha Men from various North Carolina cities and towns, reading to students.

Charlie Wall, an Alpha and assistant principal at the school, said the project was a hit with both teachers and students.

"(The Alphas) were well dressed; they were professional men. They came in and read. They were actually engaged ... It was great," he said.

Chapter President Emery Rann said the brothers plan to continue to support Old Town, a school on Reynolda Road with a largely black and Hispanic student population. The chapter's recent community



Jesse Hymes

The money raised as a result of Saturday's ball will help the chapter to continue to provide scholarships to college-bound young men.

"I think you see how folks are still wedded to the values (that) we originally joined the fraternity for: 'First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all' and people take real pride in that," Rann said.

After attendees dined and in between performances by the Phase Band, several new fraternity members were presented with the Seven Jewels awards, an honor that pays homage to the seven men who founded the fraternity at Cornell University on Dec. 4, 1906. S. Wayne Patterson, an



Wall

Alpha who chaired the ball, was given the Brother of the Year award for his work as an attorney and president of the local NAACP chapter. Jesse Hymes received an award to celebrate his 25th year as an Alpha.

The chapter's most senior Alphas - Dr. Willard McCloud Sr.,

Donald Benson, Willie Clark, Herman Burney, James M. Jones and Calvert Jeffers - received a special tribute. They were given seats of honor as their fellow fraternity

brothers formed a semi-circle around them while crossing their arms, joining hands and singing the Alpha Phi Alpha hymn. McCloud, a retired physician who joined the

fraternity in 1942 at Talladega College in Alabama, holds the distinction of being the North Carolina Alpha with the longest tenure in the fraternity.

"It's been 70 years of fellowship and fond memories," said McCloud, whose son is also a doctor and an Alpha.

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Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church St. in Old Salem. An offering will be taken for Sunnyside Ministry. Call 336-413-2180 or email eileenyoung@triad.rr.com for more information.

Lewisville Library hosts teen craft project. Lewisville Library, 6490 Shallowford Rd., will host a teen craft project on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. Call 336-703-2940 for more information.

Soulful Santa to visit Y. "Soulful Santa" will visit the Winston Lake Family YMCA on Friday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras. Email c.taylor@ymcanwnc.org for more information.

Lovefeast choir needs singers. St. Philips Moravian Church, 3002 Bon Air Ave., needs singers for their community-wide choir to perform traditional Christmas hymns at the Christmas Eve Lovefeast on Monday, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Call 336-413-4629 for more information.

Foster care, adoption open house. There will be a free

Foster Care and Adoption Informational Open House for interested adults on Thursday, Jan. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 4 at The Children's Home, 1001 Reynolda Rd., from 5-6:30 p.m. Reservations are requested by calling Marc Crouse at 336-721-7652 or emailing him at mcrouse@tchome.org.

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1100 Bellabrook Rd.

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Sunday, December 16, 2012

5:00 pm

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