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Community Calendar

Fitness, garden event

The Mami Wata Cultural Arts Collective will present "Fitness in the Garden & Community Bantaba" on Saturday, July 20 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Downtown Health Plaza Community Garden, 1200 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The free event will include a workout session, live African drumming, dancing, games, vendors, food and face painting.

Shalom fundraiser

The Shalom Project will host its annual ice cream social fundraiser, "The Big Chill," in celebration of National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 21 at Grace Court Park, 931 West 4th St., from 3-6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$10 per family of 4 and \$3 per child. Funds raised go to The Shalom Project, which provides a free medical clinic, a clothing closet, a food pantry and weekly community meals to West Salem residents.

Henley gathering

Mayoral candidate Gardenia M. Henley will hold a town hall forum on Tuesday, July 23 at the Central Library on Fifth Street. Henley will unveil her platform and discuss her qualifications.

Carver seniors meeting

The Carver Senior Citizens Club will have its annual picnic on Tuesday, July 24 at the Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center at 11 a.m. A raffle will also be held to help District 5 host the 2013 N.C. Association of Senior Citizens Clubs in Winston-Salem from Nov. 6-8. For further information, contact President Rudolph V. Boone Sr. at 767-4087 or rvb0720@aol.com.

Democratic women's gathering

The next monthly Democratic Women and Wine Meeting is Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susan MacIntosh, 129 Woodbriar Rd. It is open to all women and hosted by the Democratic Women of Forsyth County. The evening will be a casual get-together with light refreshments and a speaker addressing environmental issues and their importance to women. For more information or to RSVP, contact Shawna Williams at 336-497-1577.

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting will be held on July 25 at the Behavioral Health Plaza, 725 Highland St. State Rep. Evelyn Terry and Senator Earline Parmon have already committed to serve on the panel. Topics such as

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Past honorees pose with Vivian Burke (seated, front row, second from left).

Photo by Jim Wolfe

Phenomenal Women

Leaders celebrated at reception

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

For the past decade, Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke has led the charge in honoring local women through the annual Outstanding Women Leaders receptions, which she has sponsored since their inception in 2003.

Last week, past honorees turned the tables on Burke, feting the veteran politician for her own contributions to the city during the Outstanding Women Leaders Reunion.

"This evening's reception marks the 10th anniversary of honoring Outstanding Women Leaders, outstanding women leaders who reached high goals, and each year, their stories were honored and told," said 2010 honoree Nell Britton, reciting a poem she penned for the occasion that likened the women leaders to birds flying in a 'V' formation. "...Dr. Vivian H. Burke released us to fly. It was her idea, and she took the lead, to honor outstanding women who lead. She is such an outstanding woman herself that she chose to recognize everyone else."

Burke's longtime friend, retired educator Naomi Jones, followed Britton's salute with a commendation of her own.

"You could not ask for a better friend than Vivian. She's a smart person, a smart lady, and she does everything just right and if anything is wrong, she's going to let you know about it," said Jones, a 2006 honoree. "...She's a courageous person. She does not mind facing anyone, anywhere. That's what I admire her for."

Dana Suggs, 2004 Women Leaders honoree, said Burke has

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(Above) City Council Member Wanda Merschel presents a plaque to Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke (left) in appreciation for her service. Also pictured are City Council Members Denise Adams and Molly Leight (far right) and City Manager Lee Garrity.



(Left) Body & Soul's Dana Suggs hugs Vivian Burke after presenting her with a gift



Mose' Belton was a 2003 Outstanding Women Leaders honoree.



Nell Britton recites a poem she penned.



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