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A Friend Indeed

Fitness instructor using birthday bash to help school chum fighting cancer

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It's her party – and she can give if she wants to.

Katina Rice is throwing herself an exercise-infused 40th birthday bash next week, but all the presents will go to her long-time friend, Kim Jones Barr, who is fighting cancer for the second time.

"Since it was a milestone birthday for me, I wanted to have a big party, but I didn't want to have a big party just to have a big party," Rice explained. "I wanted to have a party with a purpose."

Rice, a pharmacist and fitness instructor, is charging \$10-\$15 admission to her dance party at Skate World in Kernersville on Saturday, Sept. 28. Rice and a handful of fellow fitness instructors will lead partygoers through a variety of dance-inspired workouts.

"We're going to be dancing the entire time, so it'll be like a

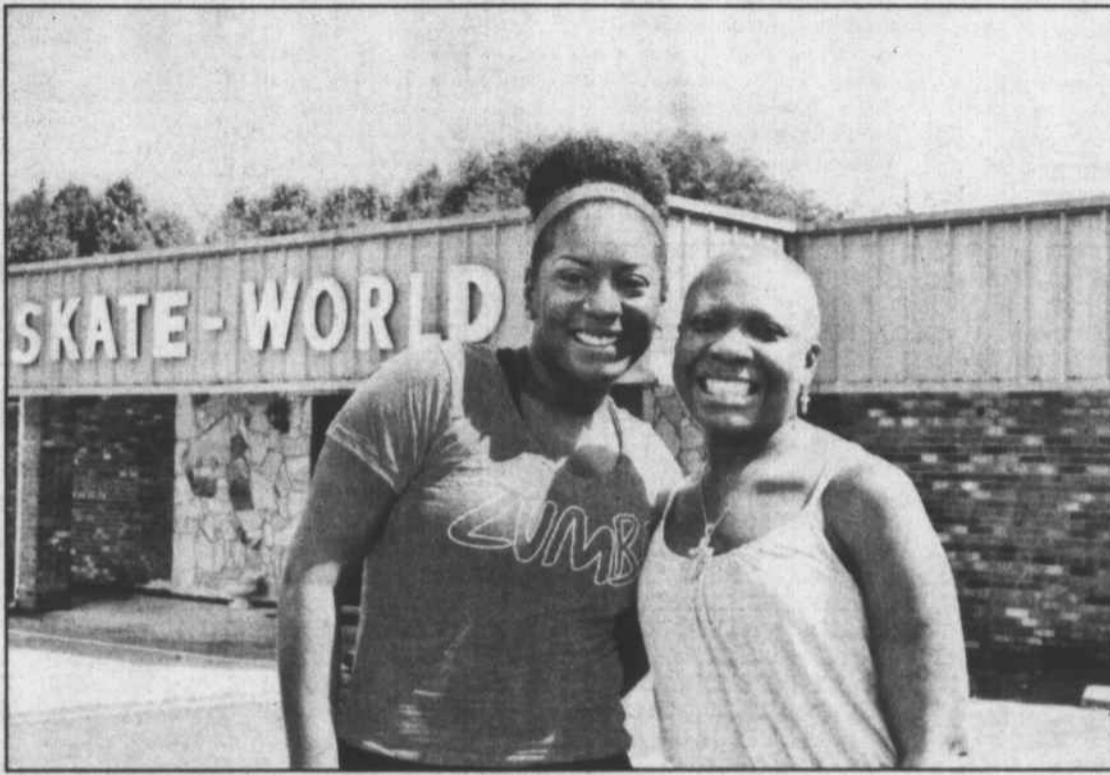


Photo by Layla Garms

See Party on A8 Carver High School alumnae Katina Rice (left) with Kim Barr.

Father in racial dust-up leaves Y

BY LAYLA GARMS
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The African American man who said that he and his family were called the n-word by a white woman at the Winston Lake Family YMCA has cancelled his Y membership.

Kenneth Boston said the July 28 incident and what he calls Winston Lake Y officials' lackluster response to it have negatively impacted his family. The 52-year-old father of seven said he

and three of his children were subjected to racial epithets while exercising on the Y's indoor track. Boston said he immediately reported the actions of the woman,



Boston

another Winston Lake Y member whom Boston says repeatedly used the n-word to refer to him and his 16-year-old autistic twin boys. He is not satisfied with the Y's response to the incident. He believes the woman's actions warranted an immediate cancellation of her membership, but that has not happened.



Bass

Winston Lake Branch Director Terry Matthews told The Chronicle last month that both Boston – who admits to telling a staffer after the incident that he "should've thrown that white woman over the rail –" and the other member had been reminded of the YMCA's Code of Conduct (a claim Boston denies) and that the issue had been resolved. The branch subsequently posted the Code of Conduct in several areas of the facility. It states, in part, that the YMCA "insists that individuals using this facility demonstrate caring, responsible, respectful and honest behavior" and that the organization does not permit "profane language or actions that can hurt or frighten another person."

Earlier this month, Boston said he was asked to attend a meeting at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church with Matthews, Vice President of Operations Richard Daniels, Winston Lake Y Board Chair Robin Richards, Y Board member Wayne Hosch and Rev. Willard Bass, founder of the Institute for Dismantling Racism and a Winston Lake Y member, to discuss the incident.

Boston said the meeting felt more like an "interrogation" than a mediation session.

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Photos by Todd Luck

Participants take off down the runway at Smith Reynolds Airport.

Running for Liberty

5k aids revitalization push

TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

It was a different kind of flight at Smith Reynolds Airport Saturday, as runners took off down the tarmac for the Run for Liberty 5k.

It was the second year the Liberty Community Development Corporation held the 5k to raise money for and awareness of its efforts to revitalize the Liberty Street Corridor "one brick at a time." The CDC also annually hosts an outdoor physical challenge between local cops and firefighters and a youth aviation camp at Smith Reynolds. Shaw says all the activities are designed to attract positive attention for Liberty Street, which, in its heyday, was the city's main thoroughfare.

About 60 people tackled the 5k course, which left the runway and looped around sections of Liberty and Fairchild Road before returning to Smith Reynolds. Ranging in age from 12 to 66, participants ranged from experienced runners to novice walkers, some of whom took their pets along for the journey.



Shaw



William Penn Jr. receives a medal for placing in his age group from Donna Taylor.

'White African' discusses fight against Mugabe

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Robert Mugabe

A British-born white Zimbabwean who is waging a human rights and legal battle against one of Africa's longest-serving leaders told his story at Wake Forest University Tuesday.

Ben Freeth says he, his family and friends have been subjected to unspeakable acts of torture and even death after standing up against Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe's controversial 2001 land reform measure, which stripped white Zimbabweans of their land and property.

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Ben Freeth (left) speaks at WSSU's Dr. Craig Richardson looks on.

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