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Community Calendar

Tiny Indians board positions

The Winston-Salem Tiny Indians has the following positions open on its executive board: vice president, cheer director and scholastic coordinator. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, call Rovia Hall at 336-997-0480 or email her at dklove-ly362000@yahoo.com.

Renegades meeting

The Carolina Renegades minor league football team will be holding an organizational meeting on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 2 p.m. at JP Looney's, 1022 S. Main St. in Kernersville. The first practice and open tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 11. Additionally, the team is accepting resumes for corporate sponsors, partners, volunteers, players and coaching staff. Resumes can be sent to danofink@hotmail.com.

CrossFit workout

CrossFit Winston-Salem, 2529 Viceroy Drive, will hold a free community workout at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4. CrossFit is a worldwide strength and conditioning program for all ages and levels. Learn more at 336-391-0362 or at www.crossfitwinston-salem.com.

Teen Theatre auditions

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will conduct auditions for its Teen Theatre Ensemble on Saturday, Jan. 4 from noon - 3 p.m. at The Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. Ensemble teens, who are between the ages of 13-18, will be taught the ins and outs of theater. Call 336-723-2266 to schedule an audition or visit ncbblackrep.org for more information.

Dining with Friends

Kick-off

AIDS Care Service will kick-off Dining with Friends, its signature fundraising event, at Sweet Potatoes restaurant, 529 N. Trade St., on Sunday, Jan. 5 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Information packets will be available for those who plan to host fundraising dinner parties. For more info or to register as a host online, visit www.aidscareservice.org.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Forsyth County Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Central Library, 660 W 5th St. The social starts at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m. Dr. Cynthia Doxey Green will lecture on "Using Genograms in Genealogy." The meeting is free and all are invited to attend.

Book discussion

The Delta Arts Center, 2611 New Walkertown Rd., will hold its second annual Exhibition Read Book Club Discussion on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. Jim Ferguson's "One Thousand White

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Photos by Todd Luck

Above: Attendees participate in the closing Harambee chant at Friday's Kwanzaa event.

Left: Artist Leo Rucker receives his award from Delta Board Chair Cynthia Jeffries.

Kujichagulia celebration brings crowd to Delta Arts Center

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Kujichagulia — or self determination — was the Kwanzaa principle celebrated Friday at Delta Arts Center.

A seven-day African American community and culture celebration, Kwanzaa celebrates a different principle each day from Dec. 26 - Jan. 1. Seven venues throughout the city hosted Kwanzaa events last week. It was the first time the Delta Arts Center, a gallery on New Walkertown Road founded by members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, hosted one of the citywide Kwanzaa events.

"It feels like the right use of the space," Delta Board Chair Cynthia Jeffries said. "It feels like it's part of our mission."

The more than 80 attendees were surrounded by large, colorful quilts made by Lakota Indians, which adorned the walls for Delta's latest exhibit. Like at all Kwanzaa events, the elders (those 65 and older) had to grant permission before the celebration could proceed at Delta Arts, the ancestors were honored with a libation and hands were joined for a closing Harambee chant.

There were also aspects that made the Delta Arts event stand out. An abbreviated version of the Kwanzaa documentary "The Black Candle," which is narrated by famed poet and Winston-Salem resident Dr. Maya Angelou, was shown and acclaimed self-taught artist Leo Rucker was honored for being an example of self-determination.

Rucker has a vast body of work, including large murals that can be found at places like the Clark Campbell Transportation Center and commissioned portraits like the one of the late Judge Roland Hayes that hangs in the Forsyth County Courthouse. The artist said



See Kwanzaa on B3 Mercedes Miller speaks about self determination.



Above: Lizzie and Willard Tanner with their great grandson, Zion.

Right: Renee Andrews gives the invocation.



William Herring is a regular Kwanzaa attendee.