Grant helping Paisley hold health fair Saturday

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The National PTA has recognized Paisley IB Magnet School PTSA with a \$1,000 grant for its efforts to strengthen family engagement during PTA Take Your Family to School Week. The Paisley PTSA is one of only 51 PTAs, nationwide and in Europe, selected to receive a grant. Being recognized with a grant demonstrates Paisley's PTSA leadership and commitment to build-

ing family-school partnerships to support student success and school improvement.

"Decades of research shows that when families and schools work together, student achievement increases, schools improve and communities grow stronger," said National PTA President Otha Thornton. "PTA Take Your Family to School Week is designed to spotlight the importance of family-school partnerships and expand and enhance family engagement efforts in schools across the country. We are pleased to recognize the hard work and dedication of Paisley's PTSA to ensure families are involved in their children's school, during PTA Take Your Family to School Week and throughout the year.'

During PTA Take Your Family to School Week, Paisley's PTSA will host a free Health and Fitness Fair that is open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Paisley, 1400 Grant Ave. The fair will

host 20 vendors which will be offering services such as free cholesterol, blood pressure and glucose screenings. There will be many fun and informative activities.

PTA Take Your Family to School Week reinforces PTA's legacy and mission to promote children's educational success and health and well-being through strong family involvement.

Changes for neighborhood Southside coalition

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The former South Winston-Salem Community Coalition has a new name and new officers. The New South Community Coalition, as it is now known, elected its first African American president, Robert Leak III. Leak is the president of the Easton

Neighborhood Association and a newlyappointed Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission member.

The vice president is Carolyn Highsmith, president of the Konnoak Hills Community Association and a recent candidate for City Council. Neighborhood advocates Natresha Lemon and Jesse Adams are the new secretary and new treasurer, respectively.

The New South Community Coalition brings together community advocates devoted to a vision of promoting and improving the



quality of life, health and safety of each and every citizen living in the diverse neighborhoods of Winston-Salem, though the focus is primarily on the neighborhood communities of South Winston-Salem. The mission of the New South Community Coalition is to develop an engaged and informed constituency that will work to create and maintain the integrity, character and beauty of these neighborhoods.

Citizens concerned about their neighborhood communities are encouraged to attend the New South Community Coalition's next general meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southside Public Library, 3185 Buchanan St.

For additional information, contact the New South Community Coalition at newsouthcommunitycoalition@gmail.com.





show for students will be held on Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. Tickets for this show are \$8.60. All performances will be held at the Arts Council Theater, 610 Coliseum Drive. For more information, call 336-723-2266 or go to www.ncblackrep.org.

Free roundtable talk

Jessica Munch-Dittmar of the Winston-Salem Symphony will lead the roundtable discussion "Marketing Your Volunteer Program" on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at the SECU Family House, 1970 Baldwin Ln. The event is free, and breakfast will be provided. Learn more at www.facebook.com/pravanc.

Hispanic Dems discussion

"Helping Hispanics/Latinos with Important Family Issues" is the theme of a Wednesday, Feb. 26 gathering of the Forsyth Hispanic County American Democrats. It will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 660 W. Fifth St. Topics like SAT prep and college entrance and the homebuying process will be discussed. The program will be in English and Spanish and is free and open to the public. Call 336-391-4495 for more information.

Feb. 28 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. It will include historical presentations, African dance, contemporary dance, song, skits and spoken word. A dinner reception follows. Tickets are \$5 in advance for adults and \$7 at the door. Tickets are \$3 for kids ages 4-10 and free for those 3 and under. A percentage of the proceeds will support The Power of T.E.E.N.S., Inc. Reserve tickets at k.hinesgaither@salem.edu or by calling 336-917-5268.

Dance

Garden of Iris Temple #220, 1405 N. Patterson Ave., will present a St. Day/Birthday Patrick's Dance on Friday, March 14 from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Admission is \$5. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Omega Talent Hunt applications

The annual Omega Psi Phi Talent Hunt Contest will take place on Sunday, March 9 at 3 p.m. at the Anderson Center at Winston-Salem State University. All music students in grades 9th through 12th are eligible. Contestants must play an instrument or sing semiclassical/classical music. Cash prizes will be awarded. Music students and music teachers can contact Emory Jones at 336-655-1019 or emoryjones1@hotmail.co m for more information and an application.



Hall applications being accepted

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Sports Hall of Fame is accepting applications for its 2014 class. Applications, portfolios and sports resumes should be submitted to the Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club Hall of Fame Committee at P.O. Box 4352, W-S, N.C., 27115-4353 on or before March 4. Applications are available at local high schools, at the Winston Lake Family YMCA on Tuesdays between 7:30 -8:30 p.m. (when the Sportsmen Club meets) or online at www.wssportsmenclub.org.

Fisher to speak

Forsyth Republican Women will welcome Republican National Committeewoman Dr. Ada Fisher on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the main auditorium of Forsyth Tech West Campus, 1300 Bolton St. Her topic will be "Helping Folks Awaken Their Inner Republican." The event is free and open to the public.

Salem BHM program

Salem College and **BADU** (Black Americans Demonstrating Unity) will host a Black History Month show on Friday,

'Balance' series

Mars Hill Baptist Church, 1331 E. 4th St., will hold the eight-part series "A Matter of Balance" to educate the elderly community about the dangers of falling. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m. through March 7. Space is limited. To enroll, email asfbalance2013@gmail.com.

Anderson meeting

The 1970 graduating class of Anderson Senior High is organizing a reunion for 2014. It will be 44 years since the last class graduated from Contact Anderson. Fleming J. El-Amin on Facebook, Twitter or ntv754@yahoo.com to join the planning committee. He can also be contacted at 336-575-0895.

Volunteers needed

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem has openings for volunteers who can assist older adults with transportation, home repairs, friendly visits or caregiver respite. Male visitation volunteers are especially needed. Call 336-748-0217 or visit www.shepherdscenter.org for more information.



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