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Ruby Boone Jr. with his wife, Renee.

Rudolph V. "Rudy" Boone Jr. was honored during the 65th annual meeting of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Eighth District. The gathering was held in Colorado Springs, Colo. on April 12.

He received the Founders Award. Boone is a member of the Kansas City, Mo. Omicron XI Chapter. He is a 40-year plus Omega man.

Boone graduated with honors from R. J. Reynolds High School and has a cum laude degree in liberal arts from N. C. A&T State University. He also has a MS in human resources from Gonzaga

He served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of Captain prior to his honorable discharge, and has held a number of human resources posts. He is currently a personnel supervisor at the Ford Motor Company.

Boone is the son of Rudolph Sr. and Sarah J. Boone of Winston-Salem. He is married to Renee Warner and has

daughter, Alicia LaVon (Herman) Jean-Noel of Brooklyn, N.Y.



Khadija Evans and her students lead the chain.

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that way," she declared. "I feel like our students have the power and the ability to make an impact."

Prior to the formation of the plastic bag chain, Claudio led a brief assembly during which she asked the students and staff to commit to using reusable canvas shopping bags whenever possible instead of the non-biodegradable plastic ones used by most grocery and retail stores. Two of Claudio's students modeled plastic bag dresses to illustrate the ugliness of pollution.

"Would you want to walk around like that?" Claudio asked, receiving a chorus of "No!" from her enthusiastic audience. "Well, neither do our animals ... we don't want to continue to pollute our earth. We want to protect the natural resources that we have, and guess who can make that change? You can make that change."

Khadija Evans and her class of animated kindergardeners led the plastic bag chain demonstration. carrying the initial strands onto the field. Evans said she and her students had been discussing preservation and the importance of protecting the environment in anticipation of Earth Day. In addition to touting eco-friendliness, Evans said the project had peripheral benfits.

"I think it's a good idea because it shows teamwork and cooperation," she said.

Although they are young, Evans says her students grasp the importance of preservation. The youngsters were eager to prove their teacher right, shouting answers to her questions about the environment.

"Is water man made or natural?" Evans prompted. "Natural!" the students

chirped.

"It comes from rain," Dre'Quan explained Wilson.

"If you drink dirty water, you will get sick, his friend Kennard Oglesby

added earnestly. "We've been talking about our impact on the environment, and how just cleaning up and taking care of that one piece of paper or trash means a lot to people and animals," said Evans, who has spent over two decades in the class-



Angela Claudio addresses students.

Principal Chris Massenburg praised the project, which was modeled after an initiative Claudio found online, for its ingenuity in delivering what he sees as a very important message to the roughly 275 students who attend Cook.

"I am green at heart, so any opportunity we get to teach our children coming up to have that green mentality about recycling and preserving our habitat, I'm

all for it," he declared. "... We want everybody - starting with our youngest - to learn how to take care of our environment."

When all the students were assembled in a circle, Claudio made one more plea for them to be mindful of their impact on the environment, and the world.

"Boys and girls, look at the circle," she said, gesturing to the vast expanse of plastic. "We can make a difference."



## Boone receives honor Residents hold celebrations at Healy Towers

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The Residents' Council of Healy Towers held several special programs over the last few months.

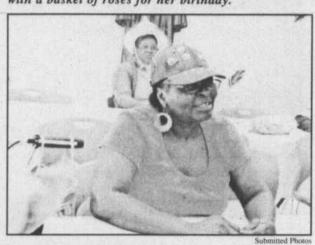
In February, the "Celebration of Black History" program featured performance by the Healy Towers Choir, under the direction of Council President Doris Kimbrough and President Debra Griffin; a skit featuring Harry Jones; and an informative readings by Edith Chisholm and Carol Thummel. Poetry performances and door prizes and a soul food dinner were also on the agenda.

Residents and friends danced the night away at the Council's Valentine's Dance. A fun time was also had at the Mardi Gras dance, which was held on Wednesday, April 16. The program included a memorial service for those who had passed during the last year, a prayer by Christine Singleton and Huffstaton and songs performed by Kimbrough and Debra Griffin.

Recently, an Easter hat contest was held. Women paraded around in their hats and told brief stories about them. Beverly Lowe won first place; the secondplace winner was Valerie Crawford. Several male residents served as judges. Frances Kamarah won a special prize for guessing that 1,030 jellybeans were



Rufus Helmes presents President Doris Kimbrough with a basket of roses for her birthday.



Residents show off their hats.

in a glass jar;

Door prizes were provided by Donald and Denise Jenkins, Ernie and Elaine Pitt, Chip and Pam

Moore, William Griffin, Geraldine Davis, Michelle Wilkinson, Hartsfield and Dr. and Mrs. James Ferree.



Friday, May 16, 2014-7:00pm

## **Shirley Caesar Concert**

**United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church** 420 Metropolitan Road-Winston-Salem, NC 27101



Known as the Queen of Gospel Music, Shirley Caesar has received 11 Grammy Awards and 7 Dove Awards as well as induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. She combines scripture, preaching and life issues with traditional gospel music to create a memorable worship experience. Shirley has performed at the White House, on Broadway, TV and in films. Shirley Ann Caesar-Williams co-pastors with her husband, Bishop Harold I. Williams in her hometown, Durham, NC.

#### Admission is Free

A love offering will be received to support the Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries work with inmates and families.

If you can't attend, please consider a donation to support Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries P.O. Box 11802, Winston-Salem, NC 27116—(336) 759-0063, www.forsythjpm.org