

# Community Briefs

## Peace Toys for War Toys and Lifeline Shoebox projects

The 23rd annual Peace Toys for War Toys exchange program for young boys and girls will be held at the Coliseum Annex on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The eighth annual Lifeline Shoebox distribution project for nursing homes and assisted living residents will be held from Sunday, Dec. 20 through Thursday, Dec. 24.

"We need safe secure donated space with climate control access for donated items received for both programs," said organizer Ben Piggott. All items are presented annually at Christmas time. Items such as wash cloths, lotion, Vaseline, body wash, shampoo, socks, bicycles, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, books, puzzles, board games, baby dolls, electronic games and much more.

Sponsors are needed to assist both programs through monetary support for cash prizes, collection of products and possible marketing.

Peace Toys for War Toys and Lifeline Shoebox serves hundreds of youth and nursing home residents.

For additional information, contact Ben Piggott at 336-727-2580 or Wanda Reid at 336-546-7015.

## YouthBuild Winston-Salem accepting applications

YouthBuild Winston-Salem, a job-training program for high school dropouts, is accepting applications for its next class. Interested citizens can come to Belview Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays to learn more about the program and receive assistance with applying. The center is located at 2800 Burgandy St.

YouthBuild Winston-Salem is a nine-month program that offers eligible high school drop-outs the opportunity to get paid while they earn their GED and receive training and certification in a construction trade, nursing assistance, pharmacy technology, facility maintenance, or advanced manufacturing.

All YouthBuild participants also receive a personal development plan as well as assistance after they complete the program to find a job or continue their education.

Information and an application for YouthBuild construction trainee positions is posted under the Jobs link at the top of CityofWS.org. To apply for other trainee positions or for more information call 336-397-7770 or send an e-mail to youthbuildws@cityofws.org.

## Executive changes announced at RAI and its operating companies

Reynolds American Inc. (RAI) announced several executive changes at both RAI and its largest subsidiary, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. All the changes will be effective Oct. 1.

Debra A. Crew, currently president and chief commercial officer of R.J. Reynolds, will become president and chief operating officer of the company. She will assume management responsibility for the company's manufacturing operations and research and development functions, in addition to her ongoing responsibility for the consumer and trade marketing functions.

Nancy H. Hawley, currently senior vice president of operations at R.J. Reynolds, will be promoted to executive vice president of operations for the company.

Daniel J. Herko, currently senior vice president of research and development for R.J. Reynolds, will be promoted to executive vice president of research and development for the company. Herko will also become an executive vice president of RAI Services Company and will be responsible for managing regulatory oversight for RAI's subsidiaries.

When Crew assumes her new responsibilities on Oct. 1, Jeffery S. Gentry, currently R.J. Reynolds' executive vice president of operations and chief scientific officer, will move to a project role overseeing the ongoing integration of Lorillard operations into subsidiaries of RAI. Gentry plans to retire sometime in the first half of 2016.

Thomas R. Adams, who served as RAI's executive vice president and chief financial officer from 2008 to March 2015, and has been overseeing the integration of Lorillard operations, now plans to retire when Gentry assumes responsibility for overseeing the integration.

## Group seeks Humane Citizen Award nominations

The Humane Citizen Award was first given in 2012 at Gala at Graylyn. Forsyth Humane Society's Humane Citizen Award is named after Christine and Michael Morykwas for their continued kindness, compassion and shared passion to enrich contributing to building a more humane society in our community. Each year, the Humane Citizen Award recognizes an individual or group in Forsyth County who demonstrates: Kindness, Compassion, Dedication to enriching and improving the lives of humans and/or animals in our community and a commitment to building a more humane society.

The Award recognizes individuals in our community who are dedicated to improving and enriching the lives of the members of our community. Previous recipients include Adam Bowditch and Senior Services' Meals-On-Wheels Program.

For details please visit [www.forsythhumane.org/nomination](http://www.forsythhumane.org/nomination). Questions may be directed to Darla Kirkeeng at 336-546-1411 or [hca@forsythhumane.org](mailto:hca@forsythhumane.org).

## Wake Forest Law graduates top overall in NC

Wake Forest University Law graduates had the highest overall bar passage rate (which includes repeaters) at 83 percent among North Carolina law schools for the North Carolina bar exam in July. That's compared with a state overall passage rate of 58 percent, according to the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners.

For first-time takers only, Wake Forest (82.5 percent) was in a close threesome with the law schools at Duke University (83 percent) and the University of North Carolina (83 percent). The passage rate for most law schools in the state fell from July 2014, while Wake Forest Law's passage rate increased by more than 3.5 percent.

Of Wake Forest's 63 first-time bar exam takers, 52 passed, while five of six repeaters passed.

# Community Calendar

## Black Chamber of Commerce

The Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce will meet today (Oct. 1) at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Center, located at 1922 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Attorney S. Wayne Patterson will be presenter of the topic "The Benefits of Obtaining 501c3 Status for Your Business or Church". Meeting is open and free to the public. Refreshments will be at 6 p.m. prior to the meeting. For more information, contact Gloria Hairston at 336-575-2006.

## Scholar speaks at WSSU

Dr. Mohamad Asaduddin, professor of English, Dean of Humanities and Languages and honorary Director of Academics at Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi, India, will give a lecture on "World Literature and Minority Cultures: Perspective from India", today (Oct. 1) at 12:30 p.m. in room 207A Thompson center at WSSU's campus. For more information, contact Aaron Singleton at 336-750-3152.

## Political empowerment

There will be a Democratic Women's political empowerment session on today (Oct. 1) from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Goler Enrichment Center, 630 N. Patterson Ave. There will be a workshop breakout session with councilwoman Denise "D.D." Adams and Chief District Judge Lisa V. Menafee, followed by keynote presenter Patsy Keever, N.C. Democratic Party State Chair. After the symposium, there will be a jazz social at the Forsyth County Democratic Party headquarters, 1128 Burke St. \$10 suggested donation, light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 336-724-5941.

## Candlelight Vigil

There will be a candlelight vigil to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month today (Oct. 1) on the front steps of City Hall at 7 p.m., located at 101 N. Main St. During the event, 16 "silent witness" silhouettes representing Winston-Salem victims of domestic violence, will be unveiled with plaques that tell each victim's story. In the event of rain, the vigil will be inside City Hall. For more information, contact Lt. Eric Montgomery at 336-773-7744 or [emontgomery@wspd.org](mailto:emontgomery@wspd.org).

## 'Hit the Bricks' race

The eight-hour 'Hit the Bricks' race will have its 35th anniversary today (Oct. 1) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the brick pathway of Hearn Plaza on Wake Forest University campus. This race will be to raise money for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund. Brian Piccolo was a Wake Forest alumnus and a running back for the Chicago Bears, when he died of cancer in 1970. For more information call 336-758-5237.

## Senior Democrats meeting

There will be a Forsyth County Senior Democrats meeting today (Oct. 1) at 9 a.m. at the Golden Corral on 4965 University Pkwy. Guest speaker will be Linda Coleman, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of N.C. Her topic will be, "It's Time For A Different Approach." Members and guest wanting the breakfast buffet will be able to enter the restaurant at 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jim Shaw at 336-767-0860 or 336-287-5053.

## Environmental movie night

There will be an environmental movie/speaker night today (Oct. 1) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Temple Emmanuel on 201 Oakwood Drive. The featured film will be "The Light Bulb Conspiracy," which combines investigative research and rare archive footage to trace the untold story of Planned Obsolescence. The speaker will be Dan S. Fogel, Wake Forest University's Sustainability Graduate Programs Director. Admission is free. Other movie dates are as follows: Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7 2016, Feb. 4 2016, March 3 2016, April 7 2016 and May 5 2016. For more information, contact Gayle Tuch at 336-766-2767 or [gttuch@yahoo.com](mailto:gttuch@yahoo.com).

## Artist showcase

The African-American Atelier, Inc., will open "Sculpt Mettle: Redux! A Henry G. Michaux Retrospective" exhibit with a reception on

Friday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Greensboro Cultural Center, located at 200 N. Davie St. The venue will showcase sculpture, ceramic and graphic works done by Michaux between the years of 1967-1997. For more information, contact Marvette Aldrich at 336-333-6885 or [email info@africanamericanatelier.org](mailto:info@africanamericanatelier.org).

## Blood drive

The Colonel Joseph Winston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) along with the American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Friday, Oct. 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centenary United Methodist Church located at 646 W. Fifth St. For information or to schedule a time to donate, contact Robynn Rutledge at 336-575-1434 or [email ColJosephWinstonDAR@gmail.com](mailto:ColJosephWinstonDAR@gmail.com)

## Fish fry fundraiser

The J.W. Paisley Alumni Association will hold a fish fry fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2135 New Walkertown Rd. Fish or smoked sausage dinners will be sold \$7 per plate with drinks, water or lemonade at \$1. For more information, contact Brenda Conrade at 336-406-0642.

## 'Rainbow Run'

On Oct. 3, Pride Winston-Salem will have its second annual "Rainbow Run 5K-running with Pride" event. The Race starts at 9 a.m. begins and ends at Washington Park, 228 W Acadia Ave., in the historic Washington Park Neighborhood. Registration is still open at [pridewe.org/5K](http://pridewe.org/5K). Awards will be presented by age group. Additional awards will be given for best male pride attire and best female pride attire. The proceeds from the race go to benefit Pride Winston-Salem and its annual initiatives, such as Pride Healthy living and Pride Gives Back. The Run will kick off three weeks of events leading up to the annual Pride festival and parade in downtown Winston-Salem.

## HIV/AIDS Advocacy conference

North Carolina's fourth HIV/AIDS Advocacy conference will be on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Winston-Salem State University. The conference will feature a series of engaging and thought-provoking workshops that will cover topics from how to effectively interact with policy-makers to understanding how the HIV and heroin overdose epidemics are intertwined. For more

information, contact Lee Storrow at [lee@ncaan.org](mailto:lee@ncaan.org), or Jen Jones at [virtuallyjenjones@gmail.com](mailto:virtuallyjenjones@gmail.com).

## Poet to hold workshop

N.C. Poet Laureate Shelby Stephenson will hold a workshop on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the New Winston Museum at 713 S. Marshall St. Stephenson will talk about the craft of writing poetry. Following the workshop, Stephenson will have a reading. Cost is \$10 for members of the Winston-Salem Writers and \$15 for non-members. Seating is limited. Registration is available online at [www.wswriters.org](http://www.wswriters.org).

## Fall plant sale

The Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden will have its annual fall plant sale on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 215 S. Main St. in Kernersville. For a list of the plants, visit [www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org](http://www.cienerbotanicalgarden.org). For more information, call 336-996-7888.

## Community Mixer

There will be a community mixer on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carolina's Vineyards and Hops on 1111 S. Marshall St., Suite 184. There will be free appetizers. Hosts will be Kenneth Archie and Kimya N. Dennis. For more information, call 919-710-0288 or [email kimya.dennis@salem.edu](mailto:kimya.dennis@salem.edu).


## Homowo Heritage Festival

The Homowo Heritage Festival will be on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Old Salem Museum and Gardens. Homowo is from Ghana, West Africa meaning "hooting at hunger" which is a celebration of African-American foodways and culture. It includes food tasting, learning about legacy farming and hands on activities. For more information visit [www.oldsalem.org/african-american-heritage](http://www.oldsalem.org/african-american-heritage).

## Public forum

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will be holding a public forum on Monday, Oct. 5 at the Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy, located at 1215 N. Cameron Ave. The forum will provide an opportunity to discuss the options for relocating the high school program at WSPA. For more information, contact Alexandra Hoskins at 336-727-2696, ext. 34165.

Go to [fithersyth.com](http://fithersyth.com) to learn more!



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