



Photos by Tevia Stinson

The Paisley High School Alumni Association presents the school's current principal, Gary Cone, with a check for \$1,500.



James Pickens Sr., president of the Paisley High School Alumni Association, presents Principal Gary Cone with a hand-drawn portrait of John W. Paisley, the namesake of the school.

Paisley receives donation from group of alumni

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

During the first school board meeting of 2016, the Paisley High School Alumni Association presented the school's current principal, Gary Cone, with a check for \$1,500. Paisley is called Paisley IB Magnet School now.

James Pickens Sr., president of the association, said he is a proud graduate of Paisley High School who is a strong believer in giving back to the school and the students.

"We volunteer and help out at all the schools in the community, but naturally, because we are alumni, we care a little more about Paisley," Pickens said, smiling.

The organization also presented Cone with a hand-drawn portrait of John W. Paisley, for whom the school at 1400 Grant Ave. is named.

Paisley served the community as principal at Kimberley Park School for over 25 years. During the meeting, Cone thanked the organization for all they do to help the students.

"We are lucky to have such an amazing alumni association like this behind us," said Cone. "I am truly grateful."

The J.W. Paisley High School Alumni Association is open to anyone who attended Paisley Senior High School between 1959 and 1968, the Paisley website says.

Former nurse celebrates 80th birthday at SECCA

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Frances Crosby, a longtime resident of Winston-Salem, was honored with a party for her 80th birthday on Jan. 16.

Held at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, the fun-filled and reflective evening was spent with a host of family members and close family friends. Among those present were her four children, who sponsored the event: Grady Crosby, Crystal Coplin Griffen, Adolphus Coplin and Larry Coplin. Also present were her grandchildren, who co-hosted the event: Alexis Griffen and Trey Crosby.

The festive occasion included remarks and tributes from those who have known the honoree through several phases of her life. Among the tributes were presentations by Dr. Betty Nyangoni, her only living sister; a military salute from K.G. Griffen, a U.S. Navy retiree and her son-in-law; and a stirring rendition of "Ave Maria" by Amber Garrett, her great niece. In addition to the tributes given by her family, a congratulatory letter was read from Mayor Allen Joiner.

Among the achievements recognized during the celebration were her education and career, which spanned more than half a century. In her youth, Crosby attended Woodland, Skyland, Atkins and Paisley public schools. Later, she pursued higher education and earned a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University, as well as a master's degree from the Medical College of Georgia.

In the career that followed, Crosby served in positions including: nurse practitioner at the former Kate Biting Memorial Hospital, assistant professor in the School of Nursing at Winston-Salem State University, instructor in the licensed practical nursing program at Forsyth Technical Community College, assistant professor at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, and outpatient nurse supervisor and preceptor at the Forsyth County Mental Health Center (also known as Center Point Human Services). Finally, she served as a case manager at Novant Medical Hospital Center after her retirement.

Concurrent to her busy civilian career, she also served in the United States Army Nursing Corps, from which she retired at the rank of lieutenant general.

As a person of deep faith, Crosby's religious

devotion was also recognized during the celebration. Nearly 67 years ago, she was baptized into the first Church of Christ that was established by African-Americans in Winston-Salem.

CRIME DOESN'T PAY. BUT WE DO.

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

Call Anonymously 727-2800
Cash rewards up to \$2,000
winstonsalemcrimestoppers.com
En Español 728-3904 Text "biteback" to 274637

\$250,000

MudPies

NORTHWEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

WE NEED COMMUNITY INVESTORS TO REACH OUR GOAL!

\$200,000

\$100,000

\$150,000

\$65,000

\$50,000

GIVE A CHILD

MudPies

NORTHWEST CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

NWDC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

mudpiesNC.org

Contact events@nwcdc.org
336.721.1215