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Willard L. McCloud Sr. and Virginia Newell attend the 31st annual Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital Reunion.

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'Katie B' Reunion highlights Class of 1966

City's segregated hospital known to produce skillful professionals

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More than 100 supporters participated in the 31st annual "Katie B" Reunion. This title is short for Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital. The reunion was held at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center on the weekend of July 29-31, 2016.

Former doctors, nurses, and other employees and students from the school of nursing and the school of radiology from the local area and various

states reconnected at the reunion. As each former student, instructor, dorm mother, doctor, or radiologist or supporter stood to introduce himself, each highlighted an illustrious career in the medical field as well as strong marriages of 40 to 60 years long. Many of the couples met one another at Katie B, and they remain married today.

According to Chairwoman Jacqueline Howell ('69), the Class of 1966 celebrated its golden anniversary by rounding up members of the class to reconnect and sit in a body. The keynote speaker for the Saturday banquet, Jeannette Charles Glenn, was from the Class of 1966.

Glenn is a native of Florence, S.C. Her formal education in the health care field began in Winston-Salem at the Kate Biting

Reynolds Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She continued her studies at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, where she earned her B.S. degree in Nursing and the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, where she earned her M.S. degree in Nursing Administration. She completed post-graduate studies at Francis Marion University in Florence and management studies at Harvard University Graduate School of Business. After 45 years of service, Glenn retired from McLeod medical Center in Florence.

Glenn spoke on the topic "This Old Lump of Clay." Glenn began her address with an excerpt from "The Creation," a sermon by James Weldon Johnson. She gave honor to

God - "This great God Almighty/ Like a Mammy bending over her baby, Scooped up a lump of clay/ Rolled it into a ball and blew into it the breath of life/ And man became a living soul. Amen," said Glenn.

"In my meditations with God over these seven decades, I have been his vessel. I was fortunate enough to be born to parents who taught me a respect for education, who had dreams for me, and who taught me about an undying love of God Almighty. . . . Each of us is a vessel unto God's honor, ministering to those in need. We are God's arm. We are God's shoulder." The first reunion was held in 1986, and it was inspired by the nostalgia of Odessa Turner, who began working at Katie B in 1953 in the department of Central

Supply and retired from Reynolds Health Center in 1986. The original vision continues.

Built in 1938, the hospital continued growth and activity in all areas of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics, Nursery, Gynecology, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Radiology, Operating Room, Central Supply, Dietary, Maintenance, Housekeeping, Office Management, Emergency Room, and Administration Operations.

Howell was pleased with the fellowship members of the Class of '66 all enjoyed.

"The reunion went well. Everyone enjoyed themselves. It is always great to stop and remember

our days at Katie B.," said Howell. "Several people attended the reunion for the first time. Also Mary Sharp ('66) was instrumental in rounding up members of the Class of 1966 in order to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary.

Also Christopher Mack, the son of Nurse Mack, announced that he and others will take the responsibility for creating a Facebook page for the reunion. If social media will help us spread the word, we are all for it. Even after thirty-one years of our having the reunion, some of the local people still do not know about it. We may also need a website where we can record some oral history from the Katie Biting graduates."

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goods and fitness demonstrations. We are still accepting vendors. Contact Rasheedah at vendormarket336@gmail.com.

Aug. 13 & Sept. 17 - Free Outdoor Movie Series

Experiment in Self-Reliance, in partnership with Forsyth County Public Library, Forsyth County 4-H, and Great Commission Community Church, will host movie two of its three-part Family Film Fest: Outdoor Movie Series. This free community-centered series will be held August 13 and September 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Experiment in Self-Reliance, at 3480 Dominion Street NE. Before the movie screening, children will have the opportunity to enjoy educational entertainment including a puppet show, book mobile, anti-bullying seminar, and crafts. All movies are equipped with Spanish subtitles. Chips and drinks will be available for sale. Popcorn will be free. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. For more information, call 336-722-9400 or visit www.eisr.org/events.

Aug. 14 - Second Sundays on 4th

On August 14th, 4th Street in downtown Winston-Salem will host Second Sundays on 4th. This free family-friendly outdoor event series, held every second Sunday of the month from May to October from 3-6 p.m. includes two free bands, as well as a kids' zone with free bounce houses, games and arts activities. For more information, check out our website, www.sso4.com, or find us on Facebook under Second Sundays on Fourth.

Aug. 18 - Back to School Cookout

Kindergarten registration is now open at Cook Literacy Model School. Please come by or call 336-703-4201. Back to School Cookout is Thursday, Aug. 18, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at 920 11th St. NW. First day of school is Monday, Aug. 22, at 8:15

a.m.

Aug. 19 - Book release

On Friday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise conference and banquet center, Latisha R. Stuckey will officially release her book titled "Cast Down But Not Destroyed, Destiny's Child." The book is a collection of letters, Scriptures, poems and memories written to her birth and adoptive parents. In the book she recalls her encounters with Child Protective Services from the age of 4. The event is open to the public. There will be spoken word, liturgical dance, along with a soloist.

Aug. 19 & 20 - Triad Minority Business Expo Weekend

The Triad Minority Business Expo will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Biotech Place at the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, located at 575 Patterson Ave., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Expo, in its third year, is free and open to the public and is expected to attract hundreds of people to visit the more than 60 minority and female-owned businesses and vendors. The two-day event kicks off Friday, Aug. 19, with a captain's choice golf tournament at the Winston Lake Golf Course, 3535 Winston Lake Road. Tee time is 9 a.m. following registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. The Expo on Saturday will feature workshops and sessions designed with the entrepreneur in mind. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and greet the Expo's special guests who include actor and entrepreneur Lamman Rucker and his Greenleaf co-star Julian Britton, along with Petri Hawkins Byrd, also known as 'Officer Byrd' from the TV court show, Judge Judy. More information can be found at: www.maximumenterprisesinc.com or call 336-448-4177.

Aug. 19-20 - "The Meeting"

"The Meeting" by Jeff Stetson, an eloquent play that depicts the fictitious meeting of two of the most important men of modern times, Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. and Malcolm X, allows us to revisit the ideologies and sentiments of two men who gave their lives for a time such as this. The play is set in a hotel room in Harlem during the early 1960s. The show will take place at the Starr Theatre which is located at 520 South Elm Street in Greensboro. Dates are: Aug. 19, 8 p.m. - Opening Night and VIP Reception (\$15 General Admission, \$25 Limited VIP), \$10 children/student tickets. Aug. 20, 3 p.m. - Show and Discussion (\$15 General Admission), \$10 children/student tickets. Aug. 20, 7 p.m. - Final Performance (\$15 General Admission, \$25 Limited VIP), \$10 children/student tickets. For tickets and more information, contact Woodrow Bumbry at 336-501-8473; Tiera Mahone at tieramahone@yahoo.com, 919-806-7435; Robin T. Rich-McGhie, elisejonell@gmail.com, 336-707-8793.

Aug. 23 - Welcome to Medicare Workshop

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem is offering a workshop for individuals turning 65 (as well as those who already have Medicare) to learn about the different insurance options available, including "Original Medicare." Medicare prescription drug programs, Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans. The session will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Rural Hall Branch Library, 7125 Broad Street, Rural Hall. The session is designed to explain and clarify the Medicare sign-up process and educate attendees on how to make smart choices. Trained Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors will be on hand to answer general questions. The session is provided at no cost. Because space is limited, reservations are required. Contact the Shepherd's Center at 748-0217 for more information or to reserve a seat.

Aug. 23-27 - Carver High School Alumni

Round-Up Celebration

The Carver High School Alumni Association will have our annual Round-Up Celebration August 23-27. Founder's Day will be held at the Carver High School Auditorium, which will be renamed E.E. Hill Auditorium, on Aug. 23 at 9:30 a.m. During this event, we will present awards and special recognition in honor of Mr. E. E. Hill. The Alumni is sponsoring fundraisers and asking for pledges in an effort to make this event a fantastic event to honor the legacy of Mr. Hill. Donations can be sent to Carver High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 16265, Winston-Salem, NC 27115.

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