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The Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission sponsored a Newcomers Trust Talks at Forsyth Technical Community College, to focus on foreign-born residents residing in our local community.

Winston-Salem forms Newcomers Trust Talks

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission is continuing with the Trust Talks police/community relations series, in partnership with the Winston-Salem Police Department.

In 2011, the Winston-Salem Police Department approached the Human Relations Department with a proposed partnership to foster positive dialogue and discussion within the community regarding bettering lines of communication and trust between the police officers and members of the community.

Members of the Human Relations staff and the Human Relations Commission agreed to facilitate discussions that would yield the creation of trust and mutual understanding.

Recently, the Trust Talks was customized, by way of a Newcomers Trust Talks held at Forsyth Technical Community College, to focus on foreign-born residents residing in our local community.

There were about 50 residents present, representing over a dozen countries of origin, including Niger, Ethiopia, Morocco, Portugal, Brazil, and Mexico. Stereotypes and perceptions held by residents based on their experiences with police in their countries of origin were explored and discussed.

Residents also brought up perceptions of racial profiling and targeting.

In turn, police officers also offered guidance and advice to residents regarding topics such as driver's license law enforcement and community policing.

Human Relations and Police hold Trust Talks on a quarterly basis. The next Trust Talks dialogue is planned for mid-fall.

The public may contact Pam Peoples-Joyner with the Winston-Salem Police Department at 336-773-7962 to pre-register for an upcoming session.



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Winston-Salem festival showcases diversity

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A naturalization ceremony was held, during which 25 people from 19 countries became citizens of the United States, last weekend.

It was held prior to the City of Winston-Salem Human Relations Department's 2016 International Village Food and Music Festival, which showcased the international backgrounds and heritages of Winston-Salem's local residents.

Global cuisine, entertainment by cultural organizations, international crafts for purchase and educational materials about the local international com-

munity were presented by various vendors and organizations.

Cultures from all over the world were showcased and celebrated through music, dancing, fashion shows, food, arts and crafts vendors and information booths.

The popular reggae band Liontracks headlined this year's International Village Food and Music Festival at Corpening Plaza. The Healing Force also performed African and world music.

By design, the festival coincided with Bookmarks' Festival of Books and Authors, which was also held downtown

on Sept. 17, said Wanda Allen-Abraha, the director of human relations.

Human Relations started International Village in 2011 as a section of the Rock the Block downtown street festival. When the city phased out Rock the Block, the Human Relations Commission continued to hold International Village as a stand-alone event.

This year, the commission modified the name to better communicate the nature of the festival, which had various sponsors.

Ethel Washington Baddy marks 109th birthday

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Ethel W. Braddy, a native of Forsyth County, celebrated her 109th birthday on Sept. 5, which included week-long visits from grandchildren, relatives, church family, neighbors and friends. She was showered with flowers, cards, balloons and many well-wishers.

She was one of four children born to Carlos and Amanda Douthit Washington and was married to the late Joe Braddy. To that union was born seven children. Ethel became a widow at an early age and reared seven children working as a domestic worker. She has outlived five of her children and now lives with the only daughter who is her caretaker. Her only surviving widowed son lives next door and assists with her care.

Ethel is the mother of Piney Grove Baptist Church, which she attends as often as her health permits. Her church family visits regularly and provides support and assistance whenever needed. Pastor James Linville and First Lady Renita T. Linville visit regularly and recognize her birthday each year with gifts and services. She was presented a unique handmade quilt representing various church ministries.

Memoirs of her past birthdays line her walls including photos, letters of recogni-



Baddy

tion from the president, the governor, state elected officers, mayor and city officials. Included among the photos are family, her younger years, and a group picture of her school (historic Oak Gove School) now a historic museum. She is the only surviving student in that photo.

Ethel has lived through two World Wars and the Korean Conflict and has seen 19 presidents in office from Theodore Roosevelt to Barack Obama, segregation, desegregation, integration and the landing on the moon.

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