

Community Briefs

Wake Forest Medical Alumni Association honors three recipients

The Medical Alumni Association (MAA) of Wake Forest School of Medicine has presented its annual awards to distinguished alumni. Honored during Wake Forest School of Medicine's annual M.D. Alumni Weekend activities on Sept. 23 were Jon S. Abramson, M.D. '76, of Winston-Salem, Distinguished Faculty Award; Joseph R. Overby Jr., M.D. '71, of New Bern, N.C., Distinguished Service Award; Roger E. Stevenson, M.D. '66, of Greenwood, S.C., Distinguished Achievement Award. Abramson, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., has devoted his career to children's health, spanning patient care, research and education. Abramson is a professor of pediatrics at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, he joined in 1981. He has a bachelor's degree from Boston University and completed his medical training, with a residency at Wake Forest University. Abramson has served as president of the Society for Pediatric Research and chair of two various committees. Overby, a native of Smithfield, has served New Bern and surrounding communities as a primary care physician for 40 years. Overby obtained his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University, completed his medical training with an internship in medicine and pediatrics at Wake Forest Baptist. He received family practice residency at Medical College of Virginia. Overby helped found the New Bern Family Practice in 1976 to address the need for primary care physicians. Stevenson, a native of South Carolina, has focused his medical career on birth defects, intellectual disability and autism as well as related disorders. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Furman University, completed his pediatric residency along with his fellowships in metabolism and genetics at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Stevenson co-founded the Greenwood Genetic Center, in 1974 the first independent center in the nation to provide comprehensive genetic services. He has authored numerous publications such as "Human Malformations and Related Anomalies" and has gained various honors in renowned societies.

Bill McClain named Afterschool Alliance Ambassador

The Afterschool Alliance has announced that Bill McClain, executive director at the Guiding Institute for Developmental Education (GIDE) in Winston-Salem, has been selected to serve as a 2016-2017 Afterschool Ambassador. Afterschool programs—like the ones GIDE provides to more than 250 underserved youth and their families—offer hands-on learning opportunities, homework help, mentors, science and technology, access to healthy snacks and meals, sports and fitness, arts programming, civic engagement, and much more. A large and growing body of evidence demonstrates improvements in attendance, behavior, academic achievement and more among children in afterschool programs.

BNC Bancorp named to Fortune Magazine List of 100 Fastest Growing Companies

HIGH POINT — BNC Bancorp (NASDAQ: BNCN), has been named to Fortune's Top 100 List of Fastest Growing Companies. Ranked at 71st, this marks BNC Bancorp's first appearance on the list. This is the 30th year that Fortune Magazine has created their list of the 100 Fastest Growing Companies. The ranking is determined based on revenue growth, EPS growth and the three year annualized total return for shareholders.

RAI board elects two new directors

Reynolds American Inc. (NYSE: RAI) announced today that John Boehner, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Jean-Marc Levy, executive-in-residence at the IMD Business School in Lausanne, Switzerland, have been elected to serve on RAI's board of directors as Class II directors, effective immediately. Boehner will serve on the board's corporate governance, nominating and sustainability committee, and Levy will serve on the compensation and leadership development committee. Levy fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert Lerwill in June this year. He is one of five RAI board members designated by Brown & Williamson Holdings, Inc. (B&W), a subsidiary of British American Tobacco p.l.c. (BAT), under the terms of the 2004 governance agreement, as amended, between RAI, B&W and BAT. RAI's board now has 14 members.

Jake Wharton to chair American Heart Association PULSE

The American Heart Association is proud to announce Jake Wharton, Partner at Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice, LLP, as Chair of AHA PULSE Winston-Salem, the first American Heart Association PULSE Group in North Carolina. Sponsored by Belk, American Heart Association PULSE Winston-Salem is the new young professional social group incorporating professional networking, participating in heart disease and stroke mission-related opportunities in Forsyth County, and experiencing the American Heart Association's events. AHA PULSE Winston-Salem includes two membership opportunities as Ambassadors or Champions. Each of the membership levels include opportunities to build social capital, learn about future career opportunities, develop leadership skills, enjoy exclusive membership event benefits, and give back to the community. Member benefits also include tickets to all of the American Heart Association's Forsyth County social events including a ticket to Heart After Dark, the Winston-Salem Heart Ball after party. To learn more about AHA PULSE Winston-Salem membership, email winstonsalem-heartball@heart.org.



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Salemtowne Retirement Community names Jim Koniszewski as CFO

Jim Koniszewski has been named Salemtowne's chief financial officer. The appointment comes as the retirement community begins an

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Community Calendar

Through Nov. 19 — Community Family Enrichment Program

The Community Family Enrichment Program is designed to allow families at no cost to them the opportunity to attend classes and workshops that will help develop their parenting skills, learn money management skills, life skills and strategies to help build stronger and healthier families. The program also provides ongoing support and resources that will increase family unity, restore family balance, and promote harmony. Classes will be held every third Saturday at Green Tree Community Center, 930 S. Broad St. For more information, call Pastor Ora Mathews at 336-788-2364 or Green Tree Community Center at 336-722-7738.

Today, Oct. 20 — History and Science Program

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, Old Salem Museums & Gardens will present an educational program titled "Science Alive in Old Salem" aimed at bringing science and history to life for young people. The last of the dates for fall 2016 is Oct. 20. The cost is \$15 per student, \$23 for adults when booked and paid with the school 30 days prior. Walk-in tickets are \$27. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-441-5305.

Today, Oct. 20 — Black Philanthropy Initiative holds fall fundraiser

The Black Philanthropy Initiative (BPI) of the Winston-Salem Foundation will hold its annual fall fundraising event, Impacting Our Community Through Black Philanthropy, on today, Thursday, Oct. 20. Nonprofit organizations serving the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area are eligible to apply for grant funding from the Black Philanthropy Fund. Persons interested in attending and/or contributing may call the Winston-Salem Foundation at 336-714-3441 for more information.

Today, Oct. 20 — Early Voting Begins

The national, state and local early voting begins on Oct. 20 at the Forsyth County Government Center at 201 N Chestnut Street. The 16 satellite locations early voting will begin on Oct. 27. One of the satellite locations will be in the Southwest Ward at Miller Park Recreation Center. For full information on locations and hours of voting, visit http://www.forsyth.cc/Elections/Documents/One-stop_early_voting.pdf

Oct. 21 — "Composting" a Forks on Friday Presentation

A presentation on "Composting" a Forks on Friday Presentation will be held at the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension, 1450 Fairchild Rd., on Friday, Oct. 21 from 12 — 1 p.m. The speaker of the event will be Extension Horticulture Agent Leslie Peck. The program will focus on the various ways to utilize your yard waste at home, instead of sending your plant material to the landfill. The presentation will also share tips on easy steps to good, aged compost. The presentation is free. Registration is required. To register, email coop-ext-registration@forsyth.cc or call 336-703-2850. Space is limited. For accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact the office.

Oct. 21-23 — Production of "Little Girl Blue"

Onyx Qube Productions will present "Little Girl Blue," a concert drama showcase inspired by the life and music of Nina Simone, Oct. 21-23, at SECCA, 750 Marguerite Dr. It is written by award-winning playwright Nathan Ross Freeman. It stars soul/jazz singer, songwriter, pianist and international recording artist Markeisha Ensley, and introducing pianist, vocalist and rising thespian Bijan Miarra Shaw. Mature audiences recommended. A preview night will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and \$25 for seniors and students. Performances with a reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 (\$35 without reception) and \$30 for seniors and students. Additional performances will be Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. Purchase tickets by going to www.littlegirlbluebrownpapertickets.com or at the door.

Oct. 21 — Special Olympics "BBQ, Boogie & Bowling" Fundraiser

Special Olympics Forsyth County will hold its annual "BBQ, Boogie & Bowling" fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 21 from 6-9 p.m. The fundraiser will feature great food, bowling, music and more at Creekside Lanes, 1450 Trade Mart Blvd. Music will be provided by

D.J. Clash. The food will catered by Texas Roadhouse and K&W Cafeterias. There will be a costume contest and silent auction. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 10 and all Special Olympics athletes regardless of age. Tickets include dinner, three games of bowling and shoe rental. Take-out plates are available for \$7.

Oct. 21 — Dec. 2 — Medicare Annual Enrollment Sessions

The Medicare Annual Enrollment period will take place from Oct. 15 to December 7. To assist Medicare beneficiaries, the annual enrollment sessions are being offered on Fridays from Oct. 21 through December 2. The sessions will assist Medicare beneficiaries to review their drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans and make changes if necessary. Trained Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors will be available to assist in the enrollment process. Enrollment sessions will be conducted on the following Fridays: Oct. 21 and 28; November 4, 11 and 18; and December 2. All of the enrollment sessions will be held at the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem, 1700 Ebert Street. One hour appointments will be offered from 1 p.m. — 5 p.m. Space is limited. Appointments must be made by calling the Shepherd's Center at 336-748-0217.

Oct. 22 — Democratic Men Breakfast

The Democratic Men will hold their breakfast on Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. in FCDP HQ, 1128 Burke Street. Members are encouraged to bring guests for food, fellowship and election preview. Sen. Linda Garrou will present the Best Case and Worst Case Scenarios for the General Assembly. Professor Katy Harriger, of Wake Forest University (WFU) will discuss the stakes for America. Cal Cunningham, a practicing attorney, captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and former member of the N.C. Senate, will focus on the effects of the statewide races.

Oct. 22 — Ardmore Neighborhood Association hold Hunger Run

The Ardmore Neighborhood Association (ANA) will celebrate

Community Roots Day with the Run Against Hunger 5k/10k fun run on Oct. 22 at Redeemer Presbyterian on Miller Street. For more details, go to ardmorearah.com.

Oct. 22 — Book signing

Alfred Blue Flowers will be having a book signing at Barnes and Noble at 1925 Hampton Inn Court off of Hanes Mall Blvd. from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. The book, "Code Of The Hood," is an urban novel demonstrating how the devil destroys lives by offering material gains in exchange for your mind, body and soul.

Oct. 22 — Forsyth Tech Job Training Programs

Forsyth Tech will showcase 30 short-term training job skills and personal enrichment programs at the Open House & Career Expo on Saturday, Oct. 22. The event will be held at the college's West Campus, 1300 Bolton St., from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The program will focus on employment opportunities in the community, and the 30 local employers who will conduct initial screening for open positions. Attendees will have the ability to register for upcoming courses and to explore programs that can enhance their careers. The event is free and open to the public.

Oct. 22 — Students to sell fall crops

The NC CES Urban Farm Students have been growing fall crops at the Cleveland Ave. and 22nd St. Site. The students are preparing to sell what they have been harvesting. The students will be selling their crops on Saturday, Oct. 22 and 29 from 9 a.m. — 12 p.m. at the Liberty Street Market. For more information contact Forsyth Cooperative Extension at 336-703-2859 or by email at covingt@forsyth.cc.

Oct. 22, 29 & Nov. 5 — Fire Department to distribute stovetop fire suppressors

Members of the Winston-Salem Fire Department and the American Red Cross will spend the next three Saturdays going door-to-door in targeted neighborhoods to install stovetop fire suppression canisters as part of an initiative to reduce the number

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