

Around Charlotte

•The City of Charlotte is seeking applications from neighborhood organizations for grants to improve communities. The deadline for applications is Sept. 16. For more information, call Shirley W. Stevenson at 336-2349.

•The Charlotte Writers Club article contest is open to residents of North Carolina, York and Lancaster counties, S.C. Non-fiction works of 750-2,000 words should be submitted by Sept. 16. For more information, contact Donna Emmery at 332-1889.

•Interested in singing the National Anthem at Charlotte Hornets games? Auditions will be held Sept. 24 from 9-4 p.m. at the Hornets Training Center in Fort Mill, S.C. For more information call 357-0252 extension 4866 or 4855.

•Duke University's Certificate in Nonprofit Management Program will begin in early September at UNC Charlotte. The program offers practical training for people in the nonprofit sector, churches or government agencies. For more information, call Dana Bradley at 547-3941.

•Partners in Hope, a program of Crisis Assistance Ministry will present "Education for Partnership: Information & Training Sessions" for people interested in becoming Partners in Hope Volunteers on Sept. 24 from 7-9 p.m. at Crisis Assistance Ministry. For more information, call 371-3001 extension 124.

•The Charlotte Repertory Orchestra will hold auditions this month for all instruments. Orchestra programs will include classical and contemporary music. For more information, call 532-5320 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

•The Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Adult Care and Share Center 6709 Idlewild Road. The facilitator will be Jane Moore of Adult Care and Share. For more information, call Moore at 567-2700.

•Applications are being accepted of the Today's Young Woman Leadership Development Program. The program, sponsored by Class Project 2000, provides lessons in life skills and community services. It will run from September through May 1997. For more information, call Theresa Williams Bethea 382-0294.

•The Plyler-Forbis reunion will be held Sept. 14 from noon to 5 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Church Campground in Mineral Springs. For more information call, Brenda Plyler at (919) 467-1939.

•The Black Association of Women Entrepreneurs Inc. is taking orders for Christmas and Kwanzaa holiday cards to benefit their business loan fund. For more information, call 391-7446.

•Portraits of Color Inc. will offer a comprehensive cultural arts and development program for children and youth ages 5-18. The program will begin Sept. 23 and last 12 weeks. The enrollment fee is \$75 per discipline. For more information, call Pamela Phifer at 535-3633.

•The UNC Greensboro Alumni Association will sponsor "Friday at Five," an after-work event in Downtown Greensboro on Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.

•The Metrolina Food Bank will host "Hunger's Hope Golf Tournament" at Providence Country Club Monday. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Tee time is scheduled for 1 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Food Bank's distribution of groceries to more than 400 food assistance programs in 17 counties.

•The Piedmont Daylily Club will hold its fall meeting and luncheon Sept. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cooks Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road. For more information, call Mitchell Hagler, 537-6990.

•The Charlotte-Mecklenburg League of Women Voters will host statewide candidates at a breakfast on Sept. 21 at 8:30 am at McDonald's Cafeteria. Cost is \$10. Political candidates have been invited. For more information, call Maxine Eaves at 563-6077.

•The March of Dimes will host its annual "Chili Championship and Rubber Duck Regatta," Saturday at Tanglewood Park, in Clemmons, N.C. Gates open at 10 a.m.

•The Hidden Valley community will sponsor a parade and festival Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hidden Valley Elementary School, 5100 Snow White Lane. Entertainment will be provided by local artists, dancers, drill teams and step teams.

•Lestina J. Potts, a regis-

tered nurse at Carolinas Medical Center, has been chosen to receive the Great 100 Award for Nursing Excellence in North Carolina. She will be honored at a formal dinner and dance at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park Sept. 28.

•Committed Christian Citizens for Harvey Gantt will sponsor several voter registrations drives throughout the city this month. For more information, call 536-7676.

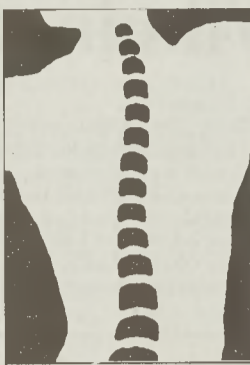
•CPCC will hold auditions for a situation comedy television production titled "Gym Rats" on Sept. 17-18 from 1:30-3 p.m. in Room LRC 014 beside Pease Auditorium. For more information, call 330-6835 or 330-6618.

•The Fiber Artists' Guild of Charlotte will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Hezekiah Alexander Museum, 3500 Shamrock Dr. Phyllis Rollins will present a program on the prevention of repetitive motion injuries. For more information, call 596-4175.

•Early Childhood PTA, an organization of preschool caregivers, will hold a meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the

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