

MASONS TO HOST BLACK HISTORY MALE SUMMIT

(WINSTON-SALEM) – Looking to address a troubling trend of high rates of unemployment, incarceration and school dropout in Forsyth County among African-American men, several local organizations have come together to hold the first Masonic African-American Male Summit during Black History Month.

The summit will be held Saturday, February 24th, at the Masonic Temple, 1025 East Fourteenth St., at 11 a.m. and is being sponsored by the Winston-Salem Masonic Corporation and the Winston-Salem Foundation, in conjunction with the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools, the Winston Lake Family YMCA and Boy Scout Troop No. 916.

“African-American young men have the highest unemployment, incarceration and dropout rates in Forsyth County,” said Stephen Hairston, a summit panelist and president of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP. “The summit will provide a forum to address solutions to problems surrounding African-American young men in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.”

Paul Miller, District Deputy of the Winston-Salem-area Masons, said, “We are very pleased to be partnering with several local organizations in Winston-Salem that, like us, have a vested interest in the direction that young black men are headed. This summit will bring together local youth to discuss what community programs may be needed, and community leaders

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Eddie Thomas, WSSU and Chris Paige, Parkland

TRULIANT CREDIT UNION'S DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

One year has passed since Marjorie Rorie began her employment at Truliant Federal Credit Union in a newly created position as the Director of Community Services. In just that short time, she has seen positive growth in the progressive Credit Union. “Truliant has opened several new Member Financial Centers (MFC) and has developed new products to better serve our member-owners,” she said. One change that really excites Rorie, because of its historical significance, is the relocation of the Victory Member Financial Center in Winston-Salem from the Kings Plaza Shopping Center on Waughtown Street to the Goler community at 893 Liberty Street. Truliant

merged with Victory Mutual Masonic Credit Union, a predominately African-American credit union in 2003.

“The Marketing Department and I have been working hard to preserve this legacy and promote outreach activities to the diverse segments of our community that currently use this MFC by conducting financial literacy classes, implementing advertisements and sponsorships with several churches and nonprofits in the area,” she said. Rorie’s background in nonprofit community service, business development and personal financial management gives her the ability and expe-

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Marjorie Rorie, Director of Community Services for Truliant Federal Credit Union talking to students enrolled in a financial education class in High Point.



Curtis Neal

By John Raye

Nobody tells Curtis Neal when to go to work or when to go home. He punches his own clock, keeps track of his own hours and work when he wants to work. Which is nearly every day. A Greensboro-based entrepreneur, Neal loves his work so much,

CURTIS NEAL TAKES THE HIGH ROAD TO SUCCESS

and has so much fun doing it, that he often find it hard to stop.

Curtis Neal is one of those rare individuals who actually get excited about going to work. He works in a profession populated only by the best and the brightest. Curtis Neal is a professional salesperson, and reports only to himself.

His company, LA Fashions, is a mobile business, a unique line of ladies clothing, shoes and accessories, that he brings directly to all of his many customers.

“My store is always at your door. You never have to leave home or be bothered with traffic, unfriendly people or crowded stores. I’m one of a

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Bridget Wall, Director

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