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Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization Chooses "Woman of the Year"

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Many groups are totally blessed to have among them an individual who reaches beyond limits in assisting others, giving to the unfortunate, sharing words of comfort and bringing joys to hundreds of people.

The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization considers itself lucky to have just a jewel as a member of the club. Mrs. Tessie Hunt who has been a member of the organization was honored as Woman of the Year at the monthly meeting Monday, February 5th.

Mrs. Hunt who just celebrated her eightieth birthday February 8, has been a member of the club since 1976 and has participated at the local, state and national levels. Blessed with a talent in arts and crafts, she has provided countless gifts to members as well as to the organization at every level. One major gift leaving individuals in awe and appreciation has been several handmade quilts with proceeds distributed to persons seeking scholarships to further their education. She has devoted countless hours of her time to give to BPW and promote women and children.

Her unselfish devotion and kind heart has touched so many people and her delightful sense of humor has brought many laughs, togetherness, and a closeness among people. Although she deserves beyond measure the prestigious award of being chosen Woman of the Year, Mrs. Hunt stated with disbelief, "I sat and cried. I felt unworthy."

Mrs. Hunt finished Pembroke Indian Normal School in 1942. During her teaching career, she taught at Magnolia for 28 years and Fairmont High School for two years, retiring in 1978.

She also worked for thirty nine years as a receptionist and performing any other duties for Dr. Horace Baker and worked as a nurse's assistant at Baker's Hospital for five years.

She has one son, Lloyd, who manages Advance Auto in Lumberton on West 5th Street.

Dr. Felicia Turner was the guest speaker for the organization's monthly meeting, sharing tips and techniques for members to motivate themselves and find their lives worthwhile and productive.



Faye Locklear presents the Woman of the Year Award to Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization member, Mrs. Tessie Hunt.



Dr. Felicia Turner speaks to the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization Feb. 5 about motivation.

11th Annual North Carolina Indian Juried Art Exhibition: A Part of Indian Unity Conference

11th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN JURIED ART EXHIBITION

Part of the - 26th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference
Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville, N.C.
March 14-17, 2001

CALLING ALL NATIVE AMERICAN ARTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA PRESENTLY A RESIDENT OF A NATIVE LINING IN ANOTHER STATE:

The theme of the 11th Annual North Carolina American Indian Juried Art Exhibition, a major part of the 26th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference this year, is ENVISIONING THE FUTURE THROUGH NATIVE ART TRADITIONS. The Juried Art Exhibition will open to the Conference attendees and the Public on Thursday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m. - Friday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Karen Harley - member of the Halliwa Saponi Tribe of Hollister, North Carolina, has been named the featured artist for this year's

Juried Art Exhibition. Karen, now living in Laurel, Maryland, is a professional and nationally-known visual artist. Her work has been exhibited in the Guilford Native American Art Gallery and in several of the United Tribes Juried Art Exhibitions. She has advertised in NATIVE PEOPLE, a national magazine for Native artists. She was selected by United Tribes of North Carolina as the artist to design the North Carolina Indian Heritage Month posters for 1997 and 1999.

All American Indian artists - including any media such as paintings, bead work, basketry, regalia making, sculpture, carvings, gourds, feathers, dream catchers, drum making, etc. - are eligible for entering a maximum of 3 pieces of art in the Exhibition for judging. Prizes will be awarded to the winners as follows:
BEST OF SHOW CATEGORY - \$500.
BEST OF CONTEMPORARY - \$250.
BEST OF TRADITIONAL - \$250.
8 HONORABLE MENTIONS - \$50, each

The Juried Art Exhibition will be judged by a panel of professional artists or arts administrators. The Exhibition will be coordinated by Triangle Native American Society, and Urban Indian Center based in Raleigh and serving the Indian people of the Triangle communities. Triangle Native American Society is state recognized by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. Gwen Locklear, a member of Triangle Native American Society and a well-known artist and owner/operator of an arts and crafts business in the Triangle area, will be the contact person for the Juried Art Exhibition. For information about the N.C. Indian Unity Conference or the Gospel Singing, please call Gladys Hunt at (910) 483-8442 or contact your local Indian Tribal organization or the NC Commission of Indian Affairs at (919) 733-9558. For information about the North Carolina Indian Arts and Crafts Market, please call Jane Jacobs, United Tribes coordinator, at (910) 592-3541

New Bern District Superintendent

Superintendent

Dr. Sam Wynn

Endorsed for Bishop

RALEIGH, NC--- Dr. Sam Wynn, United Methodist New Bern District Superintendent, has been selected by the North Carolina Conference Delegation to the Southeastern Jurisdictional (SEJ) Conference as its nominee for the episcopacy.

A special session of the SEJ Conference will be held February 26-28 at Lake Junaluska, NC to elect and consecrate a bishop to fill the vacancy created by the death of Florida Area Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson on December 7, 2000. Following the election, all Episcopal assignments will be under consideration by the SEJ Episcopal Committee.

The NC Conference delegation selected Wynn at a February 3rd meeting. Dr. Kermit L. Braswell, the annual conference nominee at the 2000 jurisdictional conference, sent an e-mail message to delegates before the meeting asking that he not be considered as the delegation episcopal nominee.

"Sam Wynn is the first Native American to serve as a district superintendent from his home conference and the first Native American to be an episcopal nominee from his home conference," said Robby Lowry, past conference lay leader and a Native American. Both are members of the Lumbee Tribe. Dr. Wynn is also the Southeastern Regional Native American Caucus episcopal nominee.

The procedure for elections is different from previous jurisdictional conferences. "No delegation campaigning for nominees will be permitted. A brief biographical statement and a photograph of each nominee will be posted on the jurisdictional website," said Dr. Kermit Braswell, delegation chair. "All nominees, beginning at 1 P.M. on February 26, will make a five minute presentation to the conference and then will be available in the Harrell Center Auditorium for informal conversation with delegates. The first ballot will be taken prior to dinner," Dr. Braswell said. Dr. Wynn has been an elder in the North Carolina Conference since 1982. He has a BA from Pembroke State University, M. Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary and D. Min. from Drew Theological Seminary.

He served pastoral appointment in the NC Conference at Pleasant Grove, Clarkton, Bluefield, and Grace in Fayetteville. In addition, he was a summer intern on the Chippewa Indian Reservation in Michigan, Summer intern pastor at Prospect UMC, received a special appointment to the Navajo United Methodist Mission School in New Mexico, served as executive director of the Native American International Caucus, and as an assistant to the cabinet for Native American concerns before becoming a district superintendent in 1996.

Dr. Wynn has served on numerous annual conference, jurisdictional conference, and general church committees. He was a delegate to the 1992, 1996, and 2000 General Conference where he was vice chairperson of the General/Judicial Administration Legislative Committee. He and his wife, Rosemary, have a son, Christopher Little Bear, by Bill Norton. For further information call Dr. F. Belton Joyner, (919) 832-9560 or Dr. Sam Wynn (252) 635-9704.

Literary Poetry Contest Deadline is March 1

Pembroke, NC-The popular Poetry and Short Prose Contest at UNC Pembroke is back this year with prizes totaling \$700. The competition has three prizes in two divisions, one for the general public and one for high school students.

The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Sampson-Livemore Library at UNCP. In addition, UNCP t-shirts have been donated for the high school winners.

The deadline for submissions is March 1. The reading by contest winners will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, in Moore Hall auditorium.

The rules and applications are available at the library, by calling (910) 521-6659 or on-line at <http://www.uncp.edu/library> and then clicking on the contest links. Entries must be typewritten.

Two entries may be accepted per person, with prizes limited to one per person. First prize is \$100, with \$50

awarded for second place and \$25 for third place.

The general contest is open to the public (over age 18). The high school category is open to all students in Robeson, Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke and Scotland Counties.

A separate contest will be held for UNCP students and UNCP faculty and staff, who are not eligible to enter the general contest.

Entries will be "blind judged" again this year. Entries should not include the author's name on the work.

"We're very excited about the chance to bring authors to campus and to hear the entries," said contest coordinator Jean Sexton, assistant director and coordinator of Technical Services. "Last year was a successful start and we're ready to grow!"

For applications or more information, please call Ms. Sexton at 910-521-6659 or e-mail her at sexton@nat.uncp.edu.

NAACP Chair Julian Bond Addresses UNCP Audience

PEMBROKE, N.C.- NAACP Chair Julian Bond told a Black History Month audience of about 300 at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke that the 91-year-old civil rights organization continues to stand for justice, equality, and civil rights. "We are perceived as being against a lot of things," Mr. Bond said. "We continue to work for civil rights and to fight racial discrimination." Mr. Bond, who is an articulate spokesman and veteran civil rights activist, offered his views on a wide variety of topics from his Martin Luther King Jr. to the new Bush administration. He also offered a personal recollection about Pembroke.

In 1958, his family moved from Pennsylvania to Atlanta, and as a 15-year-old, Bond said he was very

nervous about living in the segregated South. An article in *Life Magazine* that year about Lumbee Indians routing a Ku Klux Klan meeting near Pembroke gave him hope.

"I saw pictures of Indians with rifles, and they had just run the Klan out of town," Mr. Bond said. "That picture told me there were people who stood up to these bigots."

The crowd loved it. Mr. Bond, who teaches history at the University of Virginia, offered a historical perspective of the African American struggle to win civil rights under the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr.

"This marvelous man, who was my college teacher, speaks in death and memory to whites and blacks has he never did in life," Mr. Bond said. "We honor him because of what he means in our imperfect and selective memories - the stoic who faced death, the major figure of his period, the spokesman for nonviolence, able to articulate for whites what blacks wanted, and for blacks what would be required if freedom was to be the prize."

Mr. Bond said that the popular conception of King is only half the story. "We do not honor the severe critic of capitalism and its excesses. We do not honor the pacifist who preached that all wars are evil. We do not honor that who linked apartheid in South Africa and South Alabama," Mr. Bond said. Mr. Bond said that the freedoms won by King remain a dream today and gains made during the civil rights era are in danger.

"Only my father's generation stands between me and slavery," Mr. Bond said. "It has been only 35 years since the protections of the law and Constitution were officially extended to all. Now some people are telling us 35 years are enough."

"Then, racists sponsored laws requiring segregation in all public places; now, their ideological descendants sponsor laws mandating the end of fairness in all public places," he said. Mr. Bond said that the precedent that President Clinton set of naming a cabinet that "links like America" has continued into the Bush Administrations. But, he warned, "ethnic identity is no guar-

antee of fidelity to fairness, no substitute for policies that promote fairness."

Congress is more hostile to the civil rights cause today than it has been for many years, Mr. Bond said. He cited attacks on affirmative action, theft of black votes in the recent presidential election and prohibitions against a fair count of minorities in the 2000 Census.

Mr. Bond said the Civil rights cause is not dead, despite having to "re-fight battles we thought we had won."

"We have a revitalized NAACP - 91 years strong - prepared for the challenges that lie ahead," he said. "We have a long and honorable tradition of social justice: if yesterday's protests have faded from the headlines, they have not faded from out collective conscience."

"They still send the message that when we act together, we can overcome," he said. "We must fight discrimination, wherever it raises its ugly head-- in the halls of government, in corporate suites or in the streets."

Mr. Bond said the theft of black votes that occurred in the last presidential election would not happen again.

"We heard before the election, your vote counts," Mr. Bond said. "We learned after the election," your vote may not be counted."

"We do have work to do," he said in conclusion. "It is not easy work, but we have heroes, hope and history on our side."

UNCP's Distinguished Speaker Series continues an April 10 with television and radio personality Oliver North.

St. Pauls plans Annual Folk Arts Festival

The Town of St. Pauls will host the annual North Carolina Folk Arts Festival on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in downtown St. Pauls. Organizers are seeking traditional folk arts (potters, candlemakers, soap makers, etc.) to demonstrate their skills. In addition, arts and crafters, vendors and entertainers were invited to participate. For more information, please contact Terry at (910) 865-4179 or Beverly Huggins at 865-4026.

THE INDIAN EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER AND THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER PRESENT

THE 1ST ANNUAL ART SHOW AND SALE MARCH 6, 2001 THRU APRIL 6, 2001

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HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12) COLLEGE AND POST-GRADUATE ADULT (NON-PROFESSIONAL)

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