

Community Scene

Clubs & Socials

James E. Shepard Sertoma Club Holds 2016 Annual Gala & Awards Banquet

The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club will hold the banquet to benefit the Frank G. Burnett Scholarship Fund that will benefit students at NCCU, on Sat., April 16. at the New Durham Hilton, 3800 Hillsborough Rd., 6 to 11 p.m.

There will be dinner, dancing and awards. Mayor Pro Tem Cora Cole-McFadden will be the emcee. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased from Sertoma members or call 919-598-9988.

City of Durham Dept. of Community Development 7 - Stars Fundraiser, 2016 Campaign

The City of Durham Department of Community Development will host a BBQ Chicken Dinner and 50/50 Raffle Sale on Fri., April 15 at 807 E. main St., Golden Belt Rear Parking Lot, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. BBQ Chicken Dinner \$8.00 (1/2 chicken, boiled potatoes, green beans, roll and drink) \$8.00.

Raffle 50/50 - Tickets \$1.00 - (Win half of the amount collected! Drawing is April 18.

For ticket or delivery information call 919-560-4570. (Delivery with 10 or more orders (within Durham/RTP area ONLY)

All proceeds will benefit East Durham Children's Initiative.



BRIDGES POINTE, INC.

...Connections for Living with Sickle Cell Disease

Bridges Pointe, Inc., the official sickle cell agency in the Triangle Area, will be sponsoring its 15th annual

Evening of Hope fundraising event on Saturday, April 16, 2016, 6m - 10pm at the Millennium Hotel in Durham. This year's event, "Sickle Cell Lives Matter," is a celebration of a 20-year partnership between Bridges Pointe and individuals affected by sickle cell disease. With no major funding source, Bridges depends on the generous donations of time, talents and financial resources from the triangle community for its existence. Please consider joining hands with Bridges in this worthwhile celebration and fundraising effort - get involved and lend a supportive and helping hand to individuals living with sickle cell disease. Tickets, Ads and Sponsorships are available.

Contact persons for more information:

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Ms. Elaine Whitworth - Phone: 919-450-5683.

"A Birthday Party for Addy" at Historic Stagville April 9

Help Historic Stagville celebrate Addy's birthday! Addy Walker is fifth in the popular American Girls doll series and Stagville is celebrating her birthday Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Addy Walker's story is based on the life of Mary Walker, who escaped from Stagville's owners in 1848. Learn all about the similarities and inspirations for the books through activities, games and of course, refreshments!

Each of the two sittings will last approximately two hours. Admission is \$5.38 per child. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged.

For additional information and reservations, please contact Stephanie Cobert at (919) 620-0120. Historic Stagville is located at 5828 Old Oxford Highway, Durham. It is within the Division of State Historic Sites of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. For additional information on Stagville please visit www.stagville.org.

Durham County Library Presents Divine Dialogues: A Conversation on Faith, Trauma and Healing

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Date: April 11

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Stanford L. Warren Branch Library

Cost: Free and open to the public

Durham County Library will host *Divine Dialogues: A Conversation on Faith, Trauma and Healing* at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, at Stanford L. Warren Branch Library, 1201 Fayetteville St.

Honoring the legacy of resilience and hope that Pauli Murray expressed for the Church, the Pauli Murray Project is engaging in a community dialogue program called *Divine Dialogues: A Conversation on Faith, Trauma and Healing*. Collecting quotes from local faith practitioners and participants and drawing from Pauli Murray's own words, the Pauli Murray Project will have two dialogues where we will wrestle with the state of faith, the role of trauma in the formation of identity and cast our visions for what sacred space could be.

"I had been taught all my life to revere the church and its teachings; now I could not condemn the church as sinful when it denied me the right to participate as fully and freely in worship of God as my brethren. If the present church customs were justified, then I did not belong in the church and it became a stumbling block to faith" — Pauli Murray

"True Community is based upon equality, mutuality and reciprocity. It affirms the richness of individual diversity as well as the common human ties that bind us together." — Pauli Murray

This program is sponsored by Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South and Durham Library Foundation. For more information, call 919-560-0282 or visit durhamcountylibrary.org.

Durham Links Partner with Durham County Library To Present: Let's Work Together To Stop Domestic and Sexual Violence

Free and open to the public

Durham County Library and Durham Crisis Response Center (DCRC) is proud to work with The Durham Chapter of The Links, Inc. to produce "Let's Work Together To Stop Domestic and Sexual Violence", Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Durham County Public Library, 300 N. Roxboro St. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

"April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month," says Kate Selby, Sexual Assault Advocate for DCRC. "During this month DCRC explores topics related to sexual assault, in order to educate the community and to make our services known to those who might need our help."

With a highlight on *Keeping Safe in the Cyber World*, the workshop will have a dual focus: first, looking at the impact of sexually explicit images that are disseminated via the internet; and second, how we all should look at ways to safeguard ourselves while using technology and social media.

The documentary, "Not Just Pictures" by Dr. Sharon Cooper, Forensic Pediatrician and Executive Producer, will be viewed and experts will be on hand to facilitate a discussion. The posting of photos without consent, especially those of children, is not a victimless crime and can have long lasting repercussions, as depicted in the video. "To our knowledge, this is the first showing of this video in Durham," says Ms. Selby.

Members from the Durham Police Department will also be on hand to share not only the type of problems such crimes have posed in our community, but the measures that can be taken to maximize safety in the cyber world.

DCRC has worked with many clients who have experienced cyberstalking in intimate partner relationships. "We all use smart phones and social media to connect with friends and family and we don't think about who may be following our actions on the internet. We want people who are concerned for their safety to know how to protect themselves on the internet," says Nana Asante, Legal Advocate with DCRC. "This includes people who are trying to end a marital or dating relationship."

"The Durham Chapter of The Links, Inc. is pleased to partner once again with DCRC to address another crucial issue regarding domestic and sexual violence in our community. We are committed to bringing this issue to the forefront and helping our community confront violence against women and children in a meaningful manner," says Links member, Dr. Sandra White-Olden. "The event is free and open to the public."

For further information you may contact DCRC at 919-403-9425 or www.durhamcrisisresponse.org and The Durham Chapter of The Links, Inc at <http://www.durhamnlinks.org>.

NMBC gearing up for the International Trade Show in Raleigh-Durham

The National Muslim Business Council (NMBC) Annual Business Conference/Expo presents NMBC 2016 International Trade Show; it will be on the weekend of May 13-15, 2016. The Trade Show will take place at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 1200 Claren Circle, Morrisville, North Carolina, close to the Raleigh/Durham airport. The Raleigh Durham area is part of the piedmont, which is known as the Research Triangle, the largest research park in North America. The theme for the International Trade Show is *Building a Balanced Community through Economic Development*.

The Research Triangle includes three NC cities. They are Raleigh, the state capital; Durham, home of Duke University and renowned African American owned North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Chapel Hill where University of NC's Tar Heels basketball team resides.

The International Trade Show will feature business workshops with presenters who have expertise in international trade, government contracts, and Islamic financing. These workshops would be present by business leaders as Wali Shamsid'deen, Omar A. Karim, Camille S. Paldi, and Dr. Yahia Abdul-Rahman and many more.

Shamsid'deen is President of Shamsid'deen & Associates (SDA). He also is CEO of Supreme Foods Worldwide, Inc. He has also been engaged in national and international trade throughout the United States, Africa, Dubai, and United Arab Emirates (UAE) and is presently expanding his business throughout these countries. SDA is a business management and consulting firm that specializes in government and nonprofits. Shamsid'deen has two decades of business experience. He is politically savvy and has a keen insight for intelligent investments, which has allowed him to establish numerous successful businesses and ventures nationwide.

Karim, President of Banneker Ventures, LLC specializes in general construction contracts for government and commercial development. As Principal and President of Banneker Ventures, LLC, since 2005, Omar Karim has overseen numerous projects, ranging in cost from hundreds of thousands of dollars to multimillions, for government and commercial clients. The general contracting and construction management firm recently completed the Walker-Jones Education Campus, a \$60 million state-of-the-art education project for the District of Columbia and modernized the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center's USAID galleries for the U.S. General Services Administration.

Paldi from Dubai, United Arab Emirates CEO, FAAIF (Franco-American Alliance for Islamic Finance). Her company FAAIF Limited is a legal and management consultancy firm servicing clients in Islamic banking, finance. FAAIF Events is an events production and management company.

Dr. Abdul-Rahman founder of American Finance House-LARIBA, Bank of Whittier, USA; most respected name in financing and profiled in the domestic and international media, author of the *Art of Islamic Financing* both are consultants in Islamic financing and trade.

The International Trade Show fulfills one of the five objectives of the NMBC Mission statement, which is to "Strengthen and share the responsibility for community economic development and unification with an international perspective." The Trade Show will be a historic moment for African Americans, who were exported from the continent of Africa to be chattel slaves, and now, they are engaging in international trade with countries in Africa. The Muslim African American community was first involved with international trade under The Honorable Elijah Muhammad when they imported fish from Peru, "exceeding one-half million pounds of fish per month," said Imam W.D. Mohammed in *The Teachings of W. D. Mohammed* (p.204). Imam W. D. Mohammed also predicted that the day would come when "The Lost-Found Nation of Islam in the West" would "be a part of the great, vast, universal Nation of Islam all over the world (p. 203).

Abdul Karriem, NMBC Steering Committee member also an international businessman, said that 80% of business is conducted overseas or international pursuits. The focus is to grow beyond "mom and pop relationships." He added that African Americans should not allow the Tarzan image of Africa to continue to dwell in the back of their minds. He also warned, "Do not be naïve about international trade, for it is a place to see wealth and opportunity and a way to establish yourselves in industry". Karriem said, "Take a serious look at Africa." He was encouraging the African American community to think big and do big because The Almighty blesses spiritual people with insights.

The NMBC 2016 International Trade Show is a North Carolina based nonprofit organization Trade Show will also include culture, food, entertainment, a leadership business forum, and a state of the community economic address.

For more information to participate as an exhibitor (\$125) or and register (\$79) call NMBC at 704.201.1353, toll free 888.776.9908 or visit website: www.nationalmbc.org.



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April 9, 2016
Durham Public Library
10am - 2pm

Learn more about Violence Against Women & Children with
The Durham Crisis Center and
The Durham (NC) Chapter of The Links, Inc.
Lunch will be provided.

In Partnership with:
Community Health Coalition, Inc.
Durham County Women's Commission

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April 9th 2016
10am & 1pm

Enjoy refreshments, games, and other activities as we honor Stagville's favorite American Girl!

Admission is \$5 per child.
Space is limited. Please call (919) 620-0120 to RSVP today!

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