

Close-Up

NCNA: Prescription for a new image

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Nursing has come a long way since the days of Florence Nightingale, and so have the nurses who have followed in her footsteps.

Approximately 400 nursing professionals who are living testaments to these changes will be in Winston-Salem from Oct. 23 to 26 to attend the North Carolina Nurses Association convention.

Among these nursing professionals will be Sandra Randleman, president-elect of District 3, which

"The image of nursing is something that we're still struggling with. I can talk about the image from way back since Florence Nightingale. She probably has the most commonly known name in the community and within society in terms of nursing."

-- Sandra Randleman

includes Forsyth and Stokes counties. Mrs. Randleman says the NCNA will explore several aspects of the nursing profession on the state level as well as at the national level.

"We hope to discuss the nursing profession from the standpoint of 'Professional Power: Pathway to Progress,'" says Mrs. Randleman, who is director of nursing at Forsyth Hospital. "When we say

power, we're referring to the influential and political power of nursing professionals and women in general."

One area of nursing that has not changed significantly over the years is the small number of male nurses. Mrs. Randleman estimates that as few as 2 or 3 percent of all nurses are men.

While the number of black nurses has increased over the years, Mrs. Randleman says that there is not a representative number of black nurses in the nursing association.

"There are few blacks represented in the nursing association, and I'm not so sure why that is true," she says. "I know that many times blacks have not had the contacts or the networking that they need to have in order to get into the forefront, especially in terms of being visible."

"I think that while there is a sufficient number of blacks available," Mrs. Randleman says, "compared to other members of the organization, there is very little representation."

While large numbers of black nurses have not previously pursued membership in the nursing association, Mrs. Randleman feels that there is a need for them to do so and an effective means of working into the association structure.

"I think the way to become involved is to demonstrate an interest by contacting someone that you may know," she says. "Many times, though, in this particular area, I'm not sure we have a large



Nursing director Sandra Randleman plans to help write a prescription for the ailing nursing image (photo by James Parker).

volume of blacks who have graduated and remained in this area.

"But I think those who do stay in the area have a responsibility to find out, wherever they're working, what's going on in our community as it relates to our professional organization and to find out

where the contact is," Mrs. Randleman continues. "No one is going to hand it to you, you're going to have to go after it."

The scarcity of young black nurses in the organization particularly concerns Mrs. Randleman. Please see page A12

Social Notes

Sportsmen Club donation gives YMCA youth a chance to belong

The Winston-Salem Sportsmen Club recently made a donation of \$700 to the Winston Lake Family YMCA to provide memberships for disadvantaged area youth.

The money will be used to provide funds for camping and other activities for at least 20 youth in the area.

"We feel it's our civic responsibility to support youth in the total community," says past president Joe Williams.

Club treasurer Charlie Clifton presented a check to the YMCA from the Sportsmen Club, which was founded in Winston-Salem in 1956.

YMCA executive director Norman Joyner says he is grateful to the club members for their support.

"The Y's major goal is to provide memberships or scholarships to kids who are less fortunate and unable to afford them," he says. "The generous gift of the Sportsmen Club will allow at least 20 kids to participate in our programs, including tutoring, arts



Winston Lake Family YMCA executive director and young YMCA patrons happily display check presented to the YMCA for youth memberships by the Sportsmen Club (photo by Howard Ward).

and crafts classes and other activities. That's what the money will be used for."

WSSU to dedicate fourth sculpture

Winston-Salem State University is preparing for the installation of the fourth sculpture in its sculpture garden.

The environmental work by Tyrone Mitchell of New York is scheduled to be in place and dedicated on Founder's Day,

Oct. 31. The sculpture is 8 feet high and 40 feet in diameter. It is crowned by a natural boulder which weighs more than four tons. The work, which will be installed in the state's first public sculpture garden, was supported by the Winston-Salem community. Please see page A8

Black Theatre Showcase set for Raleigh

Larry Leon Hamlin of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company will coordinate a showcase of black theatre for the

North Carolina Theatre Conference in Raleigh on Nov. 2. The showcase is a part of the Please see page A7

About Town

Mary Grissom reaches area Teacher of the Year final four

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Many people would be thrilled to be nominated at least once in their lives for an award on the recommendation of their peers. For most, two nominations is nearly unthinkable.

But for Mary Grissom, a French teacher at North Forsyth High School, award nominations and wins are becoming a familiar way of life.

Mrs. Grissom was nominated for teacher of the year a few weeks ago, and that occasion marks the third time that she has received the nomination from her peers at North Forsyth.

"I feel it's quite an honor to be nominated, especially by the people with whom I work," says the veteran teacher of 23 years. Mrs. Grissom was nominated



Mary Grissom has a rare teaching talent that makes learning fun for her foreign language students (photo by James Parker).

for the award twice during her 10 years at Anderson High School. In addition, Mrs. Grissom has been nominated several times for

the Terry Sanford Award for foreign language teachers. She was a finalist for the award in 1982.

Nominations for the teacher of the year award are based on the recommendations of a committee which includes administrators, faculty, parents, and education board members.

Each school submits one candidate for the award, and from a pool of 65 names, four finalists are chosen. These nominees are then interviewed and observed in the classroom by members of the selection committee.

Mrs. Grissom says candidates are also required to submit a written presentation which states their teaching philosophy, professional activities and teaching strategies. She says she has developed a simple and straightforward philosophy during her years as a teacher.

"My philosophy is simply that Please see page A11

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

• The Spease Elementary School PTA will sponsor a "Family Fun Night" from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The carnival will feature a hot dog dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call Benita Crosby at 767-8439.

• The Boys' Club will hold its annual Halloween carnival and ball from 6 to 9 p.m. at the club, 1922 Stadium Drive. Everyone attending the family event is required to wear a costume; admission is \$1 in advance and \$1.50 at the door. Game tickets are \$2. A prize will be given for best costume; door prizes will also be given. All proceeds and donations will go to support the educational department of the boys' club. For more information call 788-5761.

• The Nature Science Center will sponsor its "Haunted House" at the center office on Museum Drive from 7 to 10:30 p.m. nightly through Oct. 31. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12. There will be a special children's area for children between the ages of 4 and 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through Oct. 27. Admission for this section will be 50 cents. All proceeds go to the museum. For more information call Nancy Hogg at 767-6730.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

• Bivouac Chapter No. 530, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a fall bazaar at the Masonic Temple, 34 Miller St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will feature arts, crafts and baked goods. For more information call Frances Robinson at 723-7592 or 723-8387.

• The Winston-Salem chapter of the Howard University Alumni Association will have a rummage sale at 3615 Dewsbury Road from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call Kay Clark at 765-7716.

• The Douglas Courts of Calantha No. 443 will have its pre-Thanksgiving dinner at 2:30 p.m. in Winston-Salem State University's Red Room. The speaker will be Clara Nesby, grand worthy counselor of the jurisdiction of North Carolina. For more information call Daisy Gatewood at 723-8642.

• The Black Political Awareness League is sponsoring its fifth annual banquet at 7 p.m. in Winston-Salem State University's dining hall. The keynote speaker will be Alderman Vivian Burke. For more information call Larry Womble at 784-9373.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

• The third annual Special Care Nursery Graduates' Reunion will be held at Forsyth Memorial Hospital from 4 to 6 p.m. The reunion is promoted by the Parents Support Group for parents of long-term care babies. McDonalds will provide refreshments for the reunion, which will include parents, babies and nurses of the Special Care Nursery. For more information call Ollie Taylor at 773-3270.

• The American Legion Post No. 220 and Auxiliary, 2332 N. Liberty St., will hold its annual visit to Central Orphanage in Oxford at 8 a.m. All members are asked to dress in full uniform and meet at the post home. Larry Wilson is commander; Mary Thomas is auxiliary president. For more information call 724-7689.

MONDAY, OCT. 28

• The Children's Theatre Board Inc. will present "Pinocchio" at the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive, at 10 a.m. and noon. The play will be performed by the Prince Street Players and will run through Nov. 1. There is also a 3 p.m. performance on Please see page A12