

# Leadership W-S: Networking is key for blacks

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African-Americans who participate in Leadership Winston-Salem continue to applaud the program.

Several of the participants from the 1986-87 class said that the program provided an excellent forum to learn more about the city while networking with key people.

Marie H. Roseboro, regional cashier at Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co., said that for her the program was enlightening.

Mrs. Roseboro, who is also a member of the Leadership Winston-Salem Board of Directors, said that the program would be valuable to anyone on any level.

"I just enjoyed learning," she said. "Now I'm just wondering how I can go about and effect some change. I don't see too much reason in going through it all if you can't change anything."

Leadership Winston-Salem which begins its fourth class next month, was started in 1984. Each year participants from various segments of the community come together for nine monthly meetings. Participants explore such topics as the quality of life in Winston-Salem, education, economics, the criminal justice system, government and health and human

services. The first and last meetings of the program are weekend retreats.

The program proved to be an eye-opening experience for one Winston-Salem native. Louise Smith, who is an active community volunteer, said that she learned a lot of behind-the-scenes information about Winston-Salem.

"When we discussed criminal justice," she said, "we visited the jail. I hadn't had the opportunity to visit the jail and see what goes on. We also visited a youth detention center and we got to see a court case."

"I would say the program is an exciting learning experience for one interested in the growth and development of his community -- and I am," she said.

Leadership Winston-Salem provided an informal forum for the discussion of differing views, said another of last year's participants.

"You got the opportunity to meet with a number of community people and share ideas," said Dr. James D. Branch, a local ophthalmologist. "In the process we went through a bonding and developed friendships."

Branch said that Leadership Winston-Salem may be the healing force that the community needs. "The idea and concept is well worthwhile," he said. "We need something that will bring the community together. There are so

many factors tearing the community apart, economic, politics... We need some adhesive to put it back together."

He said that one overall benefit of the program is that it helped to break down some barriers. "I think we had the chance to realize that all our opinions are important and it's going to take a combination of them to get things done."

Branch said that one of the criticisms he had heard about the program before participating, was that it is time-consuming. "That is correct. But I don't think there's anyway around that," he said. "It's an investment."

Three African-American participants interviewed who are slated for the upcoming Leadership Winston-Salem class are looking forward to participating in the program. Eleven African-Americans were selected for this year's class.

Norman E. Joyner, executive director of the Winston Lake YMCA, said he sees the program as positive for the YMCA. "I think as director, we try to touch all aspects of the community," he said. "I think this will be a good chance to meet different people of all walks of life. This class, as I see it, can't help but be positive for myself, the YMCA and the community. I'm excited about that."

Hellenä H. Tidwell, director of

development for the Arts Council, said that she, too, is excited about Leadership Winston-Salem. "I see this as an opportunity to learn more about the community in which I live and work," she said. "I also see this as an opportunity to network with different leaders in the community. Lastly, I see this as the opportunity to further advance the positioning of the Arts Council as an integral part of the Winston-Salem community."

"Leadership Winston-Salem, I think is a viable operation in this city," he said. "I will basically be looking for establishing linkages for Winston-Salem State University with the greater Winston-Salem community. I'm also interested in information that will be shared with the group."

## Stokes praised for Iran-Contra hearings role

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WASHINGTON -- Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Cleveland), chairman of the House Select Committee on Intelligence, is still receiving congratulations for his leadership role in the Iran-Contra sessions. "The public support...following his questioning of Lt. Col. Oliver North...was overwhelming as Americans form the 21st Congressional District of Ohio and across the nation called and wrote in record numbers," Stokes' office announced.

He received more than 1,300 telephone calls and more than 2,000 letters in less than a week. More than 82% of the calls and letters complimented the Congressman for his excellent examination of North and Stokes' moving statement, members of his staff said.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), chairman of the Iran-Contra Committee, wrote "Your closing statement was the most profound and powerful one heard during this hearing and Sen. George Mitchell (D-Maine) added: "Eloquent, moving, superb. You have immense admiration." Closer to home, Rep. Mary Rose Oakar (D-Cleveland), stated "You made

Cleveland proud...How superb and tough. I'm sure it struck the right chord with Americans."

As the 100th Congress rushed for adjournment of its first 1987 session following the dramatic Iran-Contra hearings, several of the 23-member Congressional Black Caucus concluded a series of important findings and actions.

A comprehensive report of CBC activities this year will be presented during the 17th annual legislative weekend, Sept. 23-27, as Congress reconvenes, but recent highlights include other hearings of the House Committee on Education and Labor, the House Select Committees on Narcotics and hunger, the Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and District Subcommittees on statehood legislation pending.

In other actions, Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NYC), chairman of the Select Committee on Narcotics, held a closed briefing on the alleged Contra-drug connection following reports that the Nicaraguan rebels were raising funds for their military operations through drug smuggling in the U.S.

"Initially," Rangel declared earlier this summer, "the Justice

Department refused to cooperate with the Narcotics Committee, citing its reluctance to give any information regarding the Contras to committees other than the Iran-Contra committee. However, Congressman Lee Hamilton, House Chairman of the Iran-Contra Committee, wrote to Attorney-General Edwin Meese that he saw no problem with our committee's investigation of narcotics dealing by the Contras of Nicaragua and others in Central America supporting the Contras. The CIA has not cooperated."

Last week Rangel said information obtained in the closed briefings will be turned over to appropriate authorities.

In separate actions before the scheduled August recess, Rep. Mickey Leland (D-Texas) chairman of the Select Committee on Hunger, announced hearings on poverty in Mississippi and increased aid to Ethiopian refugees.

Leland said the Mississippi hearings would assess the effectiveness of Federal Assistance Programs for the homeless and hungry in the state, but he later praised Congress for increasing the funding of development assistance for Africa to \$500 million from \$383 million in fiscal 1987.

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"A lot of people may feel that they can't afford \$100 tickets," she said. "But I think there are a substantial number of people who can do this kind of support."

"We're doing this and the odds are good of winning a car and helping a good cause - that is producing additional housing," she said.

She said that those who cannot purchase a raffle ticket, are welcome to give donations.

Mrs. Newell said that Twin City Chrysler has been very helpful during their fundraising efforts.

She said that she, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Gore approached Twin City's owner and manager Lloyd Leonard and they received his cooperation.

"He was very supportive," she said. "He took all our information and put us on to his staff who embraced it."

Mrs. Newell said that Twin City Chrysler worked out a deal with the sorority for the purchase of the car and it was

decided that the car would remain on the lot until the raffle.

This arrangement is mutually beneficial, said Will Jenkins Jr., Twin City Chrysler's general manager. Jenkins said he hopes to use the attention from the raffle to get more exposure for the business in the African-American community and particularly the women's market.

"A lot of people aren't aware that we're here and that we have an (African-American) owner and an (African-American) general manager," he said.

Jenkins said that the Horizon being raffled is a very functional hatchback. "It is a basic transportation type which has pretty much standard features," he said. The car's features include a 2.2 liter engine, power brakes, rear-window defroster, rear-window wiper and tinted glass.

Mrs. Newell said that the car raffle is only one fundraiser being planned. Other fund raising projects will include yard sales. The first yard sale will be held beginning today and ending Saturday on 14th Street beside the Rite Spot Barber Shop.

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