Lighting the way to a positive future

Torch Club offered at the Salvation Army Boys Club

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The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs of America, located on Martin Luther King Junior Drive, is offering an activity for young African-American boys that is both positive and educational.

The activity is the Torch Club program, which is one of 40 national programs developed and made by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to help local Clubs respond to the needs and interests of young black boys aged 9 through 12.

According to Ed Cooper, unit coordinator at the Boys Club, "We like the idea of trying to develop young men into productive citizens and teaching them about job opportunities out there at an early age, drug abuse and teen pregnancy, and social interaction skills with other boys and young people, and girls. We thought this was a very good

program to bring here to Winston-Salem."

The Torch Club is now in its fourth year at the Boys Club, with 15 members and about eight more young men on the waiting list. The program ha a maximum of 15 mem-

from the Winston-Salem Urban League. "We are very fortunate to have the Urban League to be cosponsors with us," said Cooper.

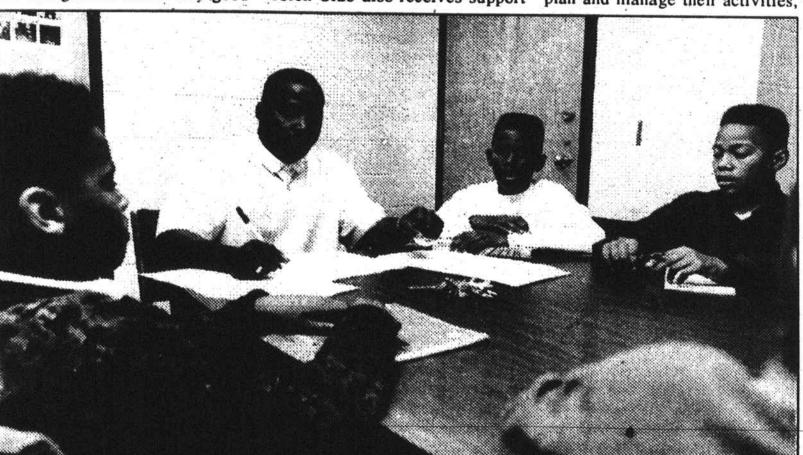
He explained that it is Alberta McMillan, education director of the Urban League, who helps to set up

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In addition to being affiliated with the Boys Club of America, the Torch Club also receives support

guest speakers and outside field trips for the members. However, it is the members of the Club who plan and manage their activities,



Ed Cooper, unit director of the Salvation Army Boys Club on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, goes over upcoming activities with officers of the Torch Club. Pictured (left to right) are Monté Stanback-Secretary, Clifford Crawford-Vice President, and Garjay Stepney-President.



The Keystone Club is similar to the Torch Club, except that it is for young men aged 13 and older. Pictured (left to right, front) Frank McMillian and Jerod Archie, (back) Derwin Isaiah, Reginald Brock, Devon Tatum and Edward L. Cooper.

which are divided into four categories - club and community service, education, athletics and fitness, and social recreation.

The primary purpose of the Club through its activities is to teach the young men to be responsible and productive adults who can make a difference in the world by leading active and responsible lives.

And although the Club is designed for young men aged 9-12, Cooper stated that there is also another group for those who are not in that age bracket, that provides the same type of positive and educational guidance.

It is called the Keystone Club,

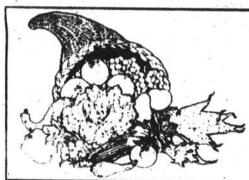
which is also affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Like the Torch Club, the Keystone Club is also a national program. However, the Keystone Club is designed to help young boys aged 13 and older. It also has a limit of

The Keystone Club has been in operation at the Boys Club for about six years now, and unlike the Torch Club, the members are able to participate in a national conference

The Winston-Salem members have attended the conferences for the last four years in such cities as Pittsburgh, Nashville, Albany (Georgia), and Indianapolis.

"What the kids learn there when they go to these meetings and conventions," said Cooper, "is to enhance their programs and learn of new ideas from other Keystoners throughout the country. Most Boys Clubs in the United States have Keystone Clubs, and we all send representatives to the conferences representing our local clubs each and every year."

Anyone interested in learning more about the Torch Club, which meets every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., or the Keystone Club, which meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., at the Boys Club on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, can contact Ed Cooper at 788-5761.





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Nov.-Dec.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

· Thanksgiving Dinner will be served to the homeless and needy at Michael's Restaurant. located at 848 W. Fifth Street in Winston-Salem from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The elderly, shut-ins, or families wishing home delivery should call the restaurant at 777-0000 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Meals will be delivered to their homes. Volunteers are needed to serve and deliver the meals. Interested persons should call the restaurant or come by from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. SATURDAY, NOV. 30

• The WS Junior Chamber of Commerce will

host the Winston-Salem Holiday Parade beginning at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

• The Twin City Choristers Christmas Concert will be held at 5 p.m. at the Anderson Center of Winston-Salem State University. Admission is free.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

· A banquet will be held to honor John Enock of Minority and Women in Business Magazine and Sonny Lacy of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company at 7 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Greensboro. For more information, call Mrs. Amy Hughes at 274-3441, Mrs. Arlene Hennessy at 279-3655, or Mr. Tom Trollinger at 724-6912.

· The American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) will hold its monthly meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 5:30 p.m., with a buffet dinner and social at 6:30 p.m., and a Big Bucks Auction at 7:15 p.m. Spouses are invited to attend and a special award will be given to the person who is dressed most appropriately for the holiday season. The cost for the evening is \$15 per person.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

· The Little Theatre of Winston-Salem will hold auditions for The Dining Room from 8-9 p.m. at the Hanes Community Center, 610 Coliseum Drive. An audition workshop in improvisational techniques will be held from 7-8 p.m. and is strongly recommended for anyone wishing to auditon. For more information, call 725-4001.

• The YWCA, 1201 Glade Street, will present "Conflicts: Parents/Teens - How to Share Sexual Information with Teens" at 7 p.m. James H. Clay, MMH will be the program facilitator. The program is free and open to the

· Reynolda Gardens will hold its annual display of poinsettas through Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Poinsettas will be offered for sale beginning Monday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the Poinsetta Show is free.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

· For the month of December, Old Salem Sertoma Club will meet at 12 p.m. at the Best Western Regency, 121 N. Cherry Street. That will be the only meeting for December. For information, call Charlene Martin at 765-6081.

· The WS chapter of the Self Help Group for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) will hold a meeting/ holiday party from 7-9 p.m. at the Benson Center, Room 406, at Wake Forest University. For more information about the meeting or the WS chapter of SHHH, call Karen Nolan at 768-5536 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

· The NC Cooperative Extension Service, Triad Money Management Center will sponsor a program on "Dying Without a Will" at 10 a.m. at the Forsyth County Agricultural Building, Auditorium C. For more information and registration, call 767-8213.

 The Fourth Annual Guatemala Festival will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Parkway United Church of Christ, 2151 Silas Creek Parkway. There will be a wide selection of Guatemalan crafts, including clothing, tableware, dolls and accessories sold to benefit Central American communities, refugees, and cooperatives. Also, from 6-7 p.m., there will be an inexpensive beans and rice supper, and Latin American songs and stories by "Hermanoz de Paz" (Jon Sundell and Marty Province) at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., Manuel Mejia Tol, a Guatemalan Indian, will speak. Admission is free. For more information, call 724-5907.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

· City government offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving. There will be no sanitation pick up on either day. The pickup schedule will be Monday, Nov. 25 collect Tuesday garbage; Tuesday, Nov. 26 collect Wednesday garbage; Wednesday, Nov. 27 collect Thursday garbage; Monday, Dec. 2 collect Friday garbage.

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