

A Better Chance to hold information day

The North Carolina regional office of A Better Chance, Inc. is holding an information day for prospective students grades 6-10 who are interested in attending college preparatory schools. The event will be held at the Winston-Salem Urban League, 201 W. Fifth St., on Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Alberta McMillian, education director of the Urban League, and Mrs. Aurelia McFadden-Reynolds, regional associate of A Better Chance, Inc., will conduct the information session. General information about the organization

and specific guidelines for the free application process will be given.

A Better Chance, Inc. established in 1963, is the oldest academic talent search organization in the nation. A Better Chance identifies academically talented and highly motivated African-American, Asian-American, Latino/Hispanic-American and Native American students from all economic backgrounds for placement in college preparatory schools across the country.

Qualified students in need are assisted financially by the schools

in which they are placed.

"College preparatory schools offer young students 'a better chance' because they concentrate more on individual instruction and personal attention," Mrs. McMillian added. "The schools are very selective and have high expectations of their students. Their curriculums are specifically designed to prepare students for college."

"A Better Chance gives students chances they might not ordinarily get considering their economic or ethnic condition," said Mrs. Reynolds. "We want to give them

the chance to compete with the rest of the community."

If you are looking for "a better chance" to access exceptional educational opportunities, A Better Chance, Inc. is looking for you! Mark your calendars and plan to attend the ABC information day Saturday, December 7 at the Winston-Salem Urban League. Students will be assisted in completing the application forms.

For additional information, call Aurelia McFadden-Reynolds at (919) 722-2900 or Alberta McMillian at (919) 725-5614.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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MONDAY, DEC. 9

• The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Charter Hospital, 3637 Old Vineyard Rd., from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

• The Arthritis Foundation will sponsor "Desserts for the Holidays" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Clubhouse on Park Ridge Circle, just off Country Club Road in Winston-Salem. The event will feature gourmet treats prepared by local restaurants and caterers. Desserts will also be auctioned during the event. Tickets are available for \$2 and will be sold at the door and in advance. For more information, call 659-9776.

• The Untitled Associates of Reynolda House, Museum of American Art, will hold an Annual Tree Trimming Party from 7-9 p.m. at Reynolda House. The evening will include seasonal music and caroling. Help is needed to decorate the 22 ft. tree. The Untitled Associates are a group of young adults, age 21 to early 30s interested in the arts. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, call 725-5325.

• "The Night Before Christmas" will be read by Mayor Martha Wood of the City of Winston-Salem at 10:30 a.m. at the Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2305 Patterson Ave. The program is free and open to the public.

• The WS Chapter 1797 of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold its end of year meeting at 11 a.m. and a Christmas Luncheon at 12 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church, 646 W. 5th Street.

• The Cook Middle School PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. There will be a short business meeting in the school's gymnasium, followed by a concert by the strings and band.

• The Triad Minority Supplier Development Council will hold its monthly meeting at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, I-40 and Guilford Jamestown Rd. The meeting will begin at 12 p.m. with lunch. For more information, contact Janet Rumley at 373-2192.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

• The children of Amos Cottage, a rehabilitation hospital for children with disabilities, will hold a dress rehearsal for their annual Christmas Play, at 10:30 a.m. The play, entitled *Once Upon A Christmas Star*, will be performed by the young patients at the hospital.

• "Protecting Yourself from Holiday Crime" will be presented by the WS Police Dept. at 11 a.m. at the Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2305 Patterson Ave. "Entrepreneurial Development and the Business and Technology Center" will also be presented by Michele Chelley Treadwell of the Greater WS Chamber of Commerce newly formed Economic Development Dept. at 3:30 p.m. The programs are free and open to the public.

• The Forsyth County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library, W. 5th Street. The meeting will be the annual Christmas social. Members and guests are cordially invited.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

• "African-Americans in Bethabara and Salem" will be presented by Camille Roddy of Historic Bethabara at 3 p.m. at the Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2305 Patterson Ave. The program is free and open to the public.

• The Winston Lake Family YMCA's 67th Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA. The keynote speaker will be Coach Bishop Harris, head football coach at NCCU. Tickets are \$20 per person, or \$160 for a table of 8, and may be purchased at the Winston Lake YMCA, 901 Waterworks Rd., or from any staff or board member. For more information, call 724-9205.

• A *Holiday Spectacular*, a song and dance show of the popular and classical tunes from the varied celebrations of the Winter Holidays, will be presented by the Main Event Show Choir today and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the RJ Reynolds Auditorium, 301 N. Hawthorne Rd. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For more information, call 727-2061.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• GED testing and placement counseling is available for adults interested in taking the GED test. Placement sessions are held every week on Forsyth Technical Community College's West Campus on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. There is no cost. For more information, call 760-2373.

• Twelve-thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest sponsored by the National Library of Poetry. The deadline for the contest is Dec. 31, 1991. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology. To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-PN, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 1991. A new contest opens Jan. 1, 1992.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• The Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, located at 690 Coliseum Drive, is in need of volunteers to work on blood drives in the Winston-Salem area and at the Triad Blood Center. Training will be provided, as well flexible hours. For more information, contact Nita Julian at 724-0511.

• FIRST NIGHT 1992 Committees are searching for volunteers to assist in working this year's New Year's Eve Alcohol/Drug Free Celebration of the Arts Festival downtown Winston-Salem. For more information, call 724-7339.

Along the Garden Path holds three meetings

"Along the Garden Path Garden Club" has held three meetings. The September meeting, which was the first meeting, was with Mrs. Arlean Gill and the new president, Julia Johnson, presiding.

The second meeting was held in the Red Room on the WSSU campus. Mrs. Louise Hamilton was acting hostess.

The third meeting was with Mary Perkins. One of the activities accomplished was the election of new officers. The new officers are as follows: President - Julia Johnson; Vice President - Bonnie Daniels; Second Vice President - Sinclair Crowder; Third Vice President - Pearl Perkins; Recording Secretary - Ruth Glenn; Assistant Secretary - Arlean Gill; Corresponding Secretary - Mabel Allen;

Reporter - Carrie Mayfield; Parliamentarian - Louise Hamilton; Financial Secretary - Vernia Grier; and Treasurer - Savallia Wilson;

Other activities discussed were to meet the recommendations of the Council, the evaluation of the "State" Convention and several new projects to be fulfilled in 1992. The Christmas Dinner, under the direction of Louise Hamilton, will be December 8 in the "Red Room" of WSSU.

At each meeting, meals were served. Members present were: Arlean Gill, Sinclair Crowder, Emmaline Banner, Savallia Wilson, Emmilene Goodwin, Ruth Glenn, Carrie Mayfield, Bonnie Daniels, Mary Perkins, Mabel Allen, Vernia Grier and new member, Mayarie Loomer.

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