

Community

Goler Memorial Church Honors Citizens for Humanitarian Work

▲ Banquet marks first time a church honored ministers from other churches

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A year ago, Claudette Gethers-Boyd and Ellia McIver, both members of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, thought it would be a good idea to honor citizens who are doing positive work in the community.

Unfortunately, McIver died last November, but she had expressed a strong desire for the banquet to take place. Determined to carry on the vision, Gethers-Boyd, McIver's widow, William McIver, and other members of the church's Capital Campaign Committee went forward to implement their plans.

Saturday night, more than 300 people attended the church's first annual honorees' banquet, which recognized 21 professionals ranging from entrepreneurs, educators, physicians, ministers, musicians and community activists. The event was so popular, at least 100 people were turned away from the Sheraton Inn Ballroom on University Parkway, where it was held.

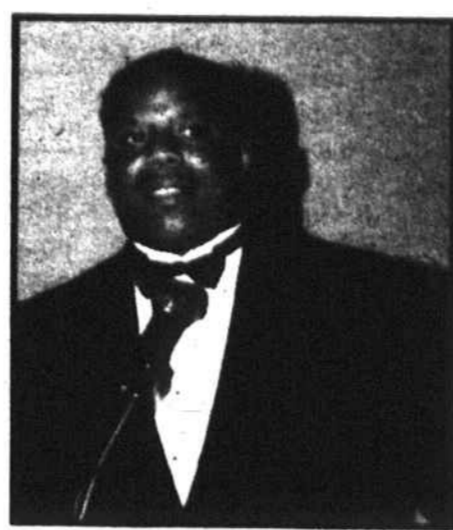
"I was surprised with the turnout," Gethers-Boyd said. "We were hoping for a large crowd, but



Rev. Seth O. Lartey



Betty Walker



Curtiss Carpenter



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Annette Morgan Wilson



Louis Hunter Jr. (r) presents Rev. Sam Hickerson a plaque.

after the tickets were sold, we hoped the crowd wouldn't get too large."

Alderman and Mayor pro tempore Vivian Burke brought greetings on behalf of the city and commended Goler for "taking time out to say 'thank you' to the citizens for their good work."

Award recipient Michael Lem-



Elsie Burke and William McIver

mon, an accomplished musician and music director at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, said he was surprised to receive the award.

"Music prepares people to hear a sermon and for African Americans, we are so emotional, it allows for an emotional release," he said. "But I don't do it for awards, I do it

because I love it."

Gethers-Boyd said the banquet was part of a fund-raising campaign to help Goler build a new church. What makes this awards banquet unique is it was the first time a church gave awards to citizens and the first time a church has honored ministers and members of other denominations.

Gethers-Boyd said church members went into the community to solicit names for award consideration.

The committee then sent out 22 notices hoping to get a response from 10. Out of the 22 notices, 21 people responded, so they gave all 21 awards, but in the future the limit will not exceed 10, she said.

Gethers-Boyd said that the banquet is the largest project Goler has held and that the church plans to continue it as an annual event.

Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church is located at 630 Patterson Ave. The Rev. Seth O. Lartey is pastor.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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May

SATURDAY, MAY 29

8 a.m. — The Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy will hold a yard bake sale until 1 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2320 Country Club Road. All proceeds will support Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy. For information call 759-0063.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

2 p.m. — The full authority of the Forsyth County Tourism Development Authority will meet for a public hearing on the 1993-1994 proposed budget in the board room of the Chamber of Commerce. The Executive Committee Meeting previously set for June 15 has been canceled.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

6 p.m. — The Winston-Salem Tiny Rams will hold football and cheerleading sign-ups until 8 p.m. at Miller Park Recreation Center. For information call Leticha Coleman at 765-8038, Robert McCollum at 725-1165 or Lewis Green at 922-3922.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

8:30 p.m. — The Winston Lake Gold 12 & Under AAU basketball team will hold an Out-of-School Dance for youth ages 11-15 at the Winston Lake Family YMCA until 11:30 p.m. D.J. Polo of Power 97 FM will provide music. The public is invited. There is an admission fee. Food and drinks will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the team's trip to the national playoffs in Cocoa Beach, Fla. For information call Ruby Blackburn at 760-2373.

UPCOMING

• The Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department offers nine public swimming pools, open to the public, May 29 through Sept. 9. For information on programs and special weekends, call 727-2063.

• The Kernersville Raiders will hold registration June 5 for boys and girls aged 5-15 who would like to play football or be a majorette or dancing boot. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central Triad Medical Park, located at 280 E. Broad St. in Kernersville. Please bring a certified

birth certificate. Free physicals will be given. For information call Ron Brown at 595-3672, Karen Perkins at 993-6882, or Pete Chavin at 784-8638.

• The Special Populations and Programs Unit of the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor Camp GLOW (Getting Lighter - Overcoming Weight) for children only, a one-of-a-kind summer day camp that provides: life-time nutritional options, blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks, exercise routines, personal pride, social and craft skills. Camp GLOW is for children 13-and-under who are 25 percent or more over their ideal body weight. The camp will be held June 7 through July 2. There is a fee. Help your child to learn to control weight and enjoy life to the fullest. Call the Elms at 727-2505 for information or applications.

• The newly-formed Anderson High School Alumni Association held its first meeting on May 22. The association is seeking the membership of all alumni. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26 at the Lawrence Joel Post #453, located at 526 Woughtown Road. For information call T. Foster at 767-8628 between 6-9 p.m.

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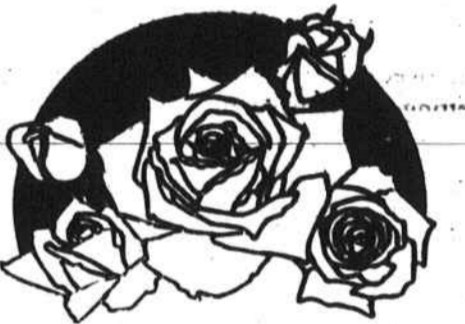
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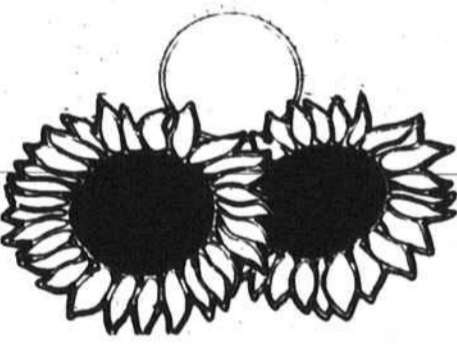
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