

Mendez to celebrate 14th anniversary

The Rev. Dr. John Mendez will celebrate his 14th pastoral anniversary at Emanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Dr., Oct. 12.

A native of New York city, Mendez has pastored Emmanuel in Winston-Salem for the past 14 years. Before coming to Winston, he was with the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Wendell, N.C., from 1977 to 1983.

Mendez attended Shaw University in Raleigh; the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest; and he recently graduated from the Post Graduate Center of Mental Health in New York City in pastoral counseling psychoanalysis and psychotherapy.

His lecture experience is extensive. His speech at the Thomas Dorsey's National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses in Winston-Salem in 1991 was voted into the history of the organiza-



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tion. In 1993, he was the keynote speaker at the Progressive National Baptist Convention in the time slot normally reserved for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Noted for his contributions to civil and human rights, Dr. Mendez was a consultant in the investigation of the Hawaiian Land Rights issues for the Racial Justice Group of Hawaii. He conducted a fact finding mission in Puerto Rico concerning Vegas

Island issues in 1986, and presented evidence before a tribunal and the United Nations on U.S. war crimes in Central American countries in 1984.

Mendez is the facilitator and founding member of the Citizens United for Justice. He also serves on several other boards.

He received the President's Award for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Wendell-Wake County NAACP Humanitarian Award, the Achievement Award for the Winston-Salem Urban League, and the 1989 President's Award of the NAACP in Winston-Salem, as well as many other awards.

Mendez is married to the former Sarah Lee Howard, who is a client liaison coordinator in information services at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. The couple has two children, Sekou and Jamila, who are both students at North Carolina Central University, in Durham.

Family Services retirees continue to help children

Retirees of Family Services Child Development Program met at the home of Clarene Stewart, 4125 Kingsland Court, Sept. 30. The meeting was conducted by the president, Alma Barber. The group continue to promote growth in education, health, economics and social welfare in areas essen-

tial to the needs of children and families.

New members Betty Johnson, Adelaide Price and Mary Adams were given a plants as welcoming gifts. A Christmas dinner was planned for Dec. 9. There was a delicious luncheon served by the hostess.

Others in attendance were Selena Davenport, Joan Patton, Wyvetra Carter, Helen Falls, Barbara Benson, Frances Brannon, Ruth Medlock and Thessalonia Jenkins. Members not present were Arlease Hawkins, Mary Kay, Minnie Barksdale and Estelle Shelf.

Four Locals Win at Mid-Atlantic Sectionals

Winners Last Week Monday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m., Carl H. Russell Community Center

A game was not held so that players could attend the funeral service of Sylena Elizabeth Lester Nesbitt, daughter of Waldo and Marjorie Lester. Our sympathy is extended to the entire Nesbitt and Lester families.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., Carl Russell Community Center Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club
First Place — Rudolph Boone and Floyd Neal
Second/Third/Fourth Place Tie — Geraldine Cary and John Griffis; Goldia Anderson and

Beverly Mitchell; and Renita Thompkins-Segers and Olivia Thompkins



BRIDGE NEWS
Rudolph V. Boone Sr.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Rupert Bell Recreation Center Kings and Queens Duplicate Bridge Club
No report.
News Flash!
Four local players won first

place trophies in the Modified Round Robin during the recent Mid-Atlantic Sectional Tournament that was held in

Portsmouth, Va. Congratulations to Ruth Washington, Earline Parmon, Pauline Winphrie and Sandra Brown! This event is one of the most popular and competitive on the East Coast.

Champion sheepdogs lead Walk Against Cancer

Abbey, 7, and Clyde, 5, have been doing volunteer work since they were puppies. The two champion old English sheepdogs visit nursing homes often in a Pet Therapy program. They've co-chaired a major fashion event, taken part in charitable marathons, and they're returning to co-chair the American Cancer Society's Dogs Walk Against Cancer Oct. 18 at Tanglewood Park.

Last year's event drew several hundred happy participants — more are expected for the fourth annual walk, which also benefits the NCSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Dog owners register with their pets and collect pledges before the walk; those who haven't registered may sign up and make a contribution at Tanglewood. Pets and people will vie for valuable prizes, including one for the pooch who fetches the most sponsors, the dog who looks most like his or her best friend, the Fido or Fifi wearing the best Halloween costume, the dog who performs the best trick, and the most colorful canine.

Well known dogs will entertain and demonstrate various canine talents — from sniffing out drugs to obedience training.

Those who wish may take part in "The Blessing of the Animals."

A pet photographer will be available, and there will be a silent auction.

Community volunteer groups planning to participate include Professional Secretaries, Friends of Greyhounds, the Bloodhound Search and Rescue team, veterinarians from the NCSU hospital and students from Wake Forest University.

Champions Abbey Lane and Classy Clyde will lead the marchers. Dogs Walk Against Cancer T-Shirts will go to all (human) participants who raise or contribute \$50.

For information, call Abbey and Clyde's home number, 922-1525 and ask for Betty Davis, or call the American Cancer Society at 768-1224.

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