

Les Arbres Club celebrates 38th Black and White Ball

Members of Les Arbres Club celebrated their 38th annual Black and White Ball Nov. 26.

The first Black and White Ball was held at the Patterson Avenue Armory in 1960. Members spent three days transforming the interior of the old building into a place of beauty.

At that time members adopted a strict dress code for the ball. The ladies attending the ball wore lovely white gowns. The men were attired in black tuxedos, white tux shirts and black ties.

Jet Magazine ran a spread of scenes from the first ball.

Music halls and ballrooms were unavailable to blacks during the 1960s. Finding a place to hold the ball presented a real challenge. The Reynolds/Babcock family offered club members the use of a building on Reynolda Village grounds for their second ball. Les Arbres was

one of the first black clubs to integrate the Robert E. Lee Ballroom. During the last several years, Black and White Balls have been held at the Benton Convention Center.

The Ball has attracted guests from across the country. It has not been unusual for friends to fly in from California, New York, and Michigan. Former members also drive in from Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Virginia.

The fellowship and music have been the main attractions. In earlier years the group danced to the music of famed jazz greats Bernard Foy, Harry Wheeler, Billy Bright, Robert Grier and "School Boy" Oates. Numerous other highly talented jazz groups have played for the ball since that time.

Two years ago the dress code was broken. Many guests are quick to say that they miss the gorgeous white gowns and the distinctive beauty they gave to the ball.



Pictured left to right are Ella Rose Dalton, Beulah Sherman and Patsy Lighty. The last two ladies are now deceased.

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Winston-Salem funds portion of redevelopment project

The City of Winston-Salem, through its Housing/Neighborhood Development Department, funded a portion of the total \$12.3 million Ladera Crest Estates redevelopment project. City loans were derived from federal program funds of \$1.9 million and \$6.8 million in mortgage revenue bonds. An additional \$3.6 million was

provided as equity by the developer from the sale of tax credits.

Ladera Crest Estates was bought from the five previous owners, including Fairchild Hills Apartments, by Regency Housing Development Associates, the developers of Chestnut Plans and Burke Village apartments. Co-owner of the development is Liberty East Redevelopment Inc.

(LER), a nonprofit corporation. LER is a neighborhood-based organization made up of residents of the area and other community and business leaders, whose president is Naomi Jones.

The Ladera Crest Estates project facilitated the partnership between Regency and LER as the developer/owners of the property, a first for a project of this scale.

The neighborhood is located north of 25th Street between Fairchild Road and Ansonia Street.

The complex consists of 245 units of rental housing in single and multi-family buildings. Rehabilitation begins this month and will be similar to the renovation of Burke Village between Cleveland Avenue and New Hope and Bethlehem roads.

Super Nationwide Game Dec. 19

Winners Last Week

Monday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m., Carl H. Russell Community Center
First Place — Pauline Caldwell and Inez Gerald
Second Place — Rudolph Boone and Floyd Neal

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., Carl Russell Community Center
Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club's annual meeting and grad C tournament
Flight A Winners (over 600 master points)
First Place — Richard Bowling and John Griffith
Second Place — Pauline Caldwell and Sandra Brown
Third Place — Inez Gerald and Reginald McCauley
Fourth Place — Geraldine Cary and Geneva Coleman

Flight B Winners (under 600 master points)
First Place — Demerice Erwin and Olivia Thompkins
Second Place — Jefferson Rollins and Vivian Rollins
Third Place — Erlene Parmon and Pauline Winphrie
Fourth Place — Cleester Hickerson and Goldia Anderson

The Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club celebrated its 24th anniversary in grand style. The evening began with a delicious meal and fellowship, followed by the grade C tournament. The seven-table game was directed by Charles W. Gadson. Olivia Thompkins is president of the club. Other officers are Sarah J. Boone, secretary; Mavis H. Lloyd, treasurer; and Rudolph Boone, club director and point coordinator. Goldia Anderson and Renita Thompkins-Segers are assistant direc-



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Rudolph V. Boone Sr.

tors. Other club members include Bessie Allen, founder and a past president; Rosalind Bell; Lillie Cuthrell; Darlene Grady; Demerice Erwin; Freddie Gary; Cleester Hickerson; Marjorie Lester; Waldo Lester; Beverly Mitchell; Floyd Neal; Margaret Payne; Jefferson Rollins; Vivian Rollins; and Juanita Wynecoff. Other past presidents include Rudolph Boone and Renita Thompkins-Segers.

The club was scheduled to elect officers for the next two years Tuesday, Dec. 9. The results of that election will be published in my next and last column.

Nationwide Game Dec. 19

The Triad Bridge Unit will sponsor a Super Nationwide Game on Friday, Dec. 19. The game will be held at the Urban League Building. Registration will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the game will begin at 8 p.m. All bridge players are welcome to participate. This will be a great way to compete with some of the state's best bridge players before the year's end. Ruth G. Washington is president of the unit.

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Festival of Lights trip planned for children

Family Services Inc., Head Start, Piedmont Coach Line and Tanglewood Park Foundation will jointly sponsor a trip for 449 children to the Festival of Lights at Tanglewood Park Thursday, Dec. 18, approximately 4:45 p.m. The 3-5-year-olds will see for the first time his spectacular display of holiday lights. The evening will conclude a month of Winter Celebration and Christmas around the world. Head Start is a federally funded program for children 3-5 years old from low-income families. The uniqueness of this program is its service delivery areas: nutrition, education, family services and parent involvement. Our daily motto is "We make things happen for kids."

Space is limited at Bishop McGuinness

If you are interested in having your student attend Bishop McGuinness High School in the fall of 1998, it is essential that you send in an application as soon as possible. Since our open house in late November, the admissions counselor's phone has been ringing "off the hook!" To ensure a place in the BMHS class of 2002, you must submit an application by Feb. 1, 1998. There are still a few spaces remaining. To request an application, call our administration counselor, Louise Sechler at (910) 725-4247.

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