

NWOA applauds member for earning service award

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Chapter of National Women of Achievement Inc. is thrilled that Flonnie T. Anderson has been recently chosen and is being recognized by Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center as recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award based on her work with youths as an inspiring teacher/trainer; a star in the world of drama; a strong, devoted, knowledgeable and firm English instructor during her entire teaching career with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County system. She will be recognized during The Chronicle's 19th annual Community Service Awards recognition program tonight, March 14, at the Grand Pavilion, West Tower, Adam's Mark Hotel Plaza.



Anderson

Anderson has always loved the arts. As a young adult, she organized the first drama group in the South for minorities - The Players Guild, operating through the Winston-Salem Recreation Department.

She was well qualified early in her life, completing her college requirements at the age of 19 and majoring in drama and French. She received her bachelor of arts degree from West Virginia State College Institute. She also attended Columbia University in New York to further her drama experiences after her dream to pursue an acting career at Southern California (Southern Cal.) did not materialize. She received a teaching certificate and a master of science degree in education at A&T College (now A&T State University).

Anderson was determined to bring into focus the importance of drama and raise its awareness in Winston-Salem to a level that proved and showed the important role drama could play. Anderson's love for drama was shown not only by her devotion to the children she taught first at Atkins' High

the Career Center, but she diligently worked in the church and the community with the experienced but mostly inexperienced. She somehow fascinated audiences through her magical touch, wit and know-how. She worked with the inexperienced, shy children to develop poise, gain command of the stage and play dramatic roles. Anderson involved herself both in indoor and outdoor theatrical performances.

She has written several plays and had the opportunity to take a group of her players to perform at the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., where they presented the play "Take Me Higher," involving students with different ethnic backgrounds performing beautifully together.

As an actress, Anderson has performed in a one-woman show, on stage in heavy dramatic performances and, on television, in historical programs about life in the South.

In the 1950s Anderson was the only minority to be selected for casting in the Winston-Salem Little Theatre production of "The Crucible," breaking down the color barrier.

Anderson taught dance in Martinsville, Va., but her heart was really focused on drama and with integrating all art forms (dance, music, art, acting) and speaking. She began as an impressive instructional arena of dramatics. Anderson's drama students publicly, over and over again, have shown their exceptional ability through award-winning performances, taking top

honors at the N.C. Theatre Conference Festival and the Southeast Theatre Conference Festival.

Her students also have excelled in public speaking and written essays.

Several of her students are performing now in major movies, on popular soap operas and are involved in television advertisements. Anderson is still "Mrs. A" to them.

She has served as president of the Winston-Salem Chapter of National Women of Achievement Inc. On the regional level, she is the assistant to the regional director. On the national level, she has served as recording secretary. She is now busily working with a special committee of five NWOA Winston-Salem Achievers on a youth scholarship fund-raiser, and of course, the arts will be a part to make this function an exceptional, exciting, elegant and fun-loving affair. This fund-raiser - A Toast to the Taste - Caribbean Style - allows the Winston-Salem Chapter of National Women of Achievement to award college scholarships to selected young people. The fund-raiser will be held May 14 at the Grace Estates, attorney Michael Grace's residence at 396 Gaither Road, Winston-Salem.

Anderson wanted to do something different for the chapter's annual scholarship fund-raiser and wanted it to be a high-class affair. NWOA Achievers are excited about this occasion.

To describe her in a nutshell, Anderson is: W - wise and witty; O - on time, on target; M - mentor for many; A - admirable as an actress; and N - a noble woman.

The NWOA Winston-Salem Chapter salutes and congratulates Anderson, and extends best wishes on her birthday. Anderson received birthday recognition from Gov. Mike Easley.



Fantasia Dance Group

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Fantasia Dance Group will have a big registration day on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mass Community Center on Waughtown Street across

from Food Lion grocery store on Waughtown. Fantasia Dancers also will perform. There will be a fish fry as well, so come out and support our youths.

Parents, if you have a child age 4-16 years old that is not shy

to dance in front of a crowd, come to Fantasia's Registration Day.

Fantasia Dance Group will go on several outings as a group before the parade season begins.

RJR grant to assist track club with buying uniforms

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Tri-City Project T.E.A.C.H. has received a \$1,000 community involvement plan grant from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco to assist the organization purchase uniforms for its track club members.

The plan provides financial support for selected projects in organizations where RJR employees volunteer or serve in other ways. Leroy Richardson of RJR packaging, recommended the grant. Richardson volunteers his time as a tutor and adviser with Tri-City Project T.E.A.C.H.

Tri-City Project T.E.A.C.H. is a group of volunteers committed to helping the youths of this

area grow physically, academically and socially. Through its Tri-City Relays Track Club and Winston-Salem Wings cross-country team, many youths have competed on national and international levels in AAU Junior Olympic competition. The graduates of the program include many of the best high school and college athletes to come from this area. The members have won more than 100 national titles and have 12 national records in track and field. It is one of the oldest and most prominent track teams in the state.

The academics and athletics portion of the organization assists students throughout the

area with its free tutorial program. With the assistance of students from Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University, the organization is able to help 100 children better their grades and study habits by one-on-one tutorial sessions.

Under the RJR plan, nonprofit organizations can receive up to \$250 per year from one employee's recommendation, and up to \$1,000 annually on behalf of all employees.

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