

Sisters of Bivouac 503 sponsor 'Spring Fling'

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On Saturday afternoon, May 11, Silas Creek Manor filled with anticipation. The residents asked, "Is it time yet?"; "Are you here for the party?"; "Are you going to fix me up?" Expectation filled the air. Everyone knew that it would soon be time for the Spring Fling.

Unfamiliar people began to arrive to join Sister Lilly Gwyn of Bivouac 530, who had been there closeted in a room since morning, inflating hundreds of balloons and creating her own special designs for the occasion. The new

arrivers began to style hair, apply make-up, do nails, help dress the residents in their finest party attire and pin on special corsages; then, finally, after dinner, it was time!

Upon entering a purple and silver ballroom, which until a few hours before had been the dining room, the guests - in wheelchairs, on walkers or on the arms of supporting friends - were greeted by music from the turntable of "The Boss Lady." The fun started as they began to move to the beat. The walkers swayed. Wheelchairs glided over the floor, propelled by the volunteers, and some residents left their chairs

and began to dance. The Fling was a very special, enjoyable occasion and the night ended with everyone happily exhausted.

Joining Sisters Susie Humphrey, Catherine Kirkland, Patricia Jenkins, Delores Crosby-Edwards, Ophelia McCloud and Lilly Gwyn of Sisters of Bivouac - to help make the Spring Fling a success were Sister Carolyn Epps, Web manager, Western Region grand co-chair of the youth department and grand instructor for the N.C. Grand Chapter, OES, PHA; and Sis-

ters Bernice Miller, Annie Duck, other sisters of the 30th District and other affiliated Prince Hall Masonic bodies, which included Sister Catherine Kirkland of Bivouac, who is also royal perfect matron of Clara N. Hayes Court 5, The Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, and Most Ancient Matron of Duck Lassiter Court 15, Heroines of Jericho; Princess Commandress Mary Bradley of Elizabeth M. Tilley Court 7 N.C. Tarheel Cyrere Crusaders and Gleaner Matron Amber N. Horne of Elizabeth M. Tilley Gleaner Branch 68.



Sisters Gwyn and McCloud pose in front of the balloon wall and flower arrangement designed by Gwyn.



Sister Bernice Miller of Beauty of the West 36 styles the hair of a resident.



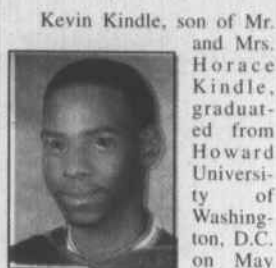
Sister Carolyn Epps of Meridian Chapter 308 and Sister Delores Crosby-Edwards of Sisters of Bivouac Chapter 530 OES, PHA.



Sister Susie Humphrey of Bivouac and her sister, Cornilia Herbert, a resident of Silas Creek Manor, are joined by Sister Patricia Jenkins of Bivouac as they take a break in the festivities.

Kevin Kindle graduates from Howard University

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Kevin Kindle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kindle, graduated from Howard University of Washington, D.C. on May 10. He earned a B.S. degree in radiation therapy.

While attending Howard, he made the dean's list, tutored students at Bruce Morrow Elementary School through the Howard Outreach Program, served on the steering

committee for the National Center for African-American Heritage and Culture, and served as treasurer of the radiation therapy technology department.

Kindle received the Arthur Jarrett/Nannie Kemp Scholarship from Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, the Hilltop Scholarship from Howard as well as the Board of Trustees Scholarship.

He is a 1997 graduate of Mount Tabor High School.

Kindle has been employed by the Carolina Medical System in Charlotte and will work out of its satellite facility in Rock Hill, S.C.

On May 18 family and friends celebrated Kindle's success at a cookout at the home of his parents.

Greensboro Prowlers visit Forest Park Elementary

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The Greensboro Prowlers were on the "prowl" looking for a few good, young men at Forest Park Elementary School who want to better themselves and excel in football.

Invited by DeLois Linder, curriculum coordinator, the purpose of their visit was twofold: (1) inform young men that academic subjects are a major part of playing football and (2) encourage them to persevere to follow their dream. The fifth-graders were selected based on their interest in football.

Representing many walks of life, the Prowlers' representatives shared heartfelt testimonies regarding how they landed in the Arena 2 Football League.

All of them have college experience, several graduating in pre-law, and all have their sights on pro football. They spoke of their faith in God and the role He plays in

their lives. This has empowered them to hold onto their dreams. There was no bitterness as they shared how they were pursuing "Plan B" to reach their goals.

Coming to Forest Park was an integral part of the Prowlers' mission because it dealt with their giving back to the community and helping the next generation to reach for the stars.

The awestruck fifth-graders listened attentively to every word. You could feel the impact the Prowlers were having on these young men. A sense of camaraderie was fostered as the coach and players committed themselves to follow up with the students.

Linder's desire was to have the fifth-graders focus on excellent performance during the end-of-grade testing...and it worked. The guys expressed a desire to do well, and they are eagerly anticipating the future contacts with team members.

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