



Attendees attentively watched the Winston-Salem NWOA "Bringing in Ceremony" 2003.



Left to right: Joan Cardwell, Myra Stafford, Dr. Manderline Scales, Kitchawa Roulac-Chavis, Flonnie Anderson.



From left: Joan Cardwell pins a yellow rose on Myra Stafford, incoming member, while Flonnie Anderson pins a yellow rose on new member Kitchawa Roulac-Chavis.

Winston-Salem NWOA Chapter inducts new members

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Chapter of National Women of Achievement Inc., the first organized NWOA chapter in the Southeast Region and in North Carolina, held its October monthly meeting at Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ, on Carver Road. The business focus of the meeting was the induction of new members.

First Vice President Joan Cardwell, who also served as presiding officer for the evening, extended hearty greetings.

Alice Smith said a prayer. She asked for God's continued blessings upon the Winston-Salem NWOA body of women, guiding and filling every service commitment with love, and that inductees serve diligently and with sincere dedication to NWOA.

Dr. Manderline Scales conducted the candlelight "bringing-in" ceremony for the two inductees.

Kitchawa Roulac-Chavis, inductee, is an instructor of biology at Winston-Salem State University and is listed in "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities." She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star - Lady Georgia Bur-



New members Myra Stafford and Kitchawa Roulac-Chavis take the oath of membership during the bringing-in ceremony, conducted by Dr. Manderline Scales.

gess Chapter and has completed three years of study at Wake Forest University toward a doctorate in microbiology and immunology. She is affiliated with First Assembly of God in Winston-Salem.

Inductee Myra Stafford works

as an assistant planner for the City-County Planning Board. She attended Parkland High School and Appalachian State University, and attends Middle Fork Christian Church in Winston-Salem. She has worked with the LCOP pro-

gram, an association for legislative cooperative opportunities for parents, and the Upward Bound Program at Winston-Salem State University.

During the induction ceremony, most NWOA affiliates wore white and gold, the NWOA colors, and looked great as they assembled and sat together. Special presenters during the induction service included: Flonnie Anderson, who presented a brief history of NWOA and spoke about the Achievers of the national organization; Joan Cardwell, who gave the goals of the organization; attorney Willie Kennedy, who explained what the NWOA colors mean. Lena Crowder told what the NWOA flower, the yellow rose, symbolizes. Flora Golden shared information about the NWOA logo. Cordella Rumph explained the insignia of the organization. Nancy Wilks described the NWOA national

expert in mental health, has served as an adviser on mental health and aging to presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton. She currently advises the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on women's health issues and is a consultant for Johnson and Johnson.

Harper said her experience with the Tuskegee experiment affects her even today, and she urges patients, especially black patients, to ask questions about any medical research they participate in.

"I don't ever want that to happen to other people again," she said.

your child's hands before snacks and meals. Ensure that your child's diet contains the recommended levels of calcium and iron.

Have your child tested by your physician or the local health department if you have not already done so. Only a few drops of blood from a child's finger are needed to test for lead. All children enrolled in Medicaid are required to have a blood lead test at 12 months and again at 24 months of age. For information about having your child tested for lead, contact the N.C. Children's Environmental

Health Branch, 1-888-774-0071.

Before disturbing the paint in older homes, have the paint tested to determine if lead is present. To find out if your home contains lead, contact the N.C. Health Hazards Control Unit at (919) 733-0820 for a listing of N.C. lead-certified inspectors or risk assessors.

For more information about lead, see the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services-lead poisoning Web page at www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/lead.html or call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

Tuskegee

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unknowingly, really bothered me," she said. "Sometimes, after I saw one of them, I'd bake them a sweet potato pie. I just felt like I had to do something."

Harper, regarded as an

Lead

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can get the lead-contaminated dust, paint chips or soil into their bodies through normal hand-to-mouth activity.

Other common sources of accessible lead include plastic mini-blinds, imported toys, crystal, fishing and hunting supplies, batteries, food stored in low-fired pottery or ceramic ware, and hobbies such as the making of stained glass items. Children also are exposed to lead by taking traditional medicines such as azarcon, greta, pay-loo-ah and litargirio. Children adopted from other countries have a greater risk of having an elevated blood-lead level because of the availability of lead-containing gasoline and industrial emissions in some parts of the world.

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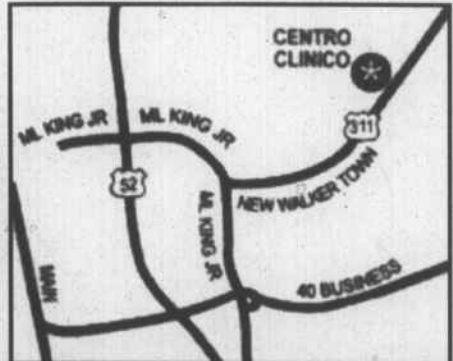
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