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Community Calendar

Lunch and Learn

Lunch and Learn with Bob Guldin, AIG Financial Advisor. All are welcome, from beginners to advanced, to attend this free discussion series. Bring your questions or just come to learn. A light lunch will be served. The dates are Feb. 15, 22 and 29 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. at the Shepherd's Center, 1700 Ebert St. Seating is limited, call 748-0217 for reservations.

Youth conference and step show

The Nu Tau Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will be hosting its first Youth Conference and Step Show entitled "Stepping Out of Violence Into Loving Ourselves and Others" on Saturday Feb. 23, at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. Admission to the conference is free, however admission to the step show is \$5 per person. Food and beverages will be available for sale at the event. All proceeds will support community outreach efforts of the Nu Tau Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Getting to Know Satachmo

A special presentation by the curators of the Louis Armstrong Museum will be held at the Central Library Auditorium, Feb. 25, 7 - 8:30 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to learn about the life of Louis Armstrong and see historical artifacts from the museum's collection.

Volunteers needed

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem needs volunteers to provide visitation, transportation for medical appointments and grocery shopping, and minor home repairs for older adults. Training for new volunteers will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 520 Summit St. Lunch will be provided. To register or get more information, call 748-0217.

BHM events

The William C. Sims, Sr. Recreation Center will present the following Black History events:

Feb. 6 - 20 Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m. Yusef Sugg's Black History series.

Feb. 16 Saturday, 2 - 5 p.m. Honoring the Black athlete in Happy Hill, "Curtis Peterson" will be featured.

Feb. 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m. The Joe Robinson's Quartet will presents a jazz concert for children narrated by James Funches.

For information on any of the events call 727-2837.

Emergency Food Assistance

The R. I. C. H. Food Pantry located at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Dr. is offering emergency food assistance Saturday, Feb. 9 and every second and fourth Saturday, 10 - 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 744-9293.



Color masks, like the ones worn by these guests, were big at Saturday's party.

Photos by Jaeson Pitt



Charlie Bethea emcees from the stage.



Cornelius and Patricia Sadler.



Queen Cassandra (Sandi) Powers with King Jimmy Norwood.

Submitted Photo



This guest got a lot of attention for her wings.



Denise Jones, from left, with Monique Hughes, Brenda White and Victoria Harris.

N'AWLINS STYLE

Omegas revive popular Mardi Gras event

BY JAESON PITT
THE CHRONICLE

New Orleans and cities from Venice, Italy to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil celebrated "Fat Tuesday," or Mardi Gras, earlier this week.

Not to be left behind, Winston-Salem got a jumpstart on the festivities Saturday thanks to the Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., which relaunched its popular "Mardi Gras Costume Extravaganza."

Omega men and dozens of others crowded the Education Building of the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds for the event, which serves as a fundraiser for the chapter's scholarship fund. The Psi Phi Chapter has hosted the event, off and on,



Longtime Omega Man Billy Friende Jr.

for the last two decades. But for the last few years, the Mardi Gras event has been on hiatus. Those in attendance

Saturday say they are glad to see it back.

"I'm a Delta, and I look forward to supporting this event because it is a big help to the community," said Lisa Smith, who was dressed as comic book heroine, Wonder Woman. "(The Omegas) are really reaching out and trying to give back."

Smith's get-up was among several eccentric costumes worn. Many wore colorful masks in the Mardi Gras tradition, others took the unique route. Omega Cornelius Sadler and his wife, Patricia, fell into the latter category. He came as a Roman emperor, while his wife dressed the part of Cleopatra. Sadler said



Judge Jim Beatty and his wife, Toy.



Guests watch the costume contest.

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