

SSAAH annual banquet a success

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The Society for The Study of Afro American History held its annual banquet recently at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

The keynote speaker was Kenneth W. Lewis, Esquire, a partner in the firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice. He is the son of the Rev. Henry S. Lewis, Jr., pastor emeritus of Wentz Presbyterian Church.

Attorney Eewis' theme centered on the need for a dynamic, concerted effort by the black community to focus on economic empowerment. Blacks collectively are richer than most nations. He stressed the fact that what is needed is a collective effort to pool resources in an effort to make a significant impact to become economically powerful.

The SSAH sponsors an annual banquet each year to raise funds to continue its mission to collect and display historical pictures and other artifacts related to the black experience. The Society needs the support of the Winston-Salem community to continue to document the African-American presence and contributions to the public.

They encourage interested parties to become active members with them in preserving and recording the rich heritage of African-American life in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. Contact Lester Davis, membership chair, at 336-971-6851 or mail inquires to P. O. Box 20204, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27120-0204. Miriam McCarter is society president and Doris Herrell was banquet coordinator.



Miriam P. McCarter, from left, with Doris S. Herrell, Attorney Kenneth W. Lewis, Connie Smith and Lester Davis.



Dr. Samuel Stevenson, from left, Miriam P. McCarter, Attorney Kenneth W. Lewis, the Rev. Henry S. Lewis Jr., Doris S. Herrell, the Rev. Stacey Frazier and Ralph Meadows.



Attorney Harold L. Kennedy III presides over the event.

Nominees sought for 'N.C. Nobel Prizes'

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The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is seeking nominations for its 23rd annual Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards that recognize unsung heroes who are making an impact in North Carolina communities. Each award is accompanied by a \$25,000 grant - \$5,000 to the winner and \$20,000 that the winner designates for charitable organizations of his or her choice. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2008.

Awards are given in three categories: advocacy - on behalf of people, issues, or concerns that otherwise may be without effective voices; personal service - for people helping other people; and race relations - for persons who have acted in ways to bring about improvements in multiculturalism in a community and served as role models of racial understanding and cooperation.

Sometimes called "North Carolina's Nobel Prizes," the awards are believed to be the only ones of their kind in the country that honor and reward

people who are quietly, but effectively, striving to improve their communities.

The awards were established in 1986 in memory of Nancy Susan Reynolds, the daughter of Katharine Smith and R.J. Reynolds. She was a philanthropist and a founding member, President and lifetime Trustee of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

Nominations may be made by anyone except the nominee. Nominations may be submitted in any one of the following ways:

- Submit a nomination online at www.zsr.org by clicking on Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards or Forms & Publications.
- Download a nomination form at www.zsr.org by clicking on Forms & Publications.
- Write or call the Foundation to request a nomination form at the address and phone numbers below.

Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, 147 South Cherry Street, Suite 200 Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101-5287

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