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Community Calendar

Fall Carnival

The Sims Recreation Center's Fall Carnival will be held Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. The event is sponsored by Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks, St. Paul Holiness Church, Home Moravian Church, the Happy Hill Senior Citizens Club, Donald "Sarge" Naylor, and the Bojangles on Waughtown Street. The event will provide candy and prizes for children ages 4-14. The center is at 12101 Alder Street. Call Ben Piggott at 336-727-2837 for further information.

Trip to Bayou Classic

A trip is being planned to New Orleans for the Bayou Classic from Nov. 27 - 30. The game will be between Southern University and Grambling State. For further information, call Robbie Allen at 336-788-9649, Clevell Roseboro at 336-671-1259 or Charlene Roseboro at 777-8150.

St. Anne's and St. Benedict Reunion

St. Anne's and St. Benedict the Moor will have a Class Reunion for the Classes of 1946 - 1979 on Nov. 29 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Sundance Plaza Hotel & Suites, 3050 University Plaza.

For more information, contact Mary Louise Harris at quiet_storm0821@yahoo.com or 336-377-7050 or Linda Grier at 336-723-4192 or auntieb@yahoo.com.

Shopping trips

The Fun Time Club is sponsoring a Pre-Christmas shopping trip to Danville, Va., on Nov. 8 shop to visit Value City Store, the Danville Mall and the New York Church Suit Outlet Store. On Dec. 6, the group will travel to Concord Mills and McAdenville (Christmas Town USA). For more information, call 336-767-0105. Leave a message.

AAU tryouts

Tryouts for Winton-Salem Mavericks 12U AAU Boys Basketball will be held Oct. 26, 28 and Nov. 2 and Nov. 4. Those trying out should bring birth certificates. For further information, contact Coach BB Patrick at 336-416-0907.

Children's Theatre fundraiser

The Children's Theatre of Winston-Salem will host its Annual Scholarship Ticket Fundraiser at Pig Pickin's, 613 Deacon Blvd., on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 6 - 9 p.m. Celebrity servers will include Mayor Allen Joines and WXII Anchor Cameron Kent.

Ten percent of the evening's proceeds will go to help support the Children's Theatre's Scholarship Ticket Fund, which provides free and/or discounted tickets to Children's Theatre productions for Equity Plus schools and economically disadvantaged schools, children and families.

For more information, call 336-725-4531 or visit www.childrenstheatre.org.



DJ Swift does his thing on the turn-tables.



Zonya Love Johnson performs.



Nahamah Jackson entertains with her violin.



Emcees Dr. Delores Smith Wylie and Carter G. Woodson students Kerry Thomas and D'Jamila Douthit.



Some of the students who ushered at the event.

TALENT OVERFLOWS AT BENEFIT

Artists of all stripes use gifts to help charter school

BY DR. FELECIA P. LONG
THE CHRONICLE

More than 250 music lovers and supporters of Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge attended a lively fundraiser for the popular charter school on Saturday evening.

Emceed by Dr. Delores Smith Wylie and Carter G. Woodson students Kerry Thomas and D'Jamila Douthit, the event featured a slate of talented artists who brought their immense style and grace to the school's gymnasium.

Drummers from Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble opened the show, which featured the internationally-acclaimed The Last Poets, a Harlem-based group of poets and musicians who rose to fame during the Civil Rights Movement. Carter G. Woodson Board Member Rosalyn Seabrooks secured The Last Poets for the show. She attended Shaw University with Obiodun Oyewole, one of the original members of the group.

Oyewole, who performed with The Last Poet drummer Don Babatunde, expressed displeasure with the state of hip hop today. He and other members of the group are considered trailblazers of the popular musical art form. They rhymed decades before rap came on the scene.

"Hip-hop is in the toilet," he said. "The vehicle is authentic, and it can be saved because we have kids like these at Woodson who have positive things to say. ... We need to get back to consciousness."

Other special guest performers included Zonya Love Johnson, a Broadway performer whose powerful voice was heard in the blockbuster stage production of "The Color Purple." The jazz ensemble Total Silence performed, as did the group Peace of Mind and DJ Swift, who has performed with Fantasia Barrino.

Some of the many talented Carter G. Woodson students also got some of the spotlight. The school's orchestra, under the direction of Nahamah Jackson, and jazz band, under the



Principal Ruth Hopkins.



Student Mikalah Muhammad, center, with her mother, left, and Renee Razzak.



Members of the school's talented orchestra.



Larry Little with The Last Poet's Obiodun Oyewole, Ed McCarter and City Council Member Nelson Malloy.



Some of Carter G. Woodson's teachers were on hand to support the cause.



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