Ladies helping fraternity with fundraising

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. is in the process of planning its Mardi annual Extravaganza.

Four local ladies have agreed to work alongside the brothers of the fraternity to help raise money to be used to support the fraternity's mandated social action programs. Nicole McCollum, Cynthia Christine Russell, Tammy Watson and Courtney Cheree Jackson are currently competing to raise the most money and earn the coveted title of Ms. Mardi Gras 2009.

Each woman represents one of the four "Cardinal Principles" of the fraternity -Scholarship, Manhood, Perseverance and Uplift.

Manhood Representative McCollum is married to Torrey McCollum and is a devoted mother to her three children, Tiffany, Nyree and Torrey Jr. She is a Relationship Banker at

Scholarship Representative



From left: Courtney Jackson, Cynthia Russell, Ms. Mardi Gras 2008 Sandi Powers, Nicole McCollum and Tammy Watson.

Russell is the daughter of Annetta Russell Payne and Christopher W. Russell Sr. She graduated from Winston Salem State University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Middle Grades Education. She

went on to pursue her career as Middle Grades Math Teacher. She also has a Master's Degree in School Administration from Gardner-Webb University.

Representative Watson is the wife of Henry Watson and mother of 4, Tavares, Christa, Alfonzo and Marcus. As Broker/Owner of ERA Piedmont Realty since January

sold more than 53 homes

Uplift Representative Jackson is the youngest daughter of Johnnie and Kathy Jackson. She is a graduate of Winston-Salem University, and has volunteered her time and expertise to Habitat for Humanity, the Mayor's Fitness Club and the Red Cross. She is currently employed in the Wellness Department at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical

This year's Mardi Gras celebration is scheduled for Feb. 14, 2009 at 9 p.m. at the Education Building on the Dixie Classic Fairground complex. Advance \$20 tickets will be sold until Jan. 30, after that, tickets will be \$30. The money raised will help to provide scholarships, boys' summer camp tuition and Thanksgiving food baskets.

For more information, contact Brother Charlie Bethea at 336-896-8638 or omegamardigras@bellsouth.net.

Holiday event will feature black Santa Claus

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The William Roscoe Anderson Recreation Center, formerly Reynolds Park Recreation Center, will hold its annual Community Day Christmas Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

There will be lots of entertainment, including singing. dancing, modeling and cheering. The main attraction will be an African-American Santa Claus. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras to take pictures of their children sitting on Santa's knee.

The celebration is open to the public and is free of charge. In order to help the needy, canned food donations will be accepted. The Anderson Recreation Center is located at 2450 Reynolds Park Road.

For more information about the celebration, contact Buddy Hayes at 336-767-7660 via email buddy@hayestran.com.

BINGO FOR TURKEYS



Sims Recreation Center sponsored its 13th Annual Bingo for Turkeys on Nov. 21. Bingo games allowed several local families to win a holiday turkey or ham. Families were asked to bring a canned good in order to participate. The cans were donated to local charities. The Center will next host its Peace Toys For War Toys event. Contact Ben Piggott at 336-727-2837 to contribute to that event or for questions.



Wilhelmina Long, Lena Jeffries, Martha Jones and Jean

Past NCNW leader awards members

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Wilhelmina Long, the past immediate president of the Winston-Salem Section of the National Council of Negro Women, recently presented certificates of achievements to all of the out-going officers and tea captains at the Annual International Membership Tea.

The recipients were First Vice President Doris Herrell; Second Vice President Norma Vincent; Third Vice President Aurelia Worthy; Secretary Jean Financial Moses-Petree; Secretary Barbara Davis-Porter; Treasurer Betty Bennett; Coalition Treasurer Faye Vernon; Editor Martha Jones; Team Captain I Clara Ellis; Team Captain II Lacy Dillard; Team Captain III Martha Jones; and Team Captain IV Doris Herrell.

Long congratulated her team of officers and captains for successfully carrying out the organization's annual pro-

grammatic thrusts, which included the International Membership Tea, Christmas Party, Youth Harambee Breakfast, community outreach to Sickle Cell Health Agency and Operation School Supplies.

In 1935, noted educator and human rights activists Mary McLeod Bethune founded the National Council of Negro Women Inc. - the nation's broadest based organization of African American women. The mission of NCNW is to advance opportunities and the quality of life for African American women, their families and communities.

There are six sections in North Carolina which include Durham, Elizabeth City, Raleigh, Charlotte, Fayetteville and Winston-Salem. Dr. Manderline Scales is State Convener.

Winston-Salem The Section President for the 2008 -2010 term is Mildred Griffin.



Clara Ellis, Barbara Davis-Porter, Lacy Dillard Betty Bennett, Doris Herrell, Aurelia Worthy, Faye Vernon, Manderline Scales and Wilhelmina Long.



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