

Service group celebrates 25th anniversary

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On Saturday, April 29, more than 100 people helped Friends of Winston-Salem celebrate 25 years of service. The celebration held at the Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons featured a disc jockey, food and a live auction. Proceeds raised during the all-white extravaganza were donated to the SECU Family House, an organization that provides lodging for hospital patients and their families.

Friends of Winston-Salem is an organization of 17 women serving the local community. The nonprofit provides serv-

ice year-round at several places including the Ronald McDonald House, Hospice, SECU Family House and the Salvation Army.

While taking a break from the dance floor, Kim McKenzie-Banks said she was proud to be a part of an organization that works diligently to make the city of Winston-Salem a better place for everyone.

"After 25 years, it feels good to know that we are still making a difference in the lives of people who need it most," said McKenzie-Banks. "I'm truly honored to be a Friend of Winston-Salem."

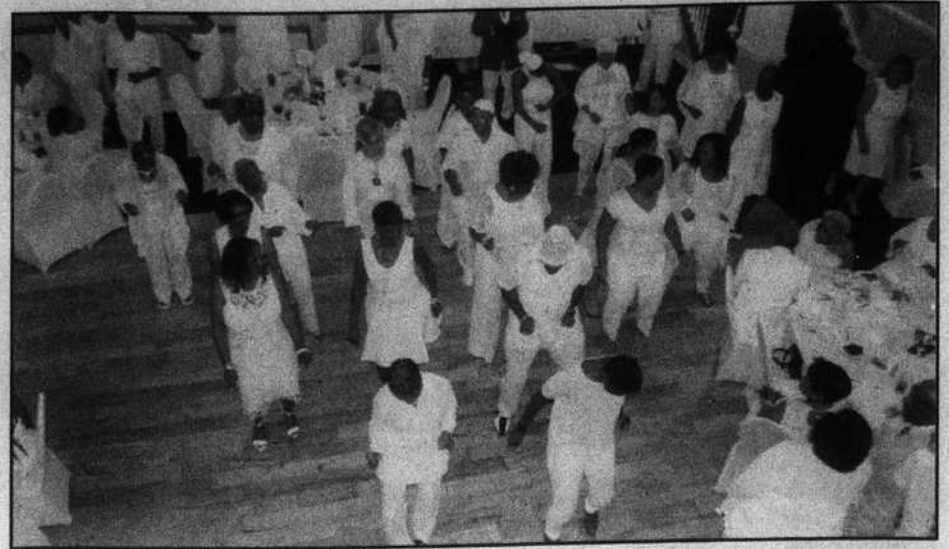


Photo by Tevin Stinson

More than 100 people donned their best white outfits and put on their dancing shoes last weekend to help Friends of Winston-Salem celebrate 25 years of service.

Community Briefs

Left turns no longer allowed on Fourth Street at Cherry and Marshall streets

Because of increasing traffic volume, left turns from Fourth Street on to Cherry Street and Marshall Street are no longer allowed at any time. Previously, left turns were only prohibited during peak traffic hours. Connie James, the deputy director of transportation, said that the short block between Cherry and Marshall Streets necessitated the change.

"Because of the short length of that block, we were seeing gridlock when a car was waiting to turn left onto either Cherry or Marshall streets," James said. "This change should alleviate this problem."

Wake Forest wins third-straight ACC Debate Championship

The Wake Forest debate team claimed its third-straight ACC Debate Championship. The event was held at the University of Miami in early April. Wake Forest debaters, sophomore Adam Tomasi and junior Brent Mitchell, were undefeated, winning over the University of Miami in the final round of the championship. Mitchell finished as the ACC's top overall speaker, while Tomasi, a back-to-back ACC Champion, finished second. The topic for the debate was "Resolved: The United States Electoral College should be abolished."

"This incredible accomplishment reflects the hard work of our debaters and coaches," said Jarrod Atchison, associate professor of communication and director of the debate program. "It would not have been possible without the support of the University and our guest coaches." This year's tournament featured teams from 11 ACC schools, including Boston College, Clemson, Duke, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Miami, North Carolina, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh.

Graduating medical student headed for duty with U.S. Navy

While most fourth-year medical students just recently learned where they will be completing their residencies, Tommy Kelsey has already spent five weeks training for his post-graduation destination — the U.S. Navy.

Kelsey, a member of the Wake Forest School of Medicine Class of 2017, will serve as a lieutenant in the Navy after his graduation in May and will begin his residency in orthopedic surgery at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Kelsey, 27, a native of Massachusetts who earned his bachelor's degree at Wake Forest University and a master's degree at Boston University, applied for the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) the same day he received his acceptance letter to Wake Forest School of Medicine.

The HPSP, which is offered by the Army, Navy and Air Force, offers prospective physicians a paid medical education and a monthly stipend in exchange for service as a commissioned officer in the medical corps.

WFU names former EPA official to Lead Graduate Programs in Sustainability

Wake Forest University has appointed alumnus and former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official Stan Meiburg ('75) as director of graduate programs in sustainability. Meiburg served as Acting Deputy Administrator for the EPA from 2014 to 2017, capping a 39-year career with the agency.

He is known for leading efforts to protect the nation's air and water, clean up hazardous and toxic waste sites, build collaborative relationships with state and tribal environmental programs, and promote sound management in EPA. At Wake Forest, he will lead the master of arts in sustainability program and associated dual degree and certificate programs. He will work with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability (CEES). Meiburg will join Wake Forest on July 1.

Winston-Salem Police Department announces Nextdoor Live

The Winston-Salem Police Department has announced a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the private social network for neighborhoods, to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents.

This partnership with Nextdoor will enable the Winston-Salem Police Department to communicate online with Winston-Salem neighborhoods. With Nextdoor, Winston-Salem residents can join private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets. Nextdoor is free for residents and the Police Department. Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, please visit help.nextdoor.com.

Community Calendar

May 4-6 - Annual Book Sale

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem's annual book sale helps to provide life-enhancing programs and services to over 5,000 older adults throughout the Winston-Salem community. We need volunteers to help with keeping the thousands of books in an orderly fashion (floaters), checking out buyers (cashiers) and breaking down the book sale. Help needed for the following time slots:

May 4-5: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. (4 hour blocks)—need floater or cashier

May 6: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (4 hour blocks)—need floater or cashier

May 6: 2 p.m.-6 p.m. (3 hour blocks)—close down, box breakdown tables, redistribute books to boxes

May 5 - Arts Council Seeking Wells Fargo Arts-In-Education Grant Applications Deadline

The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County is seeking applications for its Wells Fargo Arts-In-Education grant for its 2017-2018 grant cycle. The deadline is Friday, May 5 by 5 p.m. for projects taking place between October 2017 - May 31, 2018. For more information about Wells Fargo Arts-In-Education Grant or to discuss potential projects contact Dara Silver, Senior Administrative Assistant, Special Projects, and Grant Program Manager at 336-747-1426 or dsilver@intothearts.org. Applications can be downloaded at www.intothearts.org.

May 5-7, 12-14, & 19-21 - "Spider's Web" at the Stained Glass Playhouse

Performances of "Spider's Web" will take place on Fridays and Saturdays, May 5 & 6, 12 & 13, and 19 & 20 at 8 p.m., and on Sundays, May 7, 14, and 21 at 3 p.m. All performances will be done at The Stained Glass Playhouse, located at 4401 Indiana Avenue in Winston-Salem, N.C., in the former sanctuary of Marvin United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$13 for seniors (60+) and teachers, and \$11 for students. For tickets, call (336) 499-1010 or visit stainedglassplayhouse.org/spiders-web/. Tickets may also now be obtained through our Facebook page at facebook.com/stainedglassplayhouse.

May 5 - Ribbon cutting scheduled for new sprayground

City residents are invited to join city officials this week at 3 p.m. Friday, May 5, to cut the ribbon for a new sprayground at Little Creek Park, 600 Foxcroft Drive. Spraygrounds are water playgrounds with fixtures and fountains that spray water. Unlike the water play areas at Kimberley Park and Bolton pools, there is no standing water in a sprayground, making it inherently safer for children and a popular alternative to swimming pools. The sprayground will be open during park hours and can be operated by the public. This is the first of nine spraygrounds the city is building with recreation bonds that voters approved in the November 2014 bond referendum.

May 6 - Community Shredding Day

Girl Scout Troops 40232 and 40875 will sponsor a community shredding event on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Shredding will take place in the Lewisville Elementary School side parking lot; cars should enter from Lewisville-Clemmons Road. Shamrock Shredding will provide secure onsite document destruction for a suggested donation of \$5 per box or bag (the donations are appreciated, but no one will be turned away if they can't donate, since the important result is preventing identity theft). Proceeds will be used by the Girl Scouts to fund service projects in their community. The Scouts will also be distributing tips on how to avoid identity theft. For more information, contact the troop leader at 336-972-6226.

May 6 - Community Health Awareness Fair

North Forsyth High School will host its annual free Community Health Awareness Fair on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will be promoting full body Health Awareness. This is a collaborative effort with six other feeder schools: Northwest Middle School, Rural Hall Elementary School, North Hills Elementary School, Old Town Elementary School, Speas Elementary School, and Gibson Elementary School. Contact Cynthia Scales 336-661-4880 with questions.

May 6 - MESDA Design Seminar

On Saturday, May 6, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) will hold its annual Design Seminar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 2017 Design Seminar, "An Affair with the South," will once again feature what's chic in southern design and will take place in the James A. Gray, Jr. Auditorium in the Old Salem Visitor Center at 900 Old Salem Road in Winston-Salem. Program includes a catered luncheon. Space is limited and pre-registration is required to ensure a place. The cost is \$135 per person or \$125 for Frank L. Horton Society members or \$1,000 for tables of eight people. Interested individuals can register online at mesda.org, by calling 336-721-7369, or emailing MESDAPrograms@oldsalem.org.

May 6 - Yoga by the Barn at Old Salem

Old Salem Museums & Gardens, in partnership with TowniesWS, is presenting Yoga by the Barn on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Salem Tavern Meadow adjacent to the Salem Tavern Barn at 812 South Main St. Participants can support the education and restoration efforts of Old Salem Museums & Gardens while enjoying a relaxing yoga session in a historic setting. The event is free, however a donation to Old Salem Museums & Gardens is requested to participate (minimum \$5 donation suggested). No registration is required. All participants have a chance to win a year-long family membership to Old Salem. For information, contact Tabatha Renegar at trenegar@oldsalem.org or at 336-721-7352.

May 6-Oct. 21 - Village Farmers Market

Village Farmers Market market is at Village Hall, 3715 Clemmons Road, Clemmons. We are a locally grown, in-season, diverse producer market, with select value added products that embrace the slow food movement and values the direct farmer/customer relationship. For more information, please contact Megan Ledbetter at 336-766.7511.

May 7 - Forsyth County Summer Parks Series

Tanglewood Park experienced heavy flooding due to the recent rains and the bandstand was badly damaged. Repairs are being made to both the bandstand and the grounds but will not be completed in time for the Forsyth County Summer Parks Series' free concert on Sunday, May 7, by the Jim Lauderdale Bluegrass Trio. The concert location has been moved to Winston Square Park on Marshall Street in downtown Winston-Salem adjacent to the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts. Gates open at 4 p.m., with a 5 p.m. opening act, Kelley and the Cowboys.

May 8 & 10 - Medicare Workshops

Compass Financial Services will offer its informational "Lunch and Learn: Medicare" workshop on Monday, May 8, and Wednesday, May 10, at Bleu Restaurant & Bar, 3425 Frontis St. in Winston-Salem. Topics will include Medicare Part A & B benefits and enrollment rules, Medicare Advantage Plans vs. Medicare Supplement Plans, how Part D and the "donut hole" work,

and more. The workshop is for educational purposes only and no solicitations will be made. The workshop begins at 11:15 am; please arrive 15 minutes early. There is no cost for the workshop and lunch, but registration is recommended. For more information or to register, call (336) 768-5111.

May 11 - Classic Country Concert

The Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, Annex Theatre 421 27th St NW, will host Travis Tritt and his full band on Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. Tritt and his band will be the first of multiple artists to perform at the Fairgrounds for the Classic Country Concert Series. Tickets will go on-sale in time for the Holidays with an early bird special. Prior to Feb. 1 tickets are \$20 with the exception of the VIP tickets. VIP tickets will be \$100 and include parking, drink ticket, Travis' latest album, a bucket of popcorn and seats closest to the stage in the first five rows. To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com or www.wsfairgrounds.com. For more information, visit www.wsfairgrounds.com for a list of events and details.

May 11 - Science Café at River Birch Lodge

Learn about the latest groundbreaking research in these free informal programs co-sponsored by Kaleideum and Reynolda Gardens. CEU credits available. This month: "Quality of Life after a Stroke" by Dr. Cheryl Bushnell, Director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Wake Forest Baptist Health. The event will take place on May 11 at 7 p.m. Visit www.kaleideum.org for more details. River Birch Lodge, 3324 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem.

May 11 - Winston-Salem Flower School

Old Salem Museums & Gardens is presenting a fundraiser in partnership with Winston-Salem Flower School. All proceeds benefit Old Salem. Participants will enjoy refreshments and take a floral designing class lead by Floral Stylist, Amy Lynne. They will take home their creation in a unique vessel. The event will take place on Thursday, May 11 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. outdoors in the Single Brothers Gardens. The cost is \$125 per person. Space is limited. To reserve a spot, visit oldsalem.org. For more information, contact Tabatha Renegar at trenegar@oldsalem.org or 336-721-7352. For more information about the Winston-Salem Flower School, visit wsflowerschool.com.

May 12 - Annual Barrier Awareness Day

The Winston-Salem Mayor's Council for Persons with Disabilities, we invite you to participate in our Annual Barrier Awareness Day, to be held on Friday, May 12. We will meet at Senior Services located at 2895 Shorefair Drive at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. We invite you to participate in the Sensitivity Training session from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the day of the event. Following the Sensitivity Training, participants will continue to experience the world of people with disabilities during lunch. A donation of \$10 is requested to offset the cost of the day's events, including the lunch. Please RSVP with the enclosed response by Monday, May 1, 2017. Should you have any questions, you may email wsmcpd@gmail.com or call 336-245-5678.

May 13 - Safe Kids Day 2017

Safe Kids Day 2017 is a nationwide initiative to bring awareness about preventable injuries, the #1 killer of kids in the US. This event is in conjunction with the 10th Annual Bike Safety Day, a family-friendly event geared toward educating children about the importance of bicycle safety and wearing a properly fitted