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Winners in the Kings Mountain Senior Center essay contest for sixth grade students were announced at the Senior Center's annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch held Saturday. Essay winners were; left to right, first place, Heather Walker; second place Megan Wright; third place Nikki Deaver.

## Senior Center hosts volunteer brunch

The Kings Mountain Senior Center held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch Saturday, June 12th, at 11 am at the Center. This Brunch honors all the volunteers who have served the Center in the past year.

Each year, the volunteer who

has served the most hours during the past year receives the Charles R. Walker Volunteer of the Year Award. This year, the award was presented to the granddaughter of Walker, Julia Truelove for serving over 200 hours in the Senior Center nutrition site. Along with

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Truelove, volunteers who gave over 100 hours during the past year were given an engraved name badge. These volunteers were Roberta Brown, Hilda

Goforth, Helen Lowery, Inell Mobley, and Ethel McGinnis. The brunch menu included hot chicken salad, green beans, croissants, carrot raisin salad,

brownie with raspberry syrup, and tea prepared and served by the Senior Center staff under the direction of Monty Thornburg. Tables were decorated with handmade top hats filled with variegated ivy and red carnations. Red plates and cups along with peach napkins and curling ribbons, a volunteer picture frame as a gift for each volunteer, and a peach and red program completed the decora-

tions. After director Monty Thornburg welcomed everyone, and Jim Belt, Chairman of the **Kings Mountain Senior Center** Advisory Board, gave the invocation, administrative assistant Sharon Eaker introduced the essay winners and gave them prizes. Carolyn Bell, Mattie Scoggins, and Teresa Yarborough of the Senior Center staff distributed door prizes donated by the daughter of the late Charles R. Walker, Karen Walker Sugarman. The brunch ended with a magic show by magician Mark Dunn

of Gospel Magic Show. Winners in the Kings

Mountain Senior Center essay contest for sixth graders were announced during the brunch. The topic for the essay was "My favorite older friend that has that magic touch because ..."

First place winner in the contest was Heather Walker, daughter of Palace and Tammy Walker. The subject of Walker's essay was her grandmother Linda Walker.

Second place was given to Megan Wright, daughter of Gordon and Sherry Wright, and granddaughter of William Edward Branton, Janet Haynes, and Irene and the late Herman Wright. The subject of Wright's essay was Paw Paw Ed Branton.

The third place award went to Nikki Deaver, daughter of Tina Deaver and Randy Deaver, and granddaughter of Judy and Larry Deaver, and Kay Patterson and the late Larry Patterson. The subject of Deaver's essay was Ellen Elam.

Prizes donated for the contest came from Paramount Carowinds of Charlotte, Starburst Skating of Gastonia, Family Christian Stores of Spindale, Franklin Square Movies of Gastonia, and Pizza Hut of Kings Mountain. Winning essays were read during the presentation ceremony.

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