

LAS AMIGAS HONORS 4 FOR SERVICE

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Las Amigas Inc. is a civic and social organization that reaches out to the community on many levels.

Each year the group raises money for scholarships to help needy students who are doing well in school, and help poor local families at holidays and other times of the year.

Members of the organization will honor four community leaders at 4:15 p.m. today at Highland Junior High School.

Clara Wall will make presentations to the recipients. The awards will be made in conjunction with the Little Miss and Miss Las Amigas Pageant.

Edward Sadler, principal of Ashbrook High, will receive the law and politics award for the time he has given to the community through his efforts with Gaston College board of trustees, Gaston Boys Club board of directors, United Way Planning Board, Rotary Adolescent Treatment Center board of directors, Gaston County Cancer Society board of directors, St. Stephen's AME Zion Church board of directors.

In 1988 Sadler ran for county commissioner, and was only narrowly defeated in the November election, 47 to 53 percent.

The education award will be presented to Mildred Sadler, who is assistant superintendent for personnel in Gaston County Schools. She serves on the boards of directors of Gaston Memorial Hospital and First Health Inc., and is on the board of trustees and board of Christian education at St. Stephen's AME Zion Church.

Eloise Falls will be given the humanity award for her work as chairwoman for the Democratic Precinct in Dallas, N.C., registrar for Gaston County, past member of Gaston Mental Health Board, and for her long-lasting community interest in voter registration and alcoholism.

The Rev. Sam Barber Jr. will receive the religion award. He is pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church. His wife is the former Joann Robinson.

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Hornet Rep to Visit

The chance to meet with a Hornet representative always sparks interest, so members of the International Management Council can count themselves among the fortunate this week.

The group is being visited by one of the NBA team's staff members at 6:30 p.m. Monday during its dinner meeting held at Western Sizzlin, 321 South St., Gastonia.

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Special Guest

The Pilot Club members hosted a visit from Mary McBryde, district governor-elect, on Tuesday. She discussed various organizations that the Pilot Club sponsors each year.

Favorite projects are St. Jude's Hospital, aid to disabled children and poor families.

Diane Ferguson was installed as a new member. She was pinned by McBryde, who was the late Sen. Sam Ervin's secretary for 24 years.

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Preserving History

The Joint Gaston County Historic Properties Commission meets 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at Western Sizzlin, U.S. 321 North, Gastonia.

Among other projects, members are working toward designating Mount Olive Methodist Church, a rural-type wooden structure in Gastonia, as a historic property.

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Handicapped And Parks

Janet Cloninger presented a slide show to members of the Gaston County Multiple Sclerosis Support Group Tuesday detailing state park facilities and their accessibility to handicapped persons.

State parks offer a variety of services to the handicapped, including special boardwalks, picnic areas and rest-room facilities.

Fort Macon on the N.C. coast was rated high. Most services, picnic tables, rest rooms and snack bars are accessible. Rangers there will take handicapped individuals down to the beach in a four-wheel drive vehicle. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Locally, Crowder's Mountain has accessible picnic tables and rest rooms.

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- Caption: PHOTO-51. E. Sadler 2. M. Sadler 3. Barber 4. Falls Staff Photo By JEFF SENER:5. Mary McBryde (center), district governor-elect of the Pilot Club, talked to members at their recent meeting. Members Gail White (left) and Beth Bolin also attended.
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