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# Extra! Extra!

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scheduled to take place from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3. The Mallarmé Chamber Players is teaming up with four other organizations and two university music departments to present the week-long festival of music performed on period instruments. **Suzanne Rouso** is the artistic director of Mallarmé, a flexible ensemble of professional musicians based in Durham.

This month, the regional libraries within Wake County Public Libraries host a series of dance and musical programs from various cultures. The programs are free to the public; however, registration is requested. Performances include The Essence of Indian Dance, Latin Dance with instructor **Maria Elena Williams**, and Scandinavian Folk Music and Dance.

## REAL ESTATE



Reyna Estrada

**Reyna Estrada**, online counselor for M/I Homes, in Raleigh, won a silver award and is a regional finalist in the annual National Sales and Marketing Awards of the National Association of Home Builders.

**Kim Crump**, a buyer's agent, was the Agent of the Month for November at Linda Craft & Team, REALTORS, in Raleigh.



Karen Gillespie

**Karen Gillespie** was named client relations director for Walker DesignBuild, of Cary. She works closely with new home buyers to ensure that the building process goes smoothly.



Tammy Williams

**Tammy Williams**, a broker with the Jeanne Hendren Realty Group of Fonville Morisey Realty, in Cary, earned the designation of Accredited Buyer's Representative, which is awarded by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council.

## SCIENCE & TECH

Researchers from N.C. State University, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and a host of other institutions have developed a safety testing system to help chemists design inherently safer chemicals and processes. The innovative "TIPEd" testing system (Tiered Protocol for Endocrine Disruption), which stems from a cross-disciplinary collaboration among scientists, can be applied at different phases of the chemical design process. The goal of the system is to help steer companies away from inadvertently creating harmful products,

and thus avoid adding another BPA or DDT to the marketplace. A paper describing the work, "Designing Endocrine Disruption out of the Next Generation of Chemicals," is published online in the Royal Society of Chemistry journal Green Chemistry. "In order to reduce our exposure to endocrine disruptors, we have to ensure that new products entering the market do not contain them," says **Dr. Heather Patisaul**, an associate professor of biology at N.C. State and co-author of the paper.



Laura Schoppe

**Laura Schoppe**, president of Apex-based Fuentek, a technology transfer consulting firm, presented at:

- The Department of Defense Technology Transfer Integrated Planning Team meeting in Arizona.

- The annual meeting, in Portugal, of the University Technology Enterprise Network. As a member of the board of directors of the Association of University Technology Managers, Schoppe participated in a panel discussion focusing on the power of technology transfer networks.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences welcomed staff and scientists from across the region to its main campus in Research Triangle Park for the institute's 10th annual Science Day celebration. The event recognized outstanding achievements in the areas of scientific research and mentoring, while also serving as a showcase for many of today's breakthroughs in environmental health. Among the honors given out for excellence in research



Bonnie Joubert

was the new Fellow of the Year Award, given to the Institute's top research trainee, as selected by his or her peers. This year's recipient was **Bonnie Joubert, Ph.D.**, a scientist with the NIEHS Genetics, Environment, and Respiratory Disease Group.

## WELLNESS



Gretta Handley

**Gretta Handley**, patient care manager at Davis Plastic Surgery, in Raleigh, announced the completion of its Surgeons Provide Support donation program. More than 100 bras were collected at the practice and donated to Intertext and Dress for

Success. Representatives of the nonprofit groups said their clients would be very pleased by the donation. Medlin Davis Cleaners donated its services to dry clean all the bras.

Rising Sun Pools & Spas, of Raleigh, a family-owned business providing customers with pools,

spas and aquatic accessories for more than 40 years, is helping the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina give a pool in honor of **Ayden Murray**. Murray is a 5 year-old girl with epidermolysis bullosa, a hereditary illness that causes severely fragile skin. The owners of Raleigh's Rising Sun Pools & Spas include **Tara Onthank** and **Gina daRoza**.

Forty-three physicians affiliated with Durham Regional Hospital appear on the Best Doctors in America list for 2013. Only five percent of doctors in America earn this prestigious honor, decided by impartial peer review. "We are extremely proud of our expert physicians at Durham Regional," says **Barbara Griffith, M.D.**, chief medical officer. "Their dedication and compassion to improving the lives of patients is remarkable. We couldn't achieve success as a hospital without them."

**Amanda Gorecki**, president and founder of Healing Waters Spa & Cosmetic Clinic, a medical aesthetic clinic in Durham, announced that it offered a \$10 discount off spa or medical services to any customer who brought in an unwrapped toy during the holiday season. Such customers were entered in the Random Acts of Relaxation drawing, in which one lucky patron received a free Healing Waters Joy Holiday Package, valued at \$299. All new, unwrapped toys that were collected were donated to the Durham Rescue Mission.

## WRITING

A chocolate and wine reception featuring author and poet **Alice Osborn** takes place Jan. 10 at The Chocolate Boutique in Raleigh's Lafayette Village. Participants are invited to network, win door prizes, enjoy complimentary gourmet chocolate and wine, and hear Osborn read from "After the Steaming Stops," her most recent book.

On Jan. 25, in Raleigh, **Margaret A. Harrell** is the featured author at the Wonderland Bookclub. Her latest book is "Keep This Quiet! My Relationship With Hunter S. Thompson, Milton Klonsky and Jan Mensaert." The event is sponsored by the N.C. Writers' Network.

**Jacquelyn Gaines**, of Holly Springs, wrote "The Yellow Suit: A Guide for Women in Leadership," which was recently published. The guide is meant to serve as a roadmap for women to become effective leaders in any organization. Gaines received her B.S.N. from the School of Nursing at the University of Maryland and went on to earn her M.S. from the university.



Jacquelyn Gaines' book

She became the first African-American female to run a hospital in Oregon and later served as the regional president and CEO for Mercy Health Partners in Northeast Pennsylvania. Currently, she's a national speaker for healthcare organizations.