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Some of the attendees at the workshop presented by CURET at the CAACE Conference

Adult Education Conference Draws Crowd

By Carol Johnson

Recently, the Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE) Conference for three days at Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa in Groton, CT, drew over 500 attendees.

For first-time attendees, the conference with all its workshops, keynote speakers, exhibits, and awards were eye openers. It was overwhelming to experience the real gravity of the literacy problem among Connecticut's resi-

dents, particularly in its inner cities, including Hartford, where two out of five adults cannot read, or reading at about the second grade level.

It was amazing to see the commitment of so many people and organizations coming together, sharing their experiences and tools, offering support in addressing the needs of adult learners. And to hear the actual testimonies of the learners—what happens when their reading skills and job prospects are

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New President To Make Sportmen's Top WI Organization

By Stan Walker

The new president of the Sportmen's Athletic Club, Curtis Clarke, said that it is his goal to continue to make the club the top West Indian organization in New England. Clarke made the comments shortly after he was sworn in at the inauguration of officers' ceremony, held at the club on Saturday, March 24.

"My goal as always is to put my people first," he said. "We have a lot of work ahead, and I know that we are going to have some rough times, so despite the tough economy, we must tighten our belts and work very hard to make sure that the club continues to be the leading West Indian organization in the New England area," he stated.

"Remember we are serving a community," he said, "and must strive to be a shining light for the generation to come." He then challenged the membership to get their youngsters involved with the workings of the organization so that they can carry on when they are gone.

Guest speaker Donald S. Trinks, mayor of Windsor, congratulated the membership for the work the organization does in the community. Being so close to Windsor, there are many bonds that we share, he said. "I have a great vested interest in this area of Hartford. It's an area that is full of great people with immense pride in their city, and pride in their heritage. While we live in the United States, it is important to hold onto your heritage as the cor-



Rev. Laurel Scott swears in new Sportmen's Athletic Club's President Curtis Clarke

nerstone of who we have become," he said. "Through the Internet, I have done some research on the

sport of cricket (the background for the foundation of the club),

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Sims: Summer School Plays A Role

By Carol Johnson

Last week there was joyful celebration in the Sims and Adams households which spilled over to the staff at the Center for Urban Research, Education and Training (CURET), Inc.

A longtime CURET summer school devotee and aficionado, Mrs. Adams with a spring in her steps walked

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Library Forges Pathway For Dialogue



Some of the participants in Hartford Public Library's Community Dialogue

By Edgar Johnson

Hartford Public Library's recent kickoff event of its series of Community Dialogues brought out a well-attended diversified crowd, engaged in conversation.

In extending a warm welcome, Rafael Pichardo, chair, Community Dialogue Organization Team, spelled out the goals of the adult learning series including, engaging immigrants and other residents to access the various opportunities available for them in adult education, to encourage immigrants within the community to upgrade their education and acquire new job skills, build relationships, take action in community dialogues, and contribute to positive change in



Brianna Sims signs four-year scholarship at the National Letter of Intent Signing Day held at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven, CT

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