

# Mountain Musings

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000**

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 12:00 NOON**

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## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**DOT PEEKE** has again arranged for the **Central United Methodist Church's Brass Ensemble** to get the membership in a holiday mood by playing seasonal favorites. **BOB OVERBY** will lead us in some carol singing which should put us all in the "ho, ho, ho" spirit.

**The Rev. MASON WILSON** will give the invocation.

**STEPHEN PAGE** will be the greeter.

**MENU FOR TUESDAY:** Turkey and Stuffing \* Salad \* Roasted Sweet Potatoes  
Fruit Bowl \* Bread \* Assorted Desserts \* Beverage

## GOOD NEWS

**JOHN GILE** informed us that the old steam locomotive, formerly on display in Asheville, has been sold to the Great Smoky Mountain Railway and will go through a registration ceremony in Dillsboro on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. It will be put into service sometime in the spring.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President JAMES SAWYER** touted two of the **Club's** money-raising projects as excellent sources for thank-you type Christmas gifts: the **Kozak Auto Dry Wash Cloths**, available from **JOE CANFIELD**, and the **Ingles Food Coupons**, available at the front table. He also thanked **RENA FARNSWORTH**, who circulated a get-well card for **JOHN TRAW**, recovering from a recent nasal engagement.

**BOB POTTER** is still trying to get us to *Divorce Your Car!*, which he has copies of, and for free!

**FRANK HOLBY** would like members who wish to make a change in the **Directory** text for their picture to call him by January 1, 2001. If he asked for a picture, send it to him by the same date. If no picture is available, he'll scan the one in the present directory.

## DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The **Boards of Directors** will meet this coming week: the **Club Board** at McGuffey's Restaurant on Monday, December 18 at noon and the **Foundation Board** on Tuesday, December 19 in the Goosmann Room of Trinity Church at 11:30 a.m.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

**PATRICIA S. SMITH**, Executive Director of the **Community Foundation of Western North Carolina**, spoke on the goals and current status of the **Foundation**. She was recently honored as an "outstanding fund raising executive" and the growth of the Foundation's assets to nearly 90 million dollars from 49 million under her ten-year leadership attests to her effectiveness. As to assistance afforded the non-profit agencies which are the recipients of the Foundation's grants, there has been a growth, just from 1998 to 1999, of nearly 2 ½ million dollars to a total of 5.4 million in 1999 alone.

In describing her organization, **Ms. SMITH** differentiated it from the large corporate or family foundations in that it is funded by many different investors many of whom have directed their funds to benefit a particular charity. Others are new to philanthropy and need advice as to the different ways their funds can be allocated so as to take advantage of tax breaks, of lowered net worth, and of guaranteed life income. Accounts of clients vary from as little as \$5000.00 to as much as 9 million dollars. **Asheville Civitan Foundation's** accounts now total about \$200,000.

About one million of the 5.4 million is distributed by means of competitive grants. A fairly elaborate application process is required for these grants and there is a careful follow-up which checks on the progress the organization has made in utilizing the funds given to best advantage. In response to a question, **Ms. SMITH** said that the Foundation has weathered the recent downturn in the stock market well mainly because of its "5% rule" whereby annual withdrawals are limited to that figure, thus building up reserves in good years and easing the hit in bad. All in all, it was clear that the **Club's Foundation** funds are being well managed by an organization that helps the very population that **Civitan** is dedicated to serving.

## HOLIDAY DINNER/DANCE A "BALL"

The pictures below (NOT IN THE ONLINE ISSUE) attest to the fact that the Holiday Dinner/Dance at the Asheville Country Club was a rousing success. The dinner was sumptuous, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Band provided some wonderfully danceable music and everyone looked far younger than their years!