

# Mountain Musings

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2001**

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

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## **MEET THE CANDIDATES #2**

In the second of two "Meet the Candidates" programs, we will hear from the 9 candidates who are running for mayor of the City of Asheville. **RALPH SCARRITT** and **BARBARA WHITAKER** are again responsible for the arrangements with **BARBARA** as moderator.

**W. MURRAY HOLLYDAY** will give the invocation.

**DICK SMITH** will be the greeter.

**MENU FOR TUESDAY:** Roasted Pepper and Feta Quiche \* Salad  
Fruit Bowl \* Assorted Desserts \* Beverages

## **SPECIAL GUEST**

**RON MACK, Lt. Governor** of NC District 1 West, is ending his term of office with a swing through the district expressing his appreciation for the support given him. NC District West, he announced, is still the largest District in all of Civitan International. Quite an achievement!

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

Eleven of the 16 candidates vying for city council seats spoke to the **Club** outlining their agendas should they be elected. It was an impressive group, all of them articulate and informed as to the needs and possibilities for Asheville. All of them were kept to the three minute time limit imposed by **BARBARA WHITAKER**, who acted as moderator. **RALPH SCARRITT** and she were responsible for the invitations and general arrangements for the program.

**Holly Jones** was first to speak. She has been the **Executive Director** of the YWCA of Asheville for 5 ½ years and seeks elective office for the first time. She is working for good jobs at a living wage, affordable housing, quality education and a cooperative government.

**Brownie Newman** is the **Executive Director** of the Western NC Alliance which works for environmental causes. He is running because of a lifelong love of Asheville (he grew up on a farm in the area), a need for changes politically and economically, focusing on housing and jobs.

**Barbara Field** has been a Council member since 1991 and seeks reelection because she feels that the next few years will be crucial in determining whether Asheville can succeed in blending growth with quality. She supports Smart Growth, environmental protection and work benefits.

**Dr. Joe Dunn**, a retired dentist, stressed a business approach to government. He feels that the city must find new sources of revenue to keep taxes low and to attack the problems of affordable housing and the lack of high paying jobs. Too many young people are being lost.

**Cicada Brokaw** is an environmentalist who feels strongly that we face an ecological crisis in regard to air, water and soil contamination. Producing less waste, strengthening public transportation, and striving for a pedestrian city atmosphere are his priorities.

**Edward Hay, Vice-mayor** and experienced Council member, is running for his third term. He would like to find new revenues and the right kinds of industry for the city. He feels that cooperation is the key to solving the city's problems and that we are headed in the right direction.

**Kevin Rollins** is a UNCA student who is part of an "Asheville Freedom Team." He is strongly pro-business, against high property and sales taxes, and wishes to find funding solutions for the Civic Center that do not require Asheville taxpayers to foot the bill.

**Sharon Martin** is a WCU graduate and has lived in the city for 5 years. She is focused on the problems of air and water quality, a living wage for workers, low-cost housing and local self-reliance. Having grown up on a farm, she is particularly interested in environmental concerns.

**Jim Ellis** had a long career working with Chambers of Commerce in a number of cities and is now retired to his native Asheville. He is currently a member of the Airport Authority and feels that his extensive economic development experience will serve him well as a councilman.

**Ron Whiteside** is a UNCC graduate and is completing a Master's Degree at WCU. His campaign focuses are long-range planning for such things as the Civic Center, City services, especially transit, and a decreased reliance on property taxes for revenue.

**Dr. Carl Mumpower** is a psychologist whose five priorities are: aim for the common good; focus on solutions over conflict; provide leadership instead of control; be guided by principles over pressures; and focus on balance, practicality, and restraint.

There was time for a few questions for the candidates at the end of their presentations. One of the more interesting queries was directed to the two incumbents who were present, **Barbara Field** and **Edward Hay**, who were asked why they were not running for mayor. Both replies were similar: the mayor's job is much more time consuming because of all the official functions she or he must attend over and above council meetings and office business. **Mrs. Field** added that a council member's vote is of as much weight as the mayor's and so can be just as effective a force.

Another question had to do with waste disposal. Why does the city not incinerate rather than use land fills? The answer is twofold: burning sends toxic contaminants into the atmosphere and so the state of North Carolina forbids the practice.