

# Mountain Musings

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001**

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

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**THE 27<sup>th</sup> "SWANNANOA GATHERING"**

**JAMES MAGILL, Director**, will speak about this year's "Swannanoa Gathering," the summer music festival now in its twenty-seventh year. Held at Warren Wilson College, the programs are varied, but have always had a heavy emphasis on Celtic music.

**ROBERT OVERBY** will give the invocation.

**DOROTHY "DOT" PEEKE** will be the greeter.

**MENU FOR TUESDAY:** Spinach and Mushroom Quiche \* Green Salad  
Croissants \* Assorted Desserts \* Beverages

## REMINDER

Be sure to inform **RALPH SCARRITT** or **CARLA SUTHERLAND** if you plan to bring a guest to the March 20<sup>th</sup> "80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration." As there will be a special menu, our caterer needs to have an accurate meal count.

## 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY PLANS

The committee working on the March 20 **Club Birthday Celebration**, under the leadership of

Master-planner **RALPH SCARRITT** and **CARLA SUTHERLAND**, has made good progress toward making this a really gala affair. A number of local dignitaries and out-of-town guests, including **Civitan's International President**, have already accepted invitations. Included in the plans are presentations to the **Civitan of the Year** and a **Spirit of Civitan Award**. The latter is to go to **William Walker, Director** of the **P.E.P.** program at T.C. Roberson High School, who has worked with the physically and mentally challenged for 29 years. Proclamations from County and City officials, heralding the event, will be read. The actual founding date for the **Club** is March 23, 1921, but the regular meeting day and time seemed more propitious to the committee, hence the earlier date.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by **DICK RICHARDS**, will meet Tuesday, March 27 at 11:00 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room of Trinity Episcopal Church.

**WALTER ASHE** announced that a ceremony will be held on March 3, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Naval Reserve Center to honor the anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. Asheville during World War II. The Commander of the present U.S.S. Asheville will be in attendance.

**Wayne Mullis, Immediate Past Governor** of North Carolina District West, who is a travel agent, is offering tours to the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccamaw and to the World Headquarters of **Civitan International** and the **Civitan International Research Center**. The first is March 31-April 1, 2001. The second is May 6-8, 2001. **BOB GRAY** has fliers and sign-up forms if you are interested in either of these jaunts.

## BOARD NOTES

The **Med-a-Vend** project, due largely to the hard work of **FRANK HOLBY** and **CLARK WALTER**, is nearing the break-even point and soon should be producing good revenue for the **Foundation**. \$3500.00 was spent to purchase the vending machines and that outlay is nearly recouped. See **FRANK** if you would like to service one of these machines. It is a minimal expenditure of time and effort with potentially great returns for the **Foundation**.

**FRANK MARTIN, President** of the **Civitan Foundation Board**, attended the meeting and expressed his concerns that the **Club's** fund raising activities are not meeting the obligations that the **Foundation** has been committed to. \$19,500.00 for scholarships, plus agency awards and a Civitan International Research Center grant, came to a total of about \$23,000.00 in commitments this year. **FRANK** was asked to look at the problem with his board and come to next month's meeting with suggestions for solving the shortfall problem.

## "ATHLETICS AT U.N.C.A."

**JONI COMSTOCK**, newly appointed (in August) **Director of Athletics** at U.N.C.A. was introduced by her colleague and **Club** member **GEORGE YATES**. She began her talk with some personal information about her career and her life-long love of sport. She has had a twenty-year career in intercollegiate athletics administration, coming to Asheville after a twelve year stint at Purdue University. She is especially proud to be only the 21<sup>st</sup> woman to become a Director of Athletics on the college level.

**Dr. COMSTOCK** was attracted to U.N.C.A. primarily because of its reputation academically which she is firmly resolved to maintain in the athletics programs of the college. She is in charge of 14 team programs, seven each for men and women, all participating at the Division I level. All told, there are 190 student athletes, with 20-25 on full scholarships and 80-90 on partial aid. There are five goals which the college has set for her programs:

1. To have a graduation rate and a grade point average higher than the student body as a whole.
2. To have sports teams consistently performing in the top half of their conference and to have the men and women's basketball teams reach the NCAA tournament.
3. Develop a social responsibility to the community through outreach programs of various kinds.
4. Maintain the integrity of the programs by emphasizing sportsmanship and scrupulously following NCAA rules.
5. Achieving financial stability by aggressively pursuing new funding and staying within budget constraints.

**Dr. COMSTOCK** invited **Club** members to support athletics at U.N.C.A. by attending events, volunteering in various capacities, and by joining the Bulldog Club, the college's booster organization. The Bulldog Auction, the year's big fund raiser, will be June 7, 2001.

