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TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2001

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 12:00 NOON

BREVARD COLLEGE, A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION

JOHN THOMAS BERTRAND, President of **Brevard College** will discuss the process of transforming a two-year liberal arts college into a four-year institution accredited to confer the baccalaureate degree. **President** since 1993, he was intimately involved with the change.

RALPH SCARRITT will give the invocation.

ELROY HAPKE will be the greeter.

MENU FOR TUESDAY: Poppyseed Chicken * Buttered Noodles * Salad
Fruit Bowl * Assorted Desserts * Beverages

BOARD MEETING

The **Board of Directors** of the **Asheville Civitan Foundation** will meet on January 23, 2001 in the Goosmann Room of Trinity Episcopal Church at 11:30 a.m., **Pres. MARTIN** announced.

FRANK HOLBY, Club Treasurer, presented a check for \$796.18 to **Foundation Treasurer**,

MURRAY HOLLYDAY, representing fund-raising proceeds for the quarter. Of this sum, \$379.18 came from sales of Ingles coupons, \$204.00 from Grovewood Café 2-for-1 tickets, \$194.00 from 50/50 drawings and \$19.00 from Good News donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROBERT POTTER announced that the next **Civitan** “Super Citizen” Awards for the **P.E.P.** program at T. C. Roberson High School will be on Feb.23, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. He is hoping for a good representation of **Club** members and needs to add to the list of those who attend. See **BOB** for more details about this rewarding experience.

JOE CANFIELD still has a supply of the **Kozak Auto Dry Wash** cloths for sale, proceeds going to the **Foundation**. He left the podium with the cockamamie declaration that the latest health scare is not HIV, but BWR, which stands for “Breathing While Republican!” He may not sell another cloth.

On the health front, **Dr. OZMER HENRY** is at home recovering from shoulder surgery.

PETITION PRESENTATION

CLARK WALTER, having received **Board** approval, presented a petition to the **Club** requesting signatures that would allow the **Libertarian Party** to appear on North Carolina ballots in future elections. Signing the petition, **CLARK** made clear, in no way means an endorsement of the **Libertarian** candidates or philosophy. He will have it available for signing at the next few meetings.

“HOW TODAY’S COLLEGE STUDENT VIEWS THE WORLD”

ALEX COMFORT, Assistant Vice-chancellor for Development at UNCA, began his talk by suggesting that the **Club** members in attendance got where they are by: 1. Talent 2. Faith and Values 3. Education. He then asked for a show of hands as to how many members urged their children or other young people to go into their profession or field of work? And, conversely, how many had urged their children or others not to do so. Not many hands went up in response to either question. Surprisingly, **Mr. COMFORT** suggested that studies show that young people today expect a standard of living lower than that of their parents as they move into the workplace.

One outcome of trying to maintain a high standard of living these days is the much more frequent changing of jobs than in the past. Another is the holding of more than one job. Apropos is the not-so-funny gag about the young man who, in response to the good news that there are thousands of new jobs available, said that he knew that because he had three of them. These feelings of uncertainty, **Mr. COMFORT** believes, is a major cause of later marriages that seem the trend today.

Another disturbing trend is the abysmally low graduation rate in our colleges today. Only 33% of UNCA students graduate and this figure is replicated throughout the country. At UNCA, this may be partly due to the fact that 40% of the population are first-generation college students, and are from poor families. But just as important a factor may be that they have grown up in a consumer-oriented environment and that they expect to start out with all the amenities: two cars, cell phones, expensive entertainment centers, etc. As to the latter, **Mr. COMFORT** recommends going back to black-and-white television, suggesting that commercials in color are too mesmerizing.

One possible reason for the seeming directionless posture of many of today’s young people is the lack of any galvanizing theme or string of events such as the Great Depression of the thirties and World War II. The fact that many students take five to seven years to graduate from college attests to their need to find motivation. This is where programs of in- service learning and strong mentoring can play major roles in guiding young people toward productive and meaningful lives.

COMFORT’S RECOMMENDED FAMILY COMMENTS

1. I love you.
2. I have confidence in you.
3. You’ve got to pay your dues.
4. You’ve got to learn to take orders before you can give them.
5. There is no honor without responsibility.
6. We cannot afford it.
7. I respect you and your choice.