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TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2001

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 12:00 NOON

“ZONING, LAND USE PLANNING, AND GROWTH IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY”

DAVID GANTT, Vice-chair of the **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**, will speak on **“Zoning, Land Use Planning, and Community Growth in Buncombe County.”** Mr. **GANTT** is a local attorney.

FRANK MARTIN will give the invocation.

CLARK WALTER will be the greeter.

MENU FOR TUESDAY: Quiche Lorraine * Crusty Bread * Salad
Fruit Bowl * Assorted Desserts * Beverages

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

DICK RICHARDS, **Chair**, will convene a Scholarship Committee Meeting in the Conference Room of Trinity Episcopal Church at 11:00 a.m. on June 26, 2001.

Sadly, we note the deaths of former member **Hugh Smith** and **Betty Bennett**, wife of **Gen. DONALD BENNETT**. **Mrs. Bennett** will be buried at the U.S. Military Academy Cemetery at West Point. **Col. Smith**, who had just received a service plaque from **Civitan International**, died in a local hospice and funeral details were not available at press time.

CORRECTION

DON FOX was inadvertently not identified in last week's picture of the **Meals-on-Wheels** team. He was at the far left. Also, **BOB HILLMANN** should have been listed among those not pictured. Our apologies to both.

GOOD NEWS

BOB OVERBY, on behalf of the **Club**, received a plaque of appreciation from the **Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC)** in recognition of the **Club's** financial support. **FRANK HOLBY**, acting for **Pres. SAWYER**, accepted the award for the archives.

CLARK WALTER'S good news was that the Libertarian Party, for which he solicited signatures in order for it to appear on future N.C. ballots, garnered 53, 831 validated signatures, more than enough to qualify. Unfortunately, he reported, a bill to ease restrictions on third party attempts to appear on the ballot was defeated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARLEY MANN has entry forms for a golf tourney at the Holiday Sunspree Golf Course which will benefit the local police department. The event will be held on August 19, 2001.

Applications for agency grants from the **Foundation** are being solicited. **FRANK MARTIN, Foundation President**, gave some guidelines for the grants: 1. the agency must be registered as a non-profit; 2. in general, children should be served by the agency; 3. the request should be for a specific purpose

FRANK HOLBY, Club Treasurer, gave a summary of **Club** fund raising for the year. It seems that the **Club** is significantly behind last year in individual contributions. The **Foundation** has \$24,750.00 obligated for the coming year; \$10,500.00 will be realized from the **Foundation's Community Foundation** accounts and \$3500.00 (est.) will come from on-going fund raisers. This leaves about \$10,500.00 to be raised by the membership. Current pledges and payments account for half of this amount. **FRANK** estimates that a pledge of \$100.00 from every member would more than meet the **Club's** obligations.

ART IN EDUCATION

STEVE STEINERT and **ADRIENNE CROWTHER** on behalf of the **Asheville Area Arts Council**, introduced its *Arts-in-Education* program to the **Club**. The mission of the program is to "facilitate and advance the arts as an integral component of the education and experiences of Pre K-12 students and educators in Buncombe County." The plan is structured around four goals: 1. Funding; 2. Leadership; 3. Education and Awareness; 4. Programs to encourage the development of innovative arts education.

Mr. STEINERT, speaking of the first goal, lauded the success of the Council's recent annual fund drive. In spite of massive cuts in support from the state and county, the response to the drive was superb. In particular, he stressed how supportive the business community is of the arts-in-education concept, feeling that it adds to the attractiveness of the community. Other communities, he noted, have mountain scenery, but only Asheville has such a vibrant arts and crafts reputation. The revival of the downtown is largely due to the availability of performance talent and a general atmosphere of art appreciation. Furthermore, the dollars and cents impact of the arts in Asheville is very large.

Putting art education in the schools is not a frill, both speakers stressed. It can be tied in with the core curriculum in innovative ways that can stimulate learning, creative thinking and problem solving. For example, music and math have a natural correlation as do history and story telling, literature and theatre, and geography and folk music. Many studies have shown that participation and education in the arts can help decrease dropout rates and increase attendance rates in schools.

After one and one-half years of research, **Arts-in-Education** will be in full force in Buncombe County Schools this fall. Cooperation with the city and county schools has been excellent and both teachers and participating artists are enthusiastic about its prospects for success. A directory of artists, arranged by disciplines, as been prepared, with 40 (soon to be 59) inclusions. **Mr. STEINERT** made the point that results may not be immediately apparent, but that time will inevitably show the benefits of this endeavor.

