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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2001

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 12:00 NOON

THE DOWDEN SISTERS

The **DOWDEN SISTERS**, a well known trio of singers and instrumentalists, will present a program of folk and gospel music. The group has performed innumerable times in the area and has received considerable acclaim for its authenticity and polish.

Dr. GEORGE YATES will give the invocation.

MARK MATHEWS will be the greeter.

MENU FOR TUESDAY: Poppy Seed Chicken * Salad * Bread
Fruit Bowl * Assorted Desserts * Beverages

HOLIDAY DINNER/DANCE

“TUCK” GUDGER reported that reservations are moving well for the December 14 **Holiday Dinner/Dance**. There are still three meetings at which reservations may be made, so sign up soon at the desk with **“TUCK”** or **DON FOX** for this gala event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Dec. 4** **Dr. Frank Marvin, UNCA College for Seniors**
 “A Historian looks at Islam and how it got where it is today”
- Dec. 11** **Donna Peirce, North Carolina Seniors Advisory Council**
 “Current Issues in Seniors’ Health Care”
- Dec. 14** **Holiday Dinner/Dance**
- Dec. 18** **Bob Overby**
 “A Musical Celebration of the Holiday Season”

BOARD MEETING REPORTS

The **Club Board of Directors’** meeting on November 19 was a lively meeting highlighted by a “Priorities for 2001-2002” draft presented to the **Board** by **President SUTHERLAND**. Among the salient points were: 1. To involve every member in one of **Civitan’s** outreach programs; 2. To increase membership; 3. To improve member enthusiasm and extend community awareness, and 4. To strengthen ties to neighboring Clubs, Junior Civitan Clubs, District and National organizations. Each of these goals was followed by specific methods for achieving them. The draft engendered some fruitful suggestions from **Board** members for implementation.

The **Foundation Board** met on November 20 and ratified a commitment to continue funding scholarships at the \$1800.00 level and to maintain the **Bob Beard Scholarship** at \$6000.00. Improved giving by the membership and some adjustment in other grants were of assistance in arriving at this decision. End-of-year giving is also being counted on for help.

CLEAN SMOKESTACKS ACT IS AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE

JOHN TRAW, Chair of the Environmental Concerns Committee, exhorted the membership to call or e-mail in support of House Bill 1015, the “Clean Smokestacks Act” as time for this legislative session is running out and the act is stalled in the Public Utilities Committee of the state House of Representative. To call the speaker, Jim Black, phone 1 (919) 733-3451 (his office is closed on 11/22 and 11/23) or e-mail him at JimB@ncleg.net. The message suggested, after stating your name and city of residence, is, “Yes, I want the Clean Smokestacks Act passed.”

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

JOHN GILE’S invocation set the tone for the day’s program by having **BOB OVERBY**, accompanied by **DOT PEEKE**, sing the old Dutch hymn, familiar to all, “We gather Together,” followed by an appropriate prayer. **DICK RICHARDS** then introduced **Rev. CHARLES JOHNSON**, who performed his usual magic with word and song. He first expressed his personal thanksgiving prayers for good friends like **HI CODY** and **HENRY COLTON** who bring him to meetings. Also for the safety of his son whose office is located near the Twin Towers in NYC and for the victims of the September 11 tragedy. He praised the emergency personnel—police, firemen, EMT’s, etc.-- and the public officials in the city who responded so courageously to the emergency. Finally, he praised our service men and women who are fighting terrorism here and abroad. The latter group was honored by a medley of service songs, beginning with the *Marine Hymn* followed by salutes to the Air Force, the Navy and, finally, by a rendition of the West Point Alma Mater.

CHARLIE segued smoothly to the thought that “this day and every day is Thanksgiving,” and should be around the world. So songs from various nations, expressing joy in living and love of country were sung, accompanied by his venerable accordion. First came four stanzas of *Lili Marlene*, sung in German, Italian, French and English, followed by a Cockney version of *Bless ‘em All*, a Scottish ballad, *The Song of the Clyde*. Parisian and Viennese songs then preceded a short but rousing chorus of “Tar Heel Boy,” a remembrance, he said, of his boyhood roots.