

# Mountain Musings

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Robert Gray, 1998-1999  
Ralph Scarritt, 1995-1996  
Fred Rutledge, 1994-1995

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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2001**

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

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## “FREE TRADE IN THE AMERICAS”

**ABDUL M. TURAY, Ph.D., Dean of Research and Graduate Studies** at Western Carolina University, will speak on “Free Trade in the Americas,” outlining the positive and negative effects of the recent free trade acts, particularly in regard to the agreements with Mexico.

**ROBERT WEILER** will give the blessing.

**GARY HANNAH** will be the greeter.

**MENU FOR TUESDAY:** Spinach and Mushroom Quiche \* Croissants \* Salad  
Fruit Bowl \* Assorted Desserts \* Coffee \* Tea \* Milk

## FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

At its meeting September 18, the Asheville Civitan Foundation Board of Directors elected its officers for 2001/2002: **GARY W. HANNAH, President; AHMAD AMARA, Vice-president; W. MURRAY HOLLYDAY, Treasurer; and RICHARD SMITH, Secretary.**

## CLEAN AIR NEWS

**JOHN TRAW**, Chair of the **Club's Environmental Concerns Committee** and who serves on the **Community Relations Committee** of the **WNC Regional Air Quality Agency**, made a plea for members who are interested in environmental matters to volunteer to serve with him on the **Community Relations Committee**. There are a couple of openings.

## CLUB NEWS

For its invocation September 18, **Club** members stood for a minute of silence in commemoration of the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. **ROBERT HILLMANN**, who had the blessing, then led a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROBERT GRAY**, a retired Air Force Colonel, gave the **Club** an insider's briefing on the safeguards aboard airplanes against terrorist attacks and how they were apparently thwarted on September 11. For example, there were no signals from the "transponders" which normally locate a planes's position, nor were there emergency calls or code signals indicating a hijacking. He is pretty sure that the plane that hit the Pentagon was originally intended for the White House and that the plane that crashed in PA was probably headed for the Capitol Building. He also explained the various kinds of alert that Air Force planes can operate under. Normally, there is a fifteen minute alert, but this can be upgraded to a five minute alert under emergency conditions. Even further, there is a cockpit alert, with pilots sitting in their planes and even an end-of-runway alert, where planes are ready for immediate take-off. In the case of combat air patrol, planes are airborne, flying designated patterns, with supporting aircraft such as tankers in the air with them.

## FOUNDATION APPRECIATION

The **Asheville Civitan Foundation** has received thank you notes from the agencies which received grants this year. Following are some excerpts.

**Irene Wortham Center**: "On behalf of our participants who will benefit from your generosity, and for the faculty and Board of the Irene Wortham Center, thank you. . . . With gratitude and appreciation, Louis Pugh, Executive Director."

**The Arc of Buncombe Co. Inc.**: "It is only with the support of civic-minded citizens, such as the members of the Asheville Civitan Club, that we are able to expand our services and programs to enrich the lives of the developmentally disabled population of our county. Sincerely, Gayle B. Littlejohn, Executive Director."

**Children First**: "This generous donation for our Children's Sabbath will help us fulfill our mission of improving children's lives in Buncombe County through collaboration, education, advocacy, and policy development. Sincerely, Elizabeth I. Huesemann, Executive Director."

**Project STEAM**: "Your contribution will help us to continue running a successful program that places children on track for higher education and meaningful lives. Thank you for your on-going support and your faith in our cause. Respectfully, Claudia Salmeron, Director of Development."

## KIDS VOTING

**SUSAN FISCHER**, new **Executive Director** of **Kids Voting**, outlined plans for the November 6 elections. Though this is what is called an "off-off" year election and only council and mayoral candidates are being voted on in Buncombe County, nevertheless 37 precincts must be staffed, Election Central must be up and running and **Asheville Civitan Club** is again being asked to help. Many **Club** members participated in the presidential elections and found it to be a rewarding experience with outstanding results in terms of kids voting numbers. **Ms. FISCHER** will relay to the **Club** fairly soon a more precise level of participation, but the need will be considerably less than last time. Ballot checking, the manning of phones and supply runners will certainly be called for and, perhaps, involvement with the post-election party.

A **Kids Voting** video was shown, highlighting the ten years that the organization has been in existence, beginning in 1992. That year, 500,000 children voted. In 1996, 2.2 million voted. By 1998, **Kids Voting** was held in 37 states. 1.5 million voted in 2000 and, as the video put it, "The odyssey continues." Success of the program is shown by a recent poll taken of participants. 94% said that they would continue to vote as adults. That's success!