

# Mountain Musings

Asheville Civitan Club, Inc.  
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Asheville Civitan Club  
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Asheville Civitan Foundation  
Officers and Board Members for 2002-2003

Officers:  
President - Ahmad Amara (00)  
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Treasurer - Robert Welch (02)

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Richard Smith (00), John Gile (00), Robert  
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Past Governor NC District West:  
William M. Pomeroy, Jr.

Past Lt. Governors NC District West:  
Robert Gray, 1998-1999  
Ralph Scarritt, 1995-1996  
Fred Rutledge, 1994-1995

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2002**

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

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**“STATE OF THE CLUB”**

Club President **DICK RICHARDS** will tell where we've been in the past year and where we're headed. He will be assisted by the other officers of the Club.

**LARRY WILSON** will give the invocation.

**TRACY McFARLAN** will be the greeter.

**MENU FOR TUESDAY:** Chicken Marabella \* Bread \* Salad \* Fruit \* Beverages \* Desserts

## **Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)**

Civitan member **JOHN DANKEL** informed the Club how the Asheville Police Department has become one of 25 accredited law enforcement agencies in NC, which is only 5% of all such agencies in NC. **JOHN** is a Crime Prevention Specialist with the APD and insures that Asheville retain its hard-won status. CALEA was formed in 1979, is independent of the government, is supported by the accredited agencies depending on their size (APD's cost is about \$500 per year,) and consists of 21 members. 11 are law enforcement professionals and the other 10 are from government and the private sector. They are based in Fairfax, VA.

CALEA has developed standards that now number 443 that must be met, if applicable, by each agency. Re-accreditation is now required each three years. The APD is preparing for this in December, 2002. Its last occurred three years ago. The standards identify what a department must do to be in compliance, not how. A CALEA team of three professionals typically arrives on a Saturday; Sunday morning they visit the department and meet with the staff, tour the facilities and view a display of specialized department equipment. In the afternoon, they begin their review of the department's files. Monday and Tuesday, they conduct "compliance panels" with selected employees, and on Tuesday evening have a public hearing that would have been advertised. The goal of the hearing is to solicit public comment about the agency's compliance, and is not forum for anything but standards compliance. Wednesday morning, the team gives a verbal summary of its impressions, and later prepares a final report to CALEA which will re-accredit if warranted.

**JOHN** emphasized that being an accredited agency involves more than a visit every three years. It involves developing realistic, workable policies and procedures that comply with CALEA standards. Then, continuing efforts must maintain compliance as a habit. **JOHN'S** objective is to

insure that the APD “walks the walk” on a continuing basis.

### **Club Board of Directors Meeting**

The Club Board of Directors met Monday, Oct. 21. Despite an agenda that included goals for the coming year and committee structure and responsibilities, it was only able to discuss the budget for the 2002-03 year. During the past twelve months, the Club spent \$911 more than it received for budgeted items. It began the year with a projected deficit of \$1,996, so it turned out better than originally planned. The primary reason for the deficit was a shortfall of \$2006 in dues collected because the club had a net loss of three members during the year, and an increase in the number of those on Leave of Absence. LOA members pay \$45 per quarter while full members pay \$97. Suggested alternatives for balancing the budget included raising the dues, having fewer meetings (for instance, no meetings after Monday holidays, which would save \$750 for each meeting missed,) a less expensive meeting place (we now pay \$150 for each meeting,) and longer range, e-mailing the Mountain Musings (70 of the 131 members now have e-mail addresses.) This is a \$3,800 budget item, and it used to be twice that before Keith Thomson started publishing it at his cost. The initial budget projection for 2002-03 is for a deficit of \$3,481. The directors will continue this discussion at the next Board meeting, and at special meetings of the four officers.

### **Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**

The Foundation Board met Tuesday, October 22 and elected **Ahmad Amara** President, **Mark Mathews** Vice President, **Gary Hannah** Secretary and **Bob Welch** Treasurer. **MURRAY HOLLYDAY** (a CPA) was commended for his outstanding work as treasurer for the past three years, including filing tax returns with the IRS, and doing this without accepting the authorized \$50 per month stipend. The Board reviewed the status of scholarship winners and found one had not yet claimed her initial payment due this Fall. The Scholarship Committee will follow up. The Board will review its budget each month and appraise its ability to pay various grants. On the income side, the Community Foundation assets have declined by \$20,000 over the last quarter, to \$194,451, because of the declining stock market. It depends on 5% of this amount for making annual awards. Club fund raising for the past year increased to \$6,152 from \$2,960 the previous year. Contributions from members fell to \$6,648 during the past 12 months from \$8,200 the previous year.