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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 11:30 a.m.

CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER

Dr. MILTON FRIEDLANDER, Director of the Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham, will speak about the work of the Center and its plans for the future. One of several academic titles, he is Professor of Neurobiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The Rev. MASON WILSON will give the invocation.

RICHARD SMITH will be the greeter.

MENU FOR TUESDAY: Spaghetti * Green Salad * Bread * Fruit Bowl
Assorted Desserts * Coffee * Tea * Milk

WAYNESVILLE CLUB PLANNING

A meeting exploring the possibility of a new Civitan club in Waynesville will be held there on October 3. The Asheville Club's contingent consists of **MARYALICE CHUTTER, BOB GRAY, BILL POMEROY, DICK RICHARDS** and **RALPH SCARRITT**.

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FRIEDLANDER VISIT

President-elect DICK RICHARDS is hosting a reception for **Dr. Friedlander** at his home the evening of September 23. The following morning there will be an informal coffee reception at 11:00 a.m. in the Undercroft of Trinity Episcopal Church prior to the regular **Club** meeting at 11:30 a.m. This will be the only chance for members to meet **Dr. Friedlander** as he has tight plane connections in the afternoon.

OUR JUNIOR CIVITAN CLUB

KATHY HAIRR, Faculty Advisor to our **Junior Civitan Club** at A.C. Reynolds High School, invites **Club** members to attend a fund raising car wash on Saturday, September 21 at the Firestone on Tunnel Road. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. She further reports that their first meeting drew 45 students with 108 signing up as interested in joining. Their first big project was participation in the **Big Sweep French Broad River Cleanup** sponsored by **Quality Forward**. She writes that “we came out of the river nasty, stinky and muddy, but we got some really great pictures!”

ASHEVILLE HIGH BUSINESS ALLIANCE

LEIGH YOUNG, daughter of member **BOB WEILER** and wife of member **DAVID YOUNG**, representing the **Asheville High Business Alliance**, spoke about the program and its efforts to better prepare students for the transition from school to productive life. A multi-faceted organization, The **Alliance** is made up of a group of business and education professionals who interact to help students be better trained for entering the work force.

One of the most important phases of the **Alliance's** work, in collaboration with **Junior Achievement**, is the *Success Skills* course which every sophomore experienced. In five, 30-minute sessions, following a comprehensive syllabus, a volunteer covers such things as interview techniques, resume writing and job application forms. A survey found, for example, that 70% of application forms are not completed or filled out improperly. Students often used the excuse that they contain “too much writing!” The volunteers touching on these matters themselves serve as role models since they represent success in their chosen careers. All too frequently students lack such role models at home. Another program, for freshmen, concentrates on money management and economic systems.

Another valuable tool for teachers is a speakers' bureau which consists of representatives from varied careers who can be called upon to provide relevance to a particular subject. For example, an engineer shows the need for geometry in designing and constructing a bridge. A field trip to see the finished product proves the case. This kind of help can reinforce teaching, making for a more exciting and rewarding learning experience for the students.

The **Alliance** has a technology team which, working with **A/B Tech**, offers certified instruction and hands-on experience in web design and application development. Students may receive college credit plus professional experience as they study. A new website has been designed through this program which will be available at the end of the fall semester. Every student will be able to log on to the web site and see his homework assignment for the night. Parents can log on and see their child's grades. The principal can post must-read messages for faculty, students, and/or parents. As a corollary to this development, the need for computers and monitors is met by another class at Asheville High. It takes old computers and rehabs them. So some of the sets on which students are programming have been provided by other Asheville High students.

The **Alliance's** communications team worked with Asheville High graphic arts students to design a logo for the **AHBA**. The students submitted four designs, the committee picked one and the students modified it to meet the “customer's” expectations, just like the real world. Even the brochure was designed by a student, Jennifer Hobbs.

The **AHBA** has been awarded the “Business Partnership of the Year” by the Chamber of Commerce and the “NC Partnership Best Practices Award” by the Governor. However, **Mrs. YOUNG** feels that the real reward received by the **AHBA** volunteers is that the time and effort spent is reflected in the life and future of a student. If any member is interested in volunteering for this challenging project, contact **Lana Maxwell** at 255-5289 or by e-mail at lane.maxwell@asheville.k12.nc.us.