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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 12:15 P.M.

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### HOW'S YOUR MEMORY?

**LORIE VOSE**, Community Outreach and Development Coordinator for the *Memory Assessment Clinic*, will speak on the types of memory loss, testing for memory loss, and therapeutic methods available for treating it. What was that topic again?

**BLAIR MANNING** will give the invocation.

**WILLIAM POMEROY, Jr.** will be the greeter.

**MENU FOR TUESDAY:** Spaghetti and Meatballs \* Salad \* Fruit Bowl  
Assorted Desserts \* Coffee \* Tea \* Milk

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be no meeting of the Club on January 20, 2004 following a national holiday.

**LARRY McCALLUM** brought to our attention the sad news of the death of former member **Charles Lytle** in Hendersonville. **Charles** was a well known educator and served for many years as principal of one of the area high schools

### **GOOD NEWS**

**President WILSON** presented a twenty-five-year plaque to **JOHN MANCHESTER**. **WALTER ADAMSON** passed the word that our own **SUSAN FISHER** has declared her candidacy for **Buncombe County's Board of Commissioners**

### **BOARD NEWS**

The **Board of Directors** has become increasingly concerned about the number of members whose dues are in arrears. Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution reads as follows:

A member whose dues are delinquent at the end of a quarterly billing period will be notified in writing that his arrears should be paid within the next quarter. If dues are not paid by the end of that quarter, the member will be notified that the membership will be terminated.

Members are also reminded that billings pre-pay the quarter and are payable upon receipt.

### ***THE MOUNTAIN AREA CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER***

**LEE BRANNOCK, Director of Development** at the *Mountain Area Child and Family Center (MACFC)* located in East Asheville on Riceville Road, gave the **Club** a thorough briefing on the existing and future need for high quality child care in Buncombe County. There are 14,000 children under five years of age in Buncombe County and 16.3% of these are in families whose incomes are below the poverty level. Furthermore, in 12,000 of these children's homes, both parents work. Just in the last three years, the number of children living in poverty in the county has risen from 18 to 20 percent. Although there are 104 child care centers and 50 "regulated" homes in the county caring for 4000 children, the need for more facilities is obvious. And some of the present facilities are far from adequate. One of the indicators of need is the 500-child waiting list for the Head Start program in the area.

Another problem facing low-income families where both parents work is the expense of child care. Prices range from \$5000.00 to \$8,000.00 per year, about the cost of a public college education. This is approximately 14 to 18 percent of household income in these families. Unfortunately, the early years of a child's life, all authorities agree, are crucial to a child's development, and when both parents have to work to make ends meet, trouble is in store for the child unless care is both available and competent.

*The Mountain Area Child and Family Center* itself is a unique facility. It maintains a population that includes nearly 50% of children from families who are in need of financial assistance. It also is designed to serve children who are physically or developmentally delayed or have special needs. Fifteen percent of its enrollment is in this category. Support and services are offered to aid these families. Multiple health and developmental screenings are given to children to help detect potential problems early. Regular educational and enrichment opportunities are available to parents as well

**MACFC** prides itself on being a teaching and training facility for students and caregivers. It is in partnership with Warren Wilson College's elementary education program and with Western Carolina's pediatric nursing students. This mission is a valuable resource for the area. Another recent development is the establishment of satellite sites offering care for 0-5 year-old children. One of these is located in the new YMCA building in Biltmore Park off of Long Shoals Road.

One of the many endorsements received by **MACFC** was from a grandmother who was the caregiver for her grandson. **Ms. BRANNOCK** read the letter which ends with this paragraph:

*There is no doubt that this program has an unalterable life-long effect on (my grandson). In spite of a hard start in life (he was nine weeks premature, ed.), he is now a happy out-going toddler who loves going to "school." I drive two hours per day to keep him in this program because I believe it is the best there is. I have complete confidence in this staff to deal with the children and the situations that arise in an appropriate manner for everyone's interest. I wish that all children could have this experience in their early years . . . . .*