

MHA NEWS

Dinner Meeting

Monday, March 26, 2007

6:30 pm. Dinner; program following at 7:15 pm

Fellowship Hall

At Trinity Presbyterian Church

3115 Providence Road



Dinner Program Topic will be: "All Were Heroes"

Dr. Tony Zeiss, president of Central Piedmont Community College, will present four characters from his book, All Were Heroes: A Civil War Reunion Story.

He has authored numerous books including four featuring the Civil War. The most recent is a novel, Journey to Cherry Mansion.

In 1992, Dr. Zeiss became the third president of Central Piedmont Community College, the largest college in North Carolina. During his tenure, the college has grown from one campus to

six. He is also a professional speaker and a member of the National Speaker's Association. He serves on several local, regional and national boards.

Among his many activities, Dr. Zeiss is the Chair of the Little Sugar Creek Greenway Committee. In that capacity he has ensured that local history will be memorialized on that stretch of the greenway running from Elizabeth Avenue to Morehead Street. He was instrumental in catching the importance of the ride of Captain Jack and in locking in a location

within the CPCC footprint which will provide high visibility and easy public access. The area around the statue will be fully landscaped and incorporated into the Trail of History.

There will be a few books available for purchase at the dinner program.

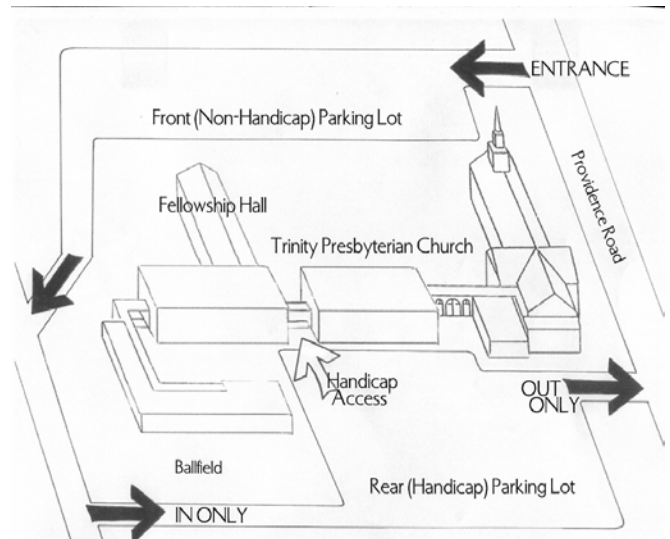
Reservation Form to be returned by Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

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3115 Providence Road**



Remarks from the President...



It's Membership Renewal time! Please renew and invite your friends to join and share history, fellowship, and good programs!

There is a lot of great news from the MHA. It played a significant role in the dedication ceremony for the new courthouse on February 8th and 9th 2007. From the suggestion of an inscription placed on the outside of the new Courthouse, to a photographic history of the seven courthouses preceding the eighth, to writing the history for inclusion in County brochures, to the participation of the Docents as hosts and hostesses in the new build-

ing, members of the MHA made a difference in the ceremony. The MHA provided the historic context tying our traditions to the present. There were even commemorative manuals with a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration and the Continental Congress Declaration of Independence! Special recognition and thanks must be given to Jim Williams and the Docents for a significant contribution to the celebration. They joined all local elected officials, the Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, the N.C. Attorney General, lawyers, court officials, and members of the public in a memorable and moving dedication. Well done all!

Our next meeting will feature Dr. Tony Zeiss, the indefatigable President of

Central Piedmont Community College, who will use a story-telling presentation format to feature four participants of the War Between the States. These four men are the dominant characters in his book, All Were Heroes. He will give equal time to two Yankees and two Confederates. Dr. Zeiss is a noted author on the Civil War and just loves history. Don't miss this!

Congratulations to member Powell Majors on reaching his 100th birthday! He received community and Rotary recognition and the MHA has laid claim to him for over forty years!

See you March 26th!

Chase Saunders, *President*

From the Docent Committee Alice Bostic, Docent Chairman

On January 22 through 24 the board of the Docent Committee held their annual retreat at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. As this board is made up of both long time members and those who have joined in recent years, we took time to review our own history. Those of us who are relative newcomers benefited greatly from learning more about past accomplishments of this group and the story of how we came to be part of the Mecklenburg Historical Association. After our review we worked on establishing new goals for the future. Our goals include completing the moving of our library to new space at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian church, strengthening our ties with the history sites, establishing a new regional history class for the public and potential docents and increasing membership and awareness of the docents.

The Historic Cooking Guild provided a wonderful day of training in the skills and knowledge needed for open hearth cooking on February 24 at the Polk site. The students were staff at area historic sites who plan to share this knowledge with the public. On February 7 several docents provided assistance at the dedication of our new Mecklenburg County Courthouse. It was a wonderful event in Charlotte's history and we were pleased to have a role in reminding Charlotte's citizens that this new building continues a dedication to the rule of law that goes back to the 18th century. We are looking forward to assisting Historic Rosedale at their second Art of Craft: 1830 event on May 12, 2007 and assisting with the Meck Dec events the weekend of May 19 and 20, 2007.

Our February program featured Katie McCormick, Reference Archivist for the Oral History program at UNC Charlotte Atkins Library. We were all inspired by Katie to beginning our own oral history projects. Our March program features Trooper Henri A. LeGendre of the Greater NC Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers who will share the history of the Buffalo Soldiers. April will bring MHA's own Kathy Neill Heran, author of *They Married Confederate Officers*, to our podium. Docents are life long learners and these speakers are adding a great deal to our knowledge. Everyone is invited to join us at our monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at Sugaw Creek Presbyterian church. We begin with refreshments at 9:30 a.m., followed by business meeting at 10 a.m. The program begins at 11 a.m. and there is plenty of seating for everyone. Do come and join us!

Charlotte and the Civil War

Confederate Memorial at Elmwood Cemetery (*at right*).

600 East 4th Street

For additional information, please visit:
<http://cmhpf.org/Surveys&relmwood.htm>

North Carolina and the Civil War

Read more about the Civil War from the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh by using the following link:

<http://www.ncmuseumofhistory.org/exhibits/civilwar/index.html>.

The website includes artifacts, resources, reenactors, and much more.



Gift Membership to MHA...

Consider giving a gift membership to family, friends and clients. It's a marvelous way to enjoy outstanding programs on Charlotte Mecklenburg history, dinner and fellowship. The proceeds benefit M.H.A. Checks may be made payable to "M.H.A." per the following table [right].

You may mail your check to:

M.H.A. Membership Chairman
 P.O. Box 35032
 Charlotte, NC 28235

You may also bring your check with you to the dinner program.

category	single	couple
senior citizen (over 60)	\$12.50	\$20.00
general	25.00	45.00
patron	50.00	90.00
life (single payment)	300.00	500.00
student	free	n/a

March 26th Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association
2401 Sharon Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association
 Questions? Please call Linda Dalton, 704.364.1618.

Enclosed: \$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$11 for Seniors)
 \$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$13 for all others)

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Reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

Mark your calendars now for future meetings of the Mecklenburg Historical Association. The next meeting is scheduled for **May 14, 2007.**



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