

Churches, library among groups getting Pilgrimage funds

EWC money helps local historic preservation

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Church restoration, a new historical program and further digitalization of the Chowan Herald are among the projects receiving money from the Pilgrimage of Homes held earlier this year.

The Edenton Woman's Club distributed the proceeds from this year's event during its October meeting at The Table, located at the Inner Banks Inn. About 50 people attended.

The Edenton Woman's Club was founded in 1946 and held its first Pilgrimage in 1949. Since then, the organization has donated more than \$1 million in event proceeds toward historical preservation. Pam Wagner was the chair of this year's Pilgrimage.

Three churches — St. Anne's Catholic Church, St. George's Orthodox Church



The Edenton Woman's Club recently gave the proceeds of this year's Pilgrimage to St. George's Orthodox Church, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Pleasant Grove AME Zion Church, Edenton Historic Commission, Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, Boys and Girls Club of the Albemarle, Edenton Unit and Edenton Historic Sites.

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and Pleasant Grove AME Zion Church — each received part of the proceeds to attend to various building and property needs.

According to Father Carlos Arce at St. Anne's, the church is currently undergoing extensive renovations, which began outside.

St. George member John Morehead and Father Benedict Churchill noted that EWC funds will help cover

painting the exterior.

Anges Blount, a trustee at Pleasant Grove AME Zion Church, said the funds will help make a marker for the church's cemetery which has been neglected for several years.

Historic Edenton State Historic Sites received two grants — one for costuming and another for project maintenance. Kayla Collins, who makes the state

agency's costumes said the funds will help fund their costuming expedition.

Erica Smith said the other funds will go toward the sites' Minutemen project that is being worked on by Interpretation Coordinator Andrew Cole.

During the Revolutionary War, men from Edenton met in Halifax, Virginia, to join the Minutemen. Information about the group will be

added into the sites' activities, Smith noted.

Chris Bean and Mike Ervin, with the Edenton Historic Commission, accepted funds that will be used to repair leaks in the oldest house in North Carolina.

"This money will help us rectify the problem and save this treasure of North Carolina history," Bean said. "Edenton Historic Commission has worked in close

relation with the Woman's Club. It has been very generous over the year and we very much appreciate it."

Debbie Cameron, with the Cupola House Association, accepted funds that will be used to paint the house's master bedroom.

"When the master bedroom is completed, there will be a dramatic change when you see it," she said.

Librarian Jennifer Finlay said EWC money, along with funds set aside by the Shepard-Pruden Library's board of trustees, will update digitalnc.org with edition of the Chowan Herald from 1956 until about the mid 1980s.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Albemarle Edenton Unit also received funds to help with the restoration of the old D.F. Walker School.

Executive Director Elizabeth Mitchell said renovations at the school was scheduled to start Oct. 7. The nonprofit hopes to be in the building by the summer.

SCHULZE

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Prime Minister Boris Johnson would be dealt a setback, Schulze predicted that a few Tories would shift sides, making Brexit more difficult to achieve.

Sure enough, Schulze was proven correct as Johnson's majority wined a bit, perhaps defying not only the newly elected prime minister's mandate, but spitting in the eye of a June 2016 referendum, in which 51.9% of participating voters voted to leave the European Union, a bureaucrat's utopia that may be all too familiar to folks grappling with the Swamp on this side of the pond.

Schulze spoke against the hubris of elites' ongoing efforts toward globalization — one world government.

"The sophisticated politicians — they think they've been around and seen it all, know it all and graduated from Harvard. They think that they are superior, eventually 'we're going to have to rule,'" he said of the elites. "Nobody wants a one world government if someone else is running it, but they think as long as I'm running it, it'll be OK. As long as I'm in charge, I'll take care of the people."

Nature of man

Schulze noted how a lot of world leaders, once they achieve their ambitions to gain power, tend to change over time.

"I'm also convinced that an awful lot of despots started out really as benign, warm human beings who wanted to help people," he said. "They saw injustice and wanted to change it. All of sudden then they got power, then they got more power. Then their idea of injustice changed in their mind, so when anybody went against them — that's when they start taking people out and shooting them."

Photos on Schulze's wall of leaders show two who were assassinated: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat.

"I think an awful lot of them are genuine," he said. "I feel sorry for a lot of them. They don't understand human nature. Man is not a kind, benevolent, warm, fuzzy kind of guy. He's kind of mean and vicious and tough. You back him into a corner, he's going to try and kill you."

Trade

When Schulze served in Congress, he focused on improving trade relations between China and the United States.

"Wars are fought more with trade policies than battles and armies," he said.

Schulze said China dumps its low cost goods on the market, thus killing foreign competition and transforming steel towns throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio Valley into the

Rust Belt. He said China has long gamed the world trade system through unfair practices by keeping the price of products like steel artificially lower through government subsidies.

"How can that be fair trade!?" he said. "It is not fair trade! There is nobody in the world who can tell me that that is fair trade."

Starting in 1980, China was required to apply for an annual waiver to maintain its free trade status with the United States. Every year between 1989 and 1999, legislation was introduced in congress to disapprove the President's waiver.

When Democrat Tip O'Neil was speaker of the House of Representatives, Republicans were in the minority. As vice chairman of the Steel Caucus, Schulze was at the forefront of negotiations that sought to promote fair trade.

"Democrats were totally in charge of trade even when Reagan was there," he said. "They dominated. I fought it in committee hammer and nail. I led the opposition for Most Favored Nation status with China. I went to the speaker and said, 'I know you're going to pass this, but just pass it with 5-6 votes so it sends a message — that's a very tenuous kind of plurality. Let it be slim so they think that we've got to be careful with this or we could lose it.' Democrats wouldn't do it. That's how bad it was."

Congressional action granted China permanent normalized trade relations in 1999 and the country joined the World Trade Organization the following year.

According to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. goods and services trade with China totaled an estimated \$737.1 billion in 2018. Exports were \$179.3 billion; imports were \$557.9 billion. The U.S. goods and services trade deficit with China was \$378.6 billion in 2018.

Presently, United States and China are engaged in a trade war that affects consumers and businesses worldwide. President Donald Trump is negotiating with the Chinese to seek a more equitable trade relationship.

"I support everything Trump is doing," Schulze said. "I hope he gets the support from the farmers and others even so there's going to be some pain caused. We shouldn't just play up the pain, but that's what the media is doing though."

The Swamp

Since Trump was elected in 2016, he has been under siege from the deep state, the Democrats and their enablers, the mainstream media, Schulze said. Presently, Congress may be grappling with impeachment proceedings in the near to mid future, echoes of which harken back to the Nixon era.

Schulze offered a candid assessment of the comparisons between 1974 and the present day impeachment drumbeat — both presidents were under fire.

Nixon was assaulted daily by congressional Democrats and the media, who were led by a deep-throat turncoat from the FBI with an axe to grind against the administration (sound familiar). Rather than tear the nation asunder by standing up to the establishment, Nixon resigned in disgrace and Watergate emboldened the deep state establishment.

Photo of President Nixon the wall, Schulze knew the man on a first-name basis.

"I got to chat with him several times to get to know him a little better," he said. "I am convinced that if he had stood up and said, 'Look, I did this. It was stupid, but I

have learned one heck of a lesson and I can assure you it will never happen again.' I think the whole thing would have been over and done with. There's a hell of a lesson there for all of us. If you really do screw up, stand up and admit it."

Schulze advises Trump to stand up to the establishment.

"Trump — I think he's tough. I think he's what we need. He's the right man for right now," he said.

Media's double standard

The mainstream media's playbook has always been to shout down Republicans, make them look stupid. Schulze shared a behind-the-scenes story about Dan Quayle, who still keeps in contact with that Reaganite living in that condo near the Albemarle Sound.

Remember the big

"potato-potatoe" controversy when Vice President Quayle was visiting an elementary school? Quayle jumped in to help facilitate a spelling bee, but he spelled the word wrong and the media had a field day tar and feathering the Midwestern conservative.

"Dan and I were pretty close," Schulze said. "Teacher handed him a misspelled word. She handed him a note with potato spelled that way (potatoe). That's the real story."

In front of the kids and television cameras, Quayle had a choice to make, Schulze said. He said Quayle was a gentleman, so ...

"What are you going to do? Embarrass her? I don't know if it was a trap or setup," Schulze said.

Three presidents

Like Reagan, Trump stands in the way of elites

seeking a one-world government — a comparison from Schulze that ended with a note about the governing styles of three presidents.

"I think that's part of what the establishment feels — they feel that they had been making great progress. Main roadblock was Reagan," he said. "That was one my motivations for leaving Congress after Reagan left. I knew George Bush very well. Played golf with him, hunted did all kinds of things, but he was not Ronald Reagan. He didn't have the fire in his belly. He was a patrician doing his duty. He wanted people to like genuinely like him. He was a nice guy and tried to be a nice guy. But actually to be president, you have to be a little mean. You have to be tough like Trump."

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 577

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North
Carolina, for Approval of Demand-Side
Management and Energy Efficiency Cost
Recovery Rider under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9
and Commission Rule R8-69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, immediately following the 1:30 p.m. hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 579, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DENC to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On August 14, 2019, DENC filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DENC requests revisions to its DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after February 1, 2020. DENC's request, exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.124 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.176 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; and 0.108 cents per kWh for large general service customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedules 6VP, NS, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers. In addition, industrial and large commercial customers that have, under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9, opted out of and never participated in DENC's DSM and EE programs are not subject to the rider.

Compared to the current DSM/EE rates, the result of DENC's request would be an increase of 0.004 cents per kWh for residential customers, which would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by four cents. Small general service and public authority customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.46 cents per kWh, and large general service customers would see a DSM/EE rider decrease of 0.125 cents per kWh.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection - Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of September, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk