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Standifer Earns Top Award

Janice Standifer, Supervisor of Client Help Desk in the Information Systems Department at Duke Power Company was elected 1988-1989 'WOMAN OF THE YEAR' of the Charlotte Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association on February 10.

Ms. Standifer was elected on the basis of her chapter and community involvement, business enhancements and public speaking skills. The association has 112,000 members nationwide and she has been a member for four years. Ms. Standifer exemplifies the image and mission of the association which is "to bring together women of diverse backgrounds and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition".

In addition to being a member of ABWA she is also active in the Essence Social Club, has participated in the United Way drive for two years, and is very active with the Community Watch Program. Janice is married to Anthony J. Standifer and has one son, Mark. The family resides in Charlotte, N.C. where they attend Clinton Chapel AME Zion church and she is a member of the usher board.

Janice is a 1968 graduate of West Charlotte High School and is presently studying for an Associate degree in Business at Central Piedmont Community College.

Self-Promotion Luncheon Seminar

"Toot Your Own Horn or Blow It" will be the subject during the March seminar of the annual Professional Development for Women Luncheon Series.

Mary Hooper, president of Hopper Communications, will present a program on the techniques of positive self-promotion. The luncheon will be March 25 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Charlotte Marriott City Center, 100 West Trade Street.

The April seminar, to be presented by Doris Cromartie, director of Corporate Relations at Duke Power Company, will focus on "Power and Office Politics."

Other monthly programs are planned on being a team player, managing conflict on the job, and management and decisions.

The line-up of speakers includes Evelyn Nikkel, president of Zareba's; Diannah Champion Ellis, a private counselor and training consultant; and Ken Iverson, president and CEO of Nucor Corporation.

The luncheons, scheduled through June, are sponsored by the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission, in conjunction with Central Piedmont Community College's Continuing Education Division and CPCC's Chapter of the American Association for Women in Community and Junior Colleges.

Individual sessions -- which include lunch, tax, tip, and parking -- are \$9 each.

Checks should be made payable to the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission and mailed to 700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte 28202.

Fund Raiser To Elect Evans

The Committee to Elect Yvonne Evans, Candidate for District Judge, is sponsoring "An Evening of Elegance: Informal Modeling and Stylish Hair Fashions" on Sunday, March 6, 6 p.m., at the FDY Banquet Facilities, 3411 St. Vardell Ln. (I-77 Corporate Park, Suite K of Clanton Rd. Admission is \$10.

Do You Have A Picture Perfect Lawn? If so, See pg. 16 B For Details.

Foundation Gives Grant For Women's Legal Aid

Raleigh, NC - The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation has awarded NC Equity, Inc. \$70,000 to fund the Women's Legal Assistance Project, NC Equity President Cassandra Atkinson announced.

According to findings of a 1985-86 study conducted for the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, legal assistance is one of the most urgent needs NC women face today. The one-year grant from the Babcock Foundation will be used to provide legal information to women who are experiencing problems such as discrimination in hiring and promotion, harassment, unjust denial of workers' compensation or disability benefits.

To begin meeting those needs and identifying issues, NC Equity will hold a series of free, one-day legal education seminars in selected cities across the state (cities listed below). Dates and meeting sites will be announced in early April. Free child care and transportation will be provided for those who need it.

The Women's Legal Assistance project's overall goal is to help women address obstacles to getting, keeping, and advancing in a job. A network of referral attorneys will be developed, and low income clients will be served at no or reduced cost. An attorney will be employed to direct the project on a day-to-day basis, and women are urged to

call the toll-free number, 1-800-451-8065, for information.

Anne Craig Barnes and Jane Smith Patterson, co-chairs of the Project Committee and members of NC Equity's Board of Directors, will oversee the project with the guidance of a project committee augmented by the advice of a group of legal advisors. In a recent interview, Patterson noted, "In many instances, women do not know what their rights are. What is most needed is reliable information on employment laws and procedures." Barnes added, "Understanding one's legal rights and accessing the process for defending them is basic to the American system of jus-

tice. The Legal Assistance Project will help meet those needs for North Carolina women."

NC Equity, a nonprofit corporation funded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, is committed to the economic advancement of women. "We are a voice, a resource, a catalyst, a contact and linkage for women," Atkinson said. "We are providing a previously unmet need for

basic information on issues of importance to women."

Legal Education Seminars will be held over a six-month period in: Asheville, Boone, Charlotte, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Lumberton, Morganton, New Bern, Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, Roanoke Rapids, Southern Pines, Wilmington and Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem.

Stevenson Fundraiser

Meet Sarah Stevenson, candidate for re-election to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, at a wine and cheese sip on Sunday, March 6, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Excel-

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The event is being sponsored by The Committee to Elect Sarah Stevenson.

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