



Cultural Arts Council
Douglasville/Douglas County

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A Meeting to Celebrate the Arts!

Douglasville, Georgia – Invigorating, challenging, informative and festive are not always the words used to describe an Annual Corporate Meeting. But a laughter filled, food-laden and pleasant time was had at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/Douglas County on Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Approximately 50 members came to hear the Annual Report, highlighted by the great news of a highly successful year in which all three fund-raising events (Chili Cook-Off, Gala, and Taste of Douglasville) surpassed their goals. The consolidated, new and mission-focused program “Family ARTVentures!” was also highlighted and the FY’2017 Board of Directors and Officers were elected. A two-year task of revising corporate by-laws was concluded with an affirmative vote to adopt the by-laws. It was a successful meeting.

The highlight of the meeting were four guests. **Robert Connor**, Theater Director at New Manchester High School spoke about the need to support youth-created arts programs and about the exuberant talent of young people; **Linda Tiller**, recently retired from Douglas County Public Schools, spoke about the value of the arts in her own life and in her 32 –year teaching career; **Ernie Hendrix**, visual artist, spoke about being fearless about color and the arts value of challenging one’s self; and, **Camille Brown**, violinist (who studied at CAC with string teacher Eleanor Bennett) delighted and enchanted everyone with a masterful performance that left everyone cheering and whooping.

Beautiful, plentiful and wonderfully appetizing were the food selections. Fresh from their first Taste of Douglasville, **Cindyrelly Cakes** provided the desserts, and **Williamson Bros. B-B-Q**, winners of the 2014 Taste of Douglasville Most Sold Award provided chicken tenders and stuffed potato skins.

A slide show of CAC’s highlights during the recent year entertained attendees, volunteers and sponsors were acknowledged and in fact, the only ‘down’ moment in an otherwise ‘up’ celebration was noting the departure of two valued Board members, Alison Williams and past-President, Greg Williams (no relation) as their service terms ended.

“Annual Meetings are a rare moment to pause and reflect on all that was accomplished in the past 12 months,” said CAC Executive Director, Davina Grace Hill. “Analyzing what can be improved and immediately working on the next project usually doesn’t allow for the chance to step back and be amazed at what has just been accomplished.”

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What was accomplished? In FY'2016 CAC impacted **26,000 people** (6,845 of whom were children) with **37activities**: 15 Family ArtVentures! programs, 10 Gallery Exhibits, 2 week-long arts camps, 3 sessions of arts and music classes, a Barbershop Chorus Concert, Mad Hatter Tea Party, 5th Annual Turner Cassidy Writers' Workshop, Hydrangea Festival, Taste of Douglasville, Chili Cook-Off and the Gala. There were also **25 rentals** of the Roberts-Mozley House for weddings, receptions, and parties of all kinds. Added Hill, "its been a non-stop, busy year. More importantly, it has been a strong programmatic and strong financial year. Now we start work on surpassing it in the upcoming year!"

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions or more information, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.

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The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

- #1. Crowd Shot of the CAC Annual Meeting
- #2. CAC President Patti H. Puckett address the Annual Meeting
- #3. Robert Connor speaks to the group.
- #4. Linda Tiller speaks to the group
- #5. Camille Brown after performing
- #6 The food spread!
- #7 Cindyrelly Cakes