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NCOCG News

Join us for Sunshine Day March 14

Please join us for Sunshine Day from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at Elon University in Oaks 212. Speakers will include veteran journalists from North Carolina and more than a dozen experts and advocates for open government, including our **keynote speaker Barbara A. Petersen**, the president of the First Amendment Foundation. We encourage citizens, journalists, government employees, librarians, lawyers, public officials, anyone and everyone to attend.

The cost is \$30, and it includes lunch. The student fee is \$18. You may also sponsor a table at the event. A full table (8 seats) is \$400, and half a table is \$250.

You must register by March 7. Head to <http://ncopengov.org> to download the registration form and to view our program for the day. If you have any questions, you can contact us at ncopengov@elon.edu.

Public should take initiative to seek out information

Fayetteville Observer: "There's a point at which government's responsibility to inform the public meets the public's responsibility to seek out information."

Read more about what the public can do to access information here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=958493>

Trinity council says it didn't hold secret meetings

Trinity officials have denied they did not violate open meetings laws by holding secret gatherings. The officials were responding to a Feb. 16 letter from the state attorney general "requesting information concerning allegations of council members possibly holding illegal secret meetings."

Read more about Trinity's response here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=958526>

SBI needs more openness

Asheville Citizen-Times: In a letter to the Asheville Citizen-Times, a citizen encourages the state legislature to require the State Bureau of Investigation to adhere to public records laws.

Read more from the letter here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=958492>

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