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Learn about two ways to enjoy [The Duke Mansion](#) while saving your pennies, and get a two-minute course on etiquette. (Do you pick up your pizza at a dinner party, or cut it with a knife and fork?)



Price Roll-Back to 2006

[The Duke Mansion](#) has seen good times and bad times over the last 90+ years. Recognizing that right now times are tough, we are rolling back the price of spending the night with us to our 2006 rates – beginning at \$179. Come stay with us and we can ride out the tough times together. Make it even easier – go to our web site and click on the "[Book it Now](#)" button.



For Veteran's Day: Charlotte in America's Wars

What was Charlotte's role in America's wars? Find out **Sunday, November 9 at 3 pm**, when [The Duke Mansion](#) and The Levine Museum of the New South host an illustrated look back at Charlotte's military heritage with popular Charlotte history speaker David Erdman.

You'll see history in front of the mansion, too. The [Carolinas Aviation Museum](#) will display and discuss a restored Korean War-era Jeep plus a six-wheel "Gamma Goat," the predecessor of the Humvee, manufactured in Charlotte for use during the Vietnam conflict.



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It's all part of our "Explore History!" series, co-sponsored by The Mansion and The Levine Museum.

Etiquette According to Sikky

"The purpose of etiquette is to make people feel comfortable. When you know what the rules are, you know when it is appropriate to break them." – Sikky Rogers

Sikky Rogers of [Rogers & Gala Creative Partners](#) in Charlotte is known for memorable corporate and social events and for impeccable manners. The Charlotte chapter of [ISES](#), the International Special Events Society, shared that knowledge at its August meeting at [The Duke Mansion](#).

More than 70 guests turned out to get tips from Sikky and enjoy a "hard to eat properly" meal of French onion soup, fried chicken on the bone, pasta, peas, olives with pits, and a layered pastry with whipped cream between the layers. Colleagues demonstrated proper ways to manage each dish while Sikky commented.

Some tips from Sikky:

- * Never come early to a party.
- * Never enter a room with a drink in your hand.
- * Turn your spoon away from you as you sip your soup.
- * Look at the host's etiquette and imitate it. If the host eats the pizza with her hands, do the same.
- * The only thing "done" is a roast. At the end of your meal, you are finished.
- * Superman does good. If someone asks how you are faring, say you are doing well.
- * Never correct someone if they don't use proper etiquette.

"I'm from a middle-class family...but I find myself working in an upper-end event company serving some very high-end clients," Sikky told the group. "Etiquette played a large part in my journey. I was taught from a very early age that I needed to have nice manners and speak correct grammar. I am still working on both."

She did have help. Her Aunt Emmie, who taught school for fifty years, used to correct her thank-you notes in red pencil and return them to her.



Sikky Rogers



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