



# Highlights



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“Letting Your Light Shine”

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## *From the President.....*



Happy 2017! Your newsletter was published in December because your luncheon reservation form is needed by the deadline and the political climate has changed drastically. We wanted all members to make these two items a top priority. Our new vendor, the Holiday Inn University, requires advance payment. Please put your \$20.00 in safekeeping so you can meet the stated deadline. If your plans change and you need to attend at the last minute, please bring cash only. Our General Assembly called a special session to provide funding for flood victims. Unfortunately, they chose to add other items to the agenda. My! My! My! That is simply not how you do things. Please read Tom Bennett’s report for more detailed

information. Hats off to the NCRSP Leadership Team!

CMRSP members, I need your input. Please respond to the following questions by mail, email, or phone. This will help us make CMRSP better. Happy thoughts to all of you. Thanks.

Dee Williams, CMRSP President

1. Are you attending the CMRSP Luncheon? \_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_ No Why or Why not?
2. Would you attend a CMRSP meeting in your respective area: North, South, East or West Charlotte? \_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_ No Please suggest a location \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What board position or committee are you interested in?

*“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.”  
Thomas Edison*

We Care.  
We Motivate.  
We value Relationships.  
We are Sincere.  
We are Positive.

**2017 Promises**  
Laugh more.  
Worry less.  
Hurry less.  
Keep calm.



### CMRSP Luncheon Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2017 – 11:30 am  
**Holiday Inn** at University Place  
8520 University Executive Park Drive  
Cost: \$20.00 Members & Non-members

**Doors Open**  
at  
**11:15 am**



**Legislative** (reprinted from Tom Bennett, Executive Director, NCRSP's December Monthly Report)

### **Will Republicans try to “pack” the NC Supreme Court? Strip gubernatorial powers?**

The NC General Assembly will convene today, December 13, 2016, for a special session called by Gov. Pat McCrory. The stated reason for the special session is to provide relief for the many people affected by Hurricane Matthew and the Western North Carolina wild fires. That is a good thing, but there are disturbing rumors that other, less laudable topics may be added.

**One possibility** is that the Republican-controlled General Assembly might try to thwart the public's will by appointing two more justices to the North Carolina State Supreme Court. In the November General Election, NCAE-endorsed candidate Mike Morgan (D) defeated Judge Robert Edmunds (R) for a post on the NC Supreme Court. This victory flips the Court from a 4-3 majority for Republicans to a 4-3 majority for Democrats. If the Republican legislators “pack” the state Supreme Court with two additional judges, it will reverse the result of the election and put Republican judges back in control of the Court's decisions. This is fundamentally unfair and could have huge public policy implications. For example, just a few years back, the four Republican members of the Court voted to permit the General Assembly to use public money to support private “voucher” schools. They did this even though the state constitution says public money shall be for the “exclusive use” of the public schools.

**The second possibility** is that the Republican majority might try to strip the Office of Governor of the power that enables the Governor to appoint the members of numerous boards, commissions and other posts that have a strong impact on citizens' lives. In the November General Election, NCAE-endorsed candidate Roy Cooper defeated incumbent Governor Pat McCrory. Now after four years of having a Republican governor and a Republican-controlled General Assembly, a Democrat will have the appointment powers that rest with the Office of the Governor.

NCRSP has already sent a Special Legislative Alert to all Regional and Local Unit Leaders asking them to rally members to voice opposition to both of these potential moves. We cannot allow the results of the election to be subverted.

**All CMRSP Board members and 150 randomly selected members with email addresses were asked to contact their legislators.**

### **Roy Cooper wins governor's race**

NCAE endorsed Mr. Cooper and his victory is good news for public schools, teachers and retirees, BUT the Republicans held on to more than enough state House and Senate seats to sustain the three-fifths “super majority” they need to override gubernatorial vetoes. If they want, the Republicans can block Mr. Cooper's initiatives, and they will have enough votes to brush off his attempts to veto their legislation.

**CMS-CMRSP In Memoriam**

**October 1, 2016 - December 15, 2016**

**In Memoriam**

Claudia L. Murphy	10-16-16	91	Rachel B. Marks	12-08-16	94
*Clara H. Talley	11-06-16		Ruth E. Hunter	12-09-16	91
Grace L. Wyche	11-07-16	92	William L. Anderson	12-10-16	93
Gwendolyn A. McAuley	11-28-16	83	Betty S. Smith	12-12-16	92

**\*CMRSP-NCRSP-NEA-R Member**

**In Memoriam**

Hiawatha Foster  
Clara Talley  
Clara Talley

Given by:  
Richard Caldwell  
Gene and Jean Davis  
Dee Williams



**Member's Corner**

The CMRSP Museum Day on Thursday, December 15, 2016 was great! The event was organized by Gloria McKenzie and Ira LaVerne Reed. Please plan to attend the next event.

**Scholarship Fund**

Our goal is to award **five** scholarships at the May Luncheon. Please mail your donations or bring to the February luncheon. This is our major project so let's do it.

**Program**

We will celebrate Valentine's Day at the February luncheon so please wear red.

**NCRSP State Convention**

The NCRSP 2017 State Convention will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 30-31, 2017, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center located at 4700 Emperor Blvd., Durham, NC 27703- Exit 282 off I-40. To make reservations, call (800) 325-3535 and ask for the NCRSP Retired School Personnel room block. Room pricing is \$115 plus tax (single or double). Check-in time is 3:00 pm – although some rooms may be available earlier. You may park at the hotel at no charge.

**Any CMRSP member who wants to be a delegate should contact the president, Dee Williams, at (704) 392-6520 (H).**

Saluting Emeritus Members  
(90 years of age and over)

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| <i>Alexander, Almetto</i>  | <i>Johnson, Virginia</i> |
| <i>Atkinson, Gwendolyn</i> | <i>Koesjan, Barbara</i>  |
| <i>Bobbitt, Jane H.</i>    | <i>Leete, Frances D.</i> |
| <i>Briggs, Catherine</i>   | <i>Mobley, Lecora</i>    |
| <i>Caldwell, Elizabeth</i> | <i>Nickels, Nancy</i>    |
| <i>Coleman, Sarah</i>      | <i>Parker, Emma</i>      |
| <i>Dannelly, Charlie</i>   | <i>Roblet, Marian</i>    |
| <i>Devereux, Susie E.</i>  | <i>Rorie, Raymond</i>    |
| <i>Duke, Mary M.</i>       | <i>Sanders, Willyne</i>  |
| <i>Durante, Rosalia</i>    | <i>Swain, Delois</i>     |
| <i>Foxx, Mary K.</i>       | <i>Teamer, Julia</i>     |
| <i>Gabriel, Evelyn</i>     | <i>Thompson, Sarah</i>   |
| <i>Goins, Dorothy</i>      | <i>Thornton, Anita</i>   |
| <i>Goins, Sudie</i>        | <i>Todd, Rachel</i>      |
| <i>Green, Ilda</i>         | <i>Travis, Irene</i>     |
| <i>Grier, Mildred C</i>    | <i>White, Carol</i>      |
| <i>Grier, Mildred S.</i>   | <i>Williams, Johnny</i>  |
| <i>Griffin, Mary</i>       |                          |

*If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact Dee Williams at 704-392-6520.*

Bulletin Board



Important Dates

Next luncheon—May 8, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, University Place

Region 3 Annual Meeting - May 22, 2017

NEA-R Convention - June 27-28 , Boston, Massachusetts (funding by NCRSP-based on availability).

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