



Highlights



May 2017

“Letting Your Light Shine”

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From the President.....



We were very busy in 2016-17 with our legislative agenda. Tom Bennett, Executive Director, kept those alerts coming and you did not complain. There are still legislators who want to dismantle our benefits. When you are asked to contact your legislators, please do so.

I need all members to become tech-savvy. This year we sent out the alerts and luncheons reminders electronically. If you prefer the telephone, please call the office so we can set you up for the Calling Post. My goal is to make sure every member is kept informed between the newsletters.

A great big thank you goes out to the three members who responded to the survey in last month's newsletter. A meeting will be scheduled for the **Park Road Area** next year. The Holiday Inn University has simply exceeded all of our expectations. The exceptional service and wonderful food have been outstanding. Based on your positive feedback, we will have our four luncheons there for 2017-18.

As we prepare for the summer, I have created your assignment list. Since we like the number four, I need your help with these items:

1. Record your volunteer hours.
2. Submit new ideas, newsletter articles, etc.
3. Fill the CMRSP Board vacancies.
4. Recruit new members.

Life moves on. Please do not stand by and do nothing for CMRSP. Enjoy your summer break!

Dee Williams, CMRSP President

“I have always looked for ways to give back because I think it's a responsibility we all share.”

Avril Lavigne

CMRSP Luncheon Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2017

Holiday Inn at University Place

8520 University Executive Park Drive

Cost: \$24.00 Members & Non-members

****Remember to send the reservation form which is enclosed.****

**Doors Open
at
11:15 am**





Retirement:

Congratulations Superintendent Ann Clark! CMRSP really appreciates you.



NCRSP State Convention Highlights, March 30-31, Durham, NC , Sheraton Imperial

The CMRSP delegates were: Christine and Percell Bowser, Althea Wright, Jeanette Putney, Haze Moore, Jennifer McDowell, Gloria McKenzie, and Dee Williams. Ira LaVerne Reed, NCRSP Secretary and Region 3 Associate Director was also present. Marilyn McClain, NCRSP New Business Chair and Region 3 Co-Chair, was sick. The convention theme was "NCRSP Looks to the Future." Throughout the convention, Senator Joyce Waddell a CMRSP member, was recognized for SB 314 which includes a 2% COLA. Speakers were: State Treasurer Dale Folwell, NCAE President Mark Jewell, and Lobbyist Pam Dearthoff. Lobbyist Lacy Presnell's wife passed so he only attended the opening session. Legislators are pushing for retirees to fund their own insurance. NCAE is fighting for a 2% COLA. Legislative Advocacy Day is May 10 and members are asked to wear **red**. Besides Senator Waddell's bill, two more bills were introduced: SB 348 promotes a 1.5% COLA and H497 (mostly Republicans) asks for a 2% COLA. We must contact the members of the Appropriations Committee to seek support of a 2% COLA.

Gloria McKenzie spoke about the upcoming Lobby Day. She will coordinate her plans with Senator Waddell. John Hoffman, Acting New Business Item Chair and Associate Region 3 Director, presented four new business items. There were 267 retirees present. The total community service hours reported was 9 billion. The 50/50 raffle was extremely popular this year. The winner took home \$712.00 which was the largest amount ever. The NC Foundation for Public School Children acknowledged NCRSP is its largest donor. NCRSP President Joan Bass plans to visit every local. She encouraged members to make those legislative contacts. All locals were asked to send the president, membership chair, an emerging leader, and others to the Summer Leadership Conference (**Region 3 is on June 4**). She encouraged locals to apply for the NEA-R Newsletter Award.

The constitutional amendment: Elected officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms in a position **passed**. The Recognitions Banquet was spectacular. The Raleigh Helping Hand Mission Band provided excellent entertainment. The Platinum, Gold Star, and Legislative Star Awards were presented. Region 3 Stanly County won the Gold Star again. Gloria McKenzie plans to submit our local for awards next year. Joan Bass recognized Regional Directors and Co-Directors. All CMRSP delegates received special goody bags.

Next year is an election year. Linda Gunter announced her candidacy for Vice President. Rev. Willie Ramey is a candidate for President. Workshops held were: ***Get the Most Out of the New NCRSP Web Site, Disaster Preparedness for Seniors, and Outsmarting Marketers***. The 2018 NCRSP State Convention will be held at the Marriott in Winston-Salem on March 14-15, 2018.

CMS-CMRSP In Memoriam

December 13, 2016—April 10, 2017

In Memoriam

Doris B. Cameron	12-13-16	83	Amy S. Shuffler	02-12-17	50
Harold A. Hood	12-22-16	86	Diane P. Douglas	02-23-17	63
Edythe O. Lippard	12-27-16	87	William L. Hensley	02-23-17	64
Jennenne A. Buchanan	01-06-17	85	Bonnie J. Baines	02-28-17	
Janie G. Jones	01-06-17		Duane C. Barrett	03-04-17	
Lynda M. Ott	01-13-17		Marsha Turbeville	03-06-17	
Stephen R. Cooper	01-18-17	65	Betty J. Godfrey	03-17-17	89
Carolyn M. Landrus	01-21-17		Carolyn F. Lambert	03-17-17	
John W. Curry	01-25-17	67	Steven D. Wallin	03-22-17	
*Nancy H. Robbins	02-03-17	78	Marion O. Thornton	03-31-17	
Lillie M. Stovall	02-07-17	82	Tony M. Starnes	04-03-17	74

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

Memorials:

Dianne Garraghan
Nancy Robbins
Mable Latimer

Given by:

Flora Chance
Dee Williams
Dee Williams



In Honor of:

Ann Clark
Rev. Clarence H. Jones, Jr.

Given by:

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Community Service

Congratulations! The CMRSP Local Top Volunteer for 2016 is Diana S. Bagwell. Althea Wright, Community Service Chair, reported a total of 1,466 hours for our unit. Nine reports were received.

The Region 3 Top Volunteer is Jane Barnhardt from Stanly County. The total number of hours for Region 3 is 38,276.75. Dee Williams, Region 3 Community Service Chair, verified 159 individual Reports were received from the nine locals. Some Community Activities listed by the locals were: donated school supplies, helped at county fairs, participated in a Shoe Give Away, did mission work in South Africa, director of a food pantry, conducted Human Trafficking Workshops, worked on political campaigns, volunteered at schools, awarded scholarships, and donated canned goods.

Program

The November luncheon speaker was Rev. Clarence H. Jones, Jr., Associate Minister, Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church. The February luncheon highlights were: Katwren Anderson-Freeman, violinist, and the Quiz Bowl conducted by Gloria McKenzie, Historian. The scholarship recipients will be presented at the May luncheon. Come and join us for our last luncheon!!!!

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

- CMS Final Budget vote - May 9, 2017
- CMAE/NCAE Lobby Day - May 10, 2017
- Joint County Commissioners/CMS Board Meeting
- May 23, 2017
- NEA-R Convention - June 27-28 , Boston, Massachusetts
- New CMS Superintendent Clayton Wilcox - July 1, 2017

CMRSP Committees

- Hospitality.....Charles & Shirley Crump
704-399-1723
- Membership.....Ira LaVerne Reed
704-847-7553
- Budget & Finance.....VACANT
- Community Service.....Althea Wright
704-922-0166
- Legislative/Advocacy.....VACANT
/Parliamentarian
- Communication/Media..... VACANT
- Publications/Newsletter.....Dee Williams
- Quality of Life..... Jennifer McDowell
704-553-8994
- Memorial.....VACANT
- Scholarship.....Carolyn Nichols
704-596-2637
- Historian.....Gloria McKenzie
980-938-5956

CMRSP Officers/Staff 2016-2018

- President -Dalphaline Williams 704-392-6520
- Past President -Marilyn McClain 704-567-6101
- Vice President-Haze Moore 704-398-0335
- Secretary - VACANT
- Co-Treasurers –
- Percell and Christine Bowser 704-392-4398
- Administrative Secretary –
- Minerva Hardy 704-747-9069

NCRSP Officers

- President.....Joan Bass
- Executive Director.....Tom Bennett
- Region 3 Directors.....Marilyn McClain
Virginia Wright

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