North Carolina
Retired School Personnel
Recognition Awards
Virtual Presentation
April 27, 2022

Rev. Dr. Willie T. Ramey, III – NCRSP President
Linda Gunter – NCRSP Vice-President
NCRSP SERVICE RECOGNITION
REGIONS AND LOCALS
REGION 2
NCRSP SERVICE RECOGNITION

Colleen Lanier

Her works and deeds are unlimited in which she has provided to the NCAE and the NCRSP Association.
Davidson Co. Retired School Personnel
NCRSP SERVICE AWARD

Rachel Madsen

LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• She became the designed leader for the Davidson Co. local during the President’s illness.
• Davidson Co. Newsletter Editor
• Co. Membership Chairperson
• Co. Director and Co. Associate Director of Region 2(Former)
• Region 2 Communication Chairperson

SHE IS ALWAYS THERE TO GIVE A HELPING HAND
DEDICATED TO THE LOCAL, REGION AND TO THE STATE ORGANIZATION
REGION 3 NCRSP SERVICE AWARD
KAREN PURSER

AMAZING SERVICE

Treasurer
Local Unit President
Premier Planner and servant leader

“The flare you provide to everything you do. Your vision, enthusiasm, your special touch of grace and quiet wisdom make you truly AMAZING! You are so powerfully special to us and we are grateful to call you friend in our region of the North Carolina Retired School Personnel division of NCAE.”
NCRSP Service Award

Greensboro-Guilford

President: Denese Johnson-Squire, 5503 Crabapple Court, Greensboro, NC 27405, 336 202 7546

Region 4

Co-Director: Lena Murrill-Chapman, 8 Stoney Glen Place Greensboro, NC 27409, 336 337 0686

Co-Director: Paula Harrison, 102 ALYSSA DR, Gibsonville, NC 27249 (336) 260-9057
NCRSP Service Award

Lena Murrill-Chapman

2021
Greensboro-Guilford Presidential Award

Involvement in the Association

- NCRSP Executive Board
- State Membership Chair
- Region 4 Co-Director
- Local Past President
- Quality Of Life Local Chair
- Volunteer of the Year Local/Region
- Created a website & Facebook
- Created Voice calling capacity for the region
- Expanded Regional grants to MINI GRANTS for active GCAE members

Involvement in the Community

- Designed and created a traveling trunk for school children through the Greensboro Historical Museum and Trustee Board Member
- Provided and distributed face mask for the elderly throughout the communities of Greensboro.
- Established a digital reading program, inviting North Carolina authors to share their books with the children each month.
- Dinners for Pathways Homeless shelter

Involvement in the Education

- Volunteer, substitute, tutor, meets with School superintendent and active leadership.

Enhancement of retirees' image in the Association* and public education.
This newsletter informs members of updates, share ideas, and it provides the news of the Edgecombe-Nash Retired School Personnel. The Three C's—Communication, Consistency, and Collaboration are the goals that initiate and implement the programs and activities. Goals to Accomplish in 2021 are as follows: Increase attendance at Member Meetings. Provide a Handbook. Compile the History. Issue a Brochure.
“Reach Out to Members Initiative”

Criteria is as follows:

To communicate with members, to “see how they are doing”
To share information with members
To show members that “we care” about their membership
To provide friendly reminders
To assist members with completing forms and documents
To keep members abreast of “what is happening” with the state, region, and local unit
Collaboration

Jessie Jones celebrates her 92 years old birthday on August 3, 2021.

Recipient, Grace Reams, received the Edgecombe-Nash Retired School Personnel 2020 Scholarship. She attended Nash Community College.

After Jamal receives his vaccine, he chooses items from the youth gift table such as, a water bottle and varieties of toys.
**RECOGNITION OF THE RED PENCIL, “THE LOCAL RETIRED RSP NEWSLETTER”**

**PRESENTED BY WATAUGA CO. RSP UNIT REGION 1B**

**CO-PRESIDENTS: LEE STROUPE & JANE ROGERS**

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**SUBMITTED BY: LEE STROUPE**

The Watauga Co Newsletter, *The Red Pencil* meets the following NCRSP Strategic Goals:

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<td>Goal Area 5: Communication</td>
<td>(1) Establishes regular, effective communication with members by email and regular mail. (2) Communicate with members via newsletter (3) Uses the NCRSP logo on our newsletter (9) Keeps members informed when we are unable to meet in person.</td>
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Becky Steele, our newsletter editor and communications chair, created seven different issues of *The Red Pencil* newsletter during 2021 with the help of our executive board members. When in person meetings did not occur, Becky’s newsletter kept our members informed. This was also a difficult time because of the unexpected loss of her husband, Mike. Despite these challenges, she edited and created informative newsletters.
THE RED PENCIL NEWSLETTER IS WELL WRITTEN, VISUALLY APPEALING AND DEMONSTRATES EXCELLENT JOURNALISM. IT COVERS A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS RELEVANT TO THE MEMBERS. IT REFLECTS THE PROGRAMS, THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS AND CAPTURES EACH SEASON OF THE YEAR

2021 Issues
January, February, March May, August, October & December

Included are excerpts from the various editions
Excerpts from different editions

Heartline - News from our NCRSP Family

Nancy Toltiber Nance is keeping her hands busy making blankets for the Children’s Advocacy Center of the Blue Ridge and several other places and occasionally tying a funny scarf around the neck of a public statue for one of our chilly visitors to take. If you’d like to know more about the blankets or the scarves, she’s happy to share.

June Mann thinks it’s wonderful that the Watauga County Library has given members access to amsaat.com at home, through March at this point, giving her a chance to research her ancestors. For a scary story assignment in her creative writing group last October, Sondra Edwards wrote about a “highly likely happy” experience she had while living in Eastern NC. A few days later, WFED, made an online plea for people to send in stories for their Mirror Mud online zoom event to be broadcast on Oct. 31. Sondra entered her story and was chosen to present it live on NPR.

Melody Winkelmann and Wink are making the best of this strange year by hiking, biking, camping, and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible. She’s been practicing the flute and the piano, as well as working with Friends of the Library for a book donation drive and an ongoing book sale via Facebook. Last, but not least, they’ve enjoyed time with families and friends.

Retired WICS Guidance Counselor Annabel Hunter Harrell and her husband, Dr. Ed Harrell, have lived in Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill for a number of years. Recently, Annabel has moved into the Memory Care Unit there, where her son, Mark, also resides.

From our Care Committee Chair Mary Sue Morgan:

Joyce Alexander and husband, Paul, spend most of their time on their farm near Greensboro, NC. Joyce says she is busy “digging in the dirt,” which she enjoys. Their son, Robert, and his family are in Davidson, where Robert is associate pastor at Davidson Presbyterian Church. In addition to the usual pastoral duties, he frequently plays his guitar at the early service.

Leis Sterckland is doing well and looking forward to a visit from one of her daughters, who lives in Greensboro.

Laura Johnson, one of our newest members, was a regular substitute at Covet Creek after her retirement. After COVID, Laura was dismayed to learn that she could not even volunteer at Covet Creek since she is no longer a full-time employee. To fill the time, Laura has volunteered to pack food boxes for organizations such as Wine to Water. Another division has been the adoption of a puppy, Wayland, who is an interesting new, dachshund, first, and Chihuahua.

Mary Hazel Mast is eager to get back to volunteering at Valle Crucis School.

June Munt (like many of us) got her second COVID shot and is doing well.

Mike and Janice Dreisbach are definitely on the mend. Janice’s knee is much improved, and Mike is optimistic about his own situation. He says Lee Strong made a valiant effort to install a type of stair-mower on their basement stairs. (Mike keeps his extensive model train collection in the basement.) Unfortunately, the basement stairs could not accommodate the stair-mower, but Mike and Janice really appreciate all of Lee’s efforts.

Turn in your volunteer hours

If you’ve had a chance to accumulate any volunteer hours this year, please document them and send to Sue Mielke. You may either email her at susmielke@gmail.com or call her at 336-264-4078.

Here’s a reminder of some recommendations from an online President’s Training Meeting last year: include hours for assisting students who are still doing virtual learning, for writing cards of encouragement to teachers, for sending notes to those in nursing homes, and for baking treats for faculty and staff, or hospital workers.

Sue Mielke will be happy to take your information by phone at 336-264-4078 or 828-963-6511, or email at susmielke@gmail.com.

Despite the Covid surges, we still want to recruit new members

New retirees of the 2020-21 year have been contacted and invited to join NCRSP. If you know a new retiree, please contact them about our Zoom meeting on October 21. They will need the instructions on how to access Zoom.

Please have them get in touch with me (295-9414, sarahjkeller@gmail.com) or Becky Steele (295-3045, steeleykelly50@gmail.com). We will be happy to help.

Recruiting new members is up to all of us! Please invite a retiree to our meeting!

Saralyn Kiefer
Membership Chair

NCRSP Meeting Dates, 2021-2022 (Tentative)

At meetings we will provide live worship of Davidson Methodist Church. All special topics and times are on

October 7, 2021, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church
November 4, 2021, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church
December 2, 2021, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church
January 6, 2022, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church
February 3, 2022, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church
March 3, 2022, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church
April 7, 2022, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church
May 5, 2022, Thursday: Davidson Methodist Church

Please remember to RSVP before meetings

October Edition

Fall craft ideas
MEMBERSHIP STARLIGHT RECOGNITION
Edgecombe-Nash Retired School Personnel Region 7A

Membership Starlight Award 2021

Nell Burwell
President
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The Three C’s

Communication, Consistency, and Collaboration.

While experiencing the “new normal,” this local unit has continued to plan and execute specific activities and projects that exemplify the goals-The THREE C’S-COMMUNICATION, CONSISTENCY, AND COLLABORATION.

To communicate with members, Zoom Meetings provide members with updates on issues and medical concerns; Calendar of Programs and Activities present members a monthly schedule; a “Reach Out to Members Initiative” connect members to share information and to show that “we care,”; issue a President Newsletter, The Informer, and send a magnet Calendar to members to celebrate their birthdays.

To acquire consistency, regular planned activities to recruit, reclaim, and retain members were conducted, as well as to train and develop new leaders; forms for committees to report information; and operations of the budget.

To collaborate, members join forces to volunteer, donate for scholarship funds, celebrate achievements, and promote the visibility and purpose of the local unit in the community.
NCRSP RECOGNITION AWARD COMMITTEE

Region 1A  June Pearson
Region 1B  Lee Stroupe
Region 2  Debera Cole-Jones
Region 3  Judy Champion
Region 4  Denise Johnson-Squire
Region 5  Elizabeth Conroy
Region 6A  Sharon McNeil
Region 6B  Pearl Freedman
Region 7A  Laurette Lewis
Region 7B  Joyce O’Neal