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**From the President . . .**

A new year has begun for **NC Retired School Personnel** and the state of the Carteret County unit is sound. Membership is at 68, one above last year. We gained 3 new members, but lost 2. Thank you for being a member of this important organization, the only one that works for you and only you.

Please continue to be a member; and if you possibly can, come to our meetings and enjoy the comradery of other retirees as we work together to accomplish our common goals. Bring a new retiree with you.

Cathy Neagle

**NCRSP Mission**

Protect the State Health Plan  
Keep the Teachers' and State Employees'  
Retirement System secure  
Enable volunteerism in public schools by  
our members

**Hope Mission**

Thank you for donating 5 jars of peanut butter and 21 rolls of paper towels to the Hope Mission project.

**In Memoriam**

Jimmie Franklin Foster DOD: 4-16-2017  
John Franklin Nelson 3-28-1929/1-8-2018

**Read Across America**

Bonnie Ferneau and Meg Bradford represented **CCRSP** in Read Across America in 2

schools. Bonnie, a retired Phys. Ed. teacher, used the Dr. Seuss book Hop on Pop to lead the students in lively exercise at MHC Primary. Retired librarian Meg Bradford dressed up and read to a kindergarten class at First Presbyterian for the occasion.

**Volunteer & Member of the Year Awards**

Margaret "Meg" Bradford is the 2018 Member of the Year as well as the Volunteer of the Year. With degrees from Bowling Green State and NC Central universities, she has taught in Onslow, Wake, and Carteret counties in addition to her home state of Ohio. She serves as **CCRSP** treasurer, helps with memorial programs, and attends regional events.

Meg volunteers at Broad Creek Middle and belongs to the Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa; she sings in her church choir and with the Carolina East Singers and is a member of Schola Cantorum. Meg volunteered a total of 372 hours in 2017.

**Scholarships**

Through the NC Community Foundation, **CCRSP** awarded its scholarship to 6 graduates following a career in education:

Megan Barnett	NC State University
Sarah Bischoff	UNC-Wilmington
Macy Brinson	Meredith College
Maggie Guthrie	UNC-Wilmington
Brianna Lewis	UNC-Pembroke
Sarah Swain	University of Mt. Olive

Sarah Swain was also awarded the Geraldine Mayo Beveridge Vocational Scholarship. The 7 scholarships total \$14,000.

### **Leadership Workshop**

On May 16, Meg Bradford, June Merrill, Cathy Neagle, Joanne Rittschof, and Anne Upchurch participated in the Region 7B Leadership Workshop held at King's in Kinston. Legislative techniques and a yearly calendar of activities for local units were shared with the group. Executive Director Tom Bennett did a power point presentation on Social Security, Medicare, and Public Pensions. The workshop ended with local units making their own plans for membership recruitment and development.

### **Retirement Seminar**

A Retirement Seminar was held at East Carteret High School on May 22 to help those considering retirement with decisions about their future. Coupled with the brochure project, it was a great opportunity for President June Merrill to speak to the group about joining the retiree organization. Other members helping with the event included Jane Burbella, Rita Mullins, Cathy Neagle, Ardith Propst, Joanne Rittschof, Anne Upchurch, Nancy Ustach, and June Vann.

### **NCRSP State Convention**

Three members – June Merrill, Cathy Neagle, and Anne Upchurch -- attended State Convention and brought home 2 state awards: the Legislative Starlight Award and the Betty Huffman Recognition Award.

Carteret County contributed \$193 to the NC Foundation for Public School Children; this was included in Region 7B's donation of \$1, 194. The Silent Auction held at the convention brought in \$2,316, and the 50/50 drawing yielded \$552. The total amount given by **NCRSP** to the Foundation was \$13,551.

**If you find any error(s) in the new directory, please call or email Cathy Neagle.**

### **Cathy's Nomination for WOY**

Cathy Neagle has been nominated for The League of Women Voters 2018 Woman of the Year. She is competing with 5 other nominees. The winner will be announced on August 23 when the League celebrates Women's Equality Day. We are proud of Cathy's accomplishments and appreciate her contributions to education both as an active teacher and as a retiree.

### **Legislative Recognition Luncheon**

The Region 7B Legislative Recognition Luncheon was held on April 9, 2018, with 7 members attending from Carteret County: Meg Bradford, George Burbella, Unita Hayden, June Merrill, Rita Mullins, Cathy Neagle, and Anne Upchurch. Nearly 100 retirees gathered at King's in Kinston to listen to the 6 legislators who were kind enough to come and share information on what to expect in the coming year.

Though diverse in their views, Senators Don Davis and Louis Pate and Representatives George Cleveland, George Graham, Pat McElraft, and Larry Strickland showed concern for NC's retired teachers.

Many thanks go to Kever Clark of Onslow County and Anne Upchurch of Carteret County for planning such a successful event.

### **NCRSP Officers 2018-2020**

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