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DISTRICT OF THE YEAR - District 65 was named District of the Year in the 1000 to 1500-member category at the SEANC state convention in Greensboro in September. The award was based on a scrapbook member Lynn Tuthill put together chronicling the district's membership and community service activities during the 2014-2015 year. These included a membership blitz, making Christmas trees and wreaths for the elderly, adopting two children at Christmas through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Adopt a Street, and the Ronald McDonald House; and sponsoring Pitt County Relay for Life team.

SEANC District 65 ECU State Employees Vendor Fair

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
11 am - 2 pm
East Carolina Heart Institute at ECU
Conference Rooms A-D
115 Heart Drive • Greenville

EVERYTHING IS FREE!

FREE Lunch to the first 100 state employees who show their ECU 1Card, SEANC ID or valid state employee ID!

The first 100 also get a **FREE Prudential shopping tote** stuffed full of coupons!

ALL 36 of our vendors have donated gifts for our door prize drawing!

For more information contact Lynn Tuthill at tuthill@ecu.edu or 744-3284.

New Year, New SEANC

A message from Chairwoman Alicia Simpson

This past year has been a very eventful year for us all. There are so many challenges that we have faced, and there are so many changes that are ahead of us. With a strong membership, we can face the issues that lie ahead.



Alicia Simpson

We all worked very hard this year, and it really matters for all of our State Employees of NC. As a result of your efforts, we grew in numbers as a whole, legislatures reasoned with a bonus for the state employees, and SEANC has the honor of having a new Executive Director, Mitch Leonard. Yes, we are still striving to maintain a successful membership and organization, and that is why we need each of you to become involved in some way. I know from all the recent events it will take some time to adjust to the changes but let's move forward and strive to make SEANC a better organization for all.



CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT: District 65 members, friends and family got together on Dec. 8 to transform wire coat hangers, garland, and strings of lights into 14 miniature Christmas trees. The group also made two wreaths and a tree out of a tomato cage. The trees and wreaths were donated to some local nursing homes: Red Oak Assisted Living Facility, Golden Living, Ayden Court, and the East Carolina Wellness Center to help brighten the resident's rooms for Christmas. Pictured from left are District Chairperson Alicia Simpson, Cynthia Hart, Laranda Boone, Cathy Collins, Celeste Little, Karen Simmons, Debbie Austin, Angela Easter, Marguerite Latham and Lynn Tuthill.

Stay Informed!

We are on Facebook: Seanc Districtsixtyfive
AND we have a Bulletin Board
on the SEANC website:

<http://www.seanc.org/membership/districts/bulletin-boards/district-65/>

District 65 well represented at state level

Four members of District 65 currently serve at the state level of SEANC. Gloria Evans was elected second vice president at the state convention in September. Her duties include serving in the absence or incapacity of the first vice president, serving as an ex-officio member of state standing committees, and as a member of the SEANC Planning Committee. She served as state treasurer during the 2014-2015 year.

As chairwoman of District 65, Alicia Simpson automatically serves on the SEANC Board of Governors, which meets quarterly to supervise and control the affairs of SEANC.

Bill Dawson serves on the Retiree Council, which is responsible for recommending a course of action on retiree issues to the president and Board of Governors. The council also identifies policy platform issues regarding retirees.

Lastly, Cynthia Hart is Area R Employees Political Action Committee (EMPAC) chairperson, representing District 64 and District 65. EMPAC influences the nomination and election of candidates for public office who support SEANC and educate SEANC members and the candidates on issues affecting state employees.



SALVTION ARMY ANGEL TREE PROJECT: District 65 "adopted" two children in December through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. Gifts totaling \$150 each were purchased for a four-year-old girl and a one-year-old boy based on lists provided by the children. "It's a lot of fun to go shopping for little ones knowing how excited they will be when they open up their gifts," said Lynn Tuthill, Volunteer Coordinator. Pictured with the gifts are: (from left) Cynthia Hart, Alicia Simpson, Gloria Evans, Doris Whitaker, Debbie Austin, Lina Johnson and Lynn Tuthill.

District 65 Executive Board

5:30 pm monthly meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Thomas Professional Offices Building

1605 W. Arlington Blvd., Greenville

ALL SEANC MEMBERS WELCOME!