

Blue Ridge News

SEANC District 3: Serving Avery, Mitchell & Watauga Counties

Win \$20,000!

Come play in the 16th Annual Lois W. Forrester Memorial Golf Tournament Thursday, May 11, and you may go home \$20,000 richer!

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Community Service

SEANC District 3 continues to support many of the nonprofit organizations in our local communities, a few of which are highlighted here.

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Message from the Chair

"SEANC membership matters."



What is SEANC? SEANC is the State Employees Association of North Carolina and is a member-controlled and -driven organization.

- The Mission Statement: "SEANC is committed to protecting and enhancing the rights and benefits of current, retired and future state employees."
- The Purpose Statement: "Employees are the most important part of state government's resources!"

SEANC membership matters. SEANC is your voice with the NC General Assembly to "fight" for salaries, working conditions and benefits. Thank you for being a member of SEANC District 3. I

invite you to frequently visit the District 3 Bulletin Board located on the SEANC website to keep informed on important issues, particularly those legislatively related: www.SEANC.org/districts/3.

SEANC membership includes many merchant discounts, additional affordable insurance options, and other membership benefits. Visit www.SEANC.org for more information regarding these benefits.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming 16th Annual Lois W. Forrester Memorial Scholarship on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Boone Golf Club, sponsored by District 3. This tournament is a fund raising activity for scholarships and local community service activities.

Current employees and retirees are welcome to attend our district meetings. Please check the bulletin board for meeting dates in February, May, June and July. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns. I may not know the answers, but I know who to contact to get them.

Best wishes to you for a productive and safe 2023 year.

Teresa Johnson
SEANC District 3 Chair

Upcoming Events



Tuesday, February 28, 6 p.m.
SEANC District 3 Executive Board Meeting, Mike's Inland Seafood, Boone. Zoom will start at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m.
Golf Tournament pre-party and dinner. Applebee's, Boone.

Thursday, May 11, 16th
Annual Lois W. Forrester Memorial Golf Tournament, Boone Golf Course

Tuesday, May 23, 6 p.m.
SEANC District 3 Executive Board Meeting at Banner Elk Cafe. Zoom will start at 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20, 6 p.m.
SEANC District ANNUAL MEETING at Dan'l Boone Inn. Zoom will begin at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 25, 6 p.m. SEANC District 3 Executive Board Meeting, Mike's Inland Seafood, Boone. Zoom will start at 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 7-10, SEANC Convention, Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons, 3121 West Gate City Blvd., Greensboro.

15th Annual Tourney a Success



1st PLACE TEAM: Chris Carrigan, C.J. Stephens, Tripp Shaw, Dan Shanahan

Mark your calendar: The 16th Annual Lois W. Forrester Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by District 3, will be held Thursday, May 11 at Boone Golf Club.

The 15th Annual Lois W. Forrester Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by District 3, was held May 5, 2022, at Boone Golf Club. The tournament has been named in memory of Lois W. Forrester. Lois was very active in SEANC at the state level and locally in District 3, and she was the founder of District 3's annual golf tournament. Lois courageously battled cancer, and this tournament is named in her honor to memorialize her commitment and love for her family, friends, community and to SEANC.

It was a great day for golf, and there were 13 teams participating.

Events such as this support local and state community service activities and the local SEANC scholarship fund. This fund provides scholarships, locally and across the state, to active and associate



SEANC members, their spouses and children, to attend technical schools, community colleges, trade schools, junior colleges, or four-year colleges or universities on a full-time basis. After all of the bills were paid, over \$5,000 was raised for scholarships and community service activities of SEANC District 3.



2nd PLACE TEAM & HIGH COUNTRY CUP WINNER for Boone Golf Club: Mike Fletcher, Darryl Cook, Gary Drinnon, Larry Nance

CLOSEST TO THE PIN WINNERS:

- #3 – Gary Drinnon
- #8 – Tripp Shaw
- #11 – Jamie Robinson
- #16 – Marc Strickland

LONGEST DRIVE WINNERS:

- Men's – Mark Anderson
- Senior's – Mike Fletcher
- Women's – McKenna Anderson



Scholarships Awarded



Scholarship Chair Robin Greene presents award to Olivia Biddix

District 3 awarded six scholarships last year. \$500 Merit awards went to **Amanda Wilson** from Mitchell HS (going to UNC-A) and **Cady Donadio** from Watauga HS (going to ASU). **Cristian Hamilton** (going to UNC-A) and **Ethan Campbell** (going to Middlebury College in VT), both from



Hamilton

Watauga HS, won \$1,000 Merit scholarships. **Annali Silver** from Mitchell HS (going to Gardner Webb U) also was awarded a \$1,000 Merit scholarship. **Olivia Biddix** from Mitchell HS (going to UNC-CH) was awarded not only a \$1,000 Financial Need scholarship from District 3 but also a \$1,200 scholarship from the SEANC Scholarship Foundation.



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2022 Legislative Victories

- » **3.5% pay increase for most state employees.**
- » **4% one-time supplement for retirees.**
- » **Minimum wage increase for non-certified school employees to \$15 per hour.**
- » **Longevity pay maintained for active state employees.**
- » **Protection of employees personnel records.**
- » **State Health Plan was fully funded. No premium increase for the fifth consecutive year.**
- » **Teachers & State Employees Retirement system fully funded. Employer contribution is now 17.38%.**
- » **Opportunity for employees to use or cash in special bonus leave benefits that accrued.**

Community Service Projects

District 3 supports a community service project every month in Avery, Mitchell, and Watauga Counties. In addition to supporting the EMS and Law Enforcement Appreciation activities for each county, clean and empty medicine bottles were given to the Hunger and Health Coalition for their pharmacy to use. The bottles have been collected by SEANC members for the past several months. Morgan Brear and Amber Roark are pharmacy technicians who work diligently to assist those who are financially unable to obtain medicine. District 3 Community Service Committee members Teresa Canton, Robin Greene, and Janice Smith stopped by their office to make the presentation.



Teresa Johnson presents a check for \$200 to Charlie Norris, representing DAV Chapter 90, as District 3 members Karen Krider, Pat Reighard, and Teresa Canton look on.



District 3 donated unopened, non-perishable items to the SECU Family House in Winston-Salem, which provides an amazing service to those in need of a place to stay when family members are being treated at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Above is Guest Services rep Olivia accepting the donation from Teresa Johnson.

Insurance Checklist

You can prepare for life's uncertainties and gain peace of mind by finding a SEANC Insurance program that fits your needs and your budget. Whether you are expecting your first child or retiring from a lifetime of public service, a big change can influence how much financial protection your family needs. Start today and take advantage of SEANC's group rates! Payroll deduction is available through most state agencies and the state retirement system. To find out more, you can explore the insurance FAQs, see an overview of all SEANC insurance programs, or select the plans you're interested in by going to the SEANC Insurance website: <https://www.seanc.org/insurance>

- Accident
- Accidental Death & Dismemberment
- Auto/Home
- BenExtend (Aflac)
- Cancer (Colonial Life)
- Critical Illness with Cancer
- Dental
- Disability
- Final Expense/Whole Life (Gerber Life)
- Final Expense/Whole Life (MassMutual Life)
- Hospital Confinement Indemnity (Colonial Life)
- Legal Plan
- Identity Protection
- Long-term Care
- Pet
- Permanent/Whole Life (Boston Mutual)
- Term Life (Boston Mutual)
- Vision

