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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

With the historical election of North Carolina's first female governor and the nation's first African-American President, it overwhelmingly confirms that the citizens of our great state and nation are ready for change. In these hard economic times, we need leaders that we can look to, to take us in a new direction.

This year, as District 65 Chair, I hope to be a leader that can meet that same standard. Having been an employee of ECU and a SEANC member for 18 years, I have personally viewed the ups and downs that this organization and state employees have had to endure. Through all of it, SEANC has been the only voice that state employees could depend on to speak out to the General Assembly to secure increases in pay and benefits, and, just as importantly, to protect and help us keep what we have already earned. We are extremely fortunate to have two of the best lobbyists in the state on the SEANC staff that work tirelessly at the Legislature on our behalf. I personally want to thank them for their hard work, long hours, and dedication to the membership of SEANC and District 65

This year, I'd like to see our district make history and become a leader in membership recruitment. I challenge each and every District 65 member to recruit one new member this year - that's right, just ONE new member. It sounds like an easy goal, right? But the end result would be one never accomplished by any other district. Our strength is in our membership, so let's work hard to build that strength bigger and better than ever before.

And why do I have complete faith that our district can attain this goal? It's because we have the hardest working and most creative and talented board in the state. Working as a team, our district has not only become financially sound, but has set a standard in reaching out to the community. Through Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, and our scholarship fundraising efforts, just to name a few, we have helped our fellow North Carolinians and put District 65 on the map. I encourage each and every District 65 member to get involved in the district in whatever way you can, whether it be through membership recruitment, MAT training, EMPAC donations, or community service projects. And don't forget what SEANC has to offer you in return not only a strong voice in the

Legislature, but great deals on member discounts, insurance products and college scholarships.

Please come join in on the fun and fellowship at our monthly district meetings, held the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Willis Building. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and willingness to lend a hand.

Thank you for your continued support of SEANC, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

District 65 is on the move Let's go get 'em, District 65! Arrghhh!

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Check out the SEANC webpage
www.seanc.org
or

DISTRICT 65 webpage www.freewebs.com/ seancdistrict65/

or

District 65 Bulletin Board www.seanc.org/districts/65

UPCOMING EVENTS

D65 Membership Drive

November 12, 2008 7:30AM -11:30 PM Brody 2W-50 **Christmas Tree Making**

November 17th, 2008
Thomas Professional Building
1605 W Arlington Blvd
5:30—9:00 pm

Board Meeting

November 18, 2008 Willis Building 5:30pm-6::30pm **Christmas Social**

December 10, 2008 Brody 2W-50

Club Rudolph

December 12, 2008

SCHOLARSHIPS DEBBIE AUSTIN

Scholarship Applications

In January 2009 it will be time to apply for the 2009 Scholarship applications. The College Scholar ship Program is eligible to active SEANC members, their spouses, and dependent children.

Scholarship Awards Criteria

Category I: Financial Need
Category II: Merit (excludes
financial need)

Category III: SEANC Member Only (not spouses or dependents), who are full-time state employees enrolled in at least six semester hours of undergraduate work at an accredited post-secondary institution (includes college, trade,



technical, community college or graduate school.)

Applicants for SEANC Scholarships must be enrolled at, or have applied to a recognized and accredited post secondary school, college, university, trade school or other institution of higher learning.

Applicants may not be restricted because of curriculum choice, sex, age, race, ethnic background,

religious beliefs or political affiliation.

Additional information may be obtained from Debbie Austin, 744-2205 or from the Raleigh Central Office, P.O. Drawer 27727 Raleigh, NC 27611 or call 800-222-2758. You may also download an application at www.seanc.org

Applications are due by April 15, 2009

Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting in **June 2009**

MEMBER DISCOUNT DEBBIE GARDNER

Any member who wants to list their business with the 59,000 members of SEANC or if you patronize a business that you would like to receive a discount from and in return they get free advertising, please contact Debbie Gardner for details at: gardnerd@ecu.edu. You may

access the SEANC website for all the discounts given by businesses in our area and across the state.



2009 DINING GUIDES DEBBIE AUSTIN/LYNN TUTHILL

Please contact Debbie Austin at 744-2205 or Lynn Tuthill at 744-3284 if you are interested in getting a book. **ECU - SEANC District 65** is now offering the NEW 2009 Eastern NC edition of the **Attractions™** Dining and Value Guide to you!

The Eastern NC edition features hundreds of **BUY ONE GET ONE**

FREE offers and thousands of dollars in valuable savings to you and your family and friends for only \$25.00! The *Attractions™ Dining and Value Guide* has something for everyone.

THEY WILL MAKE GREAT GIFTS!



MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

Wednesday November 12, 2008

7:30 AM – 11:30 AM Brody 2W-50

Members & Potential New Members are Invited

New Members and Attendees will be eligible for a \$25 gift card

State Level Representative will be available to answer questions!

Take advantage of this opportunity to get life insurance as an employee and insurance for your entire family without medical questions! This is very good news for people who have pre-existing medical problems.

RELAY FOR LIFE DEBBIE AUSTIN AND LYNN TUTHILL

SEANC District 65 will have two teams this year to participate in Relay for Life (SEANC Purple Crusaders & SEANC Gold Crusaders). Relay for life is an event to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. This event begins at 4:00 pm on Friday April 24th and lasts through April 25th.

Each team member is asked to raise \$150. Our teams do group fundraisers to help raise the money. We have planned baked sales in the Brody hallway, car washes, dress down days, and yard sales. These events will be announced via email.

If you are interested in being on a team, please contact one of the team captains: Debbie Austin at 744-2205, or Lynn Tuthill at 744-3284. The event will be held at South Central High school.

Relay for Life is an exciting community gathering, where everyone can participate in the fight against cancer. fighting cancer is a team effort. The strength of people coming together for a common cause is greater that the strength of one.

For more information check out: www.relayforlife.org/pitt



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES LYNN TUTHILL

KIDS MEAL TOYS

If you are interested in setting up a box up in your area to collect kids meal toys, please contact Lynn Tuthill at 744-3284. When the box is full we deliver throughout the year to Greenville Pediatrics and the Greenville Community shelter at Christmas for the kids.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

SEANC District 65 helps habitat for humanity. Our district will be setting a date in the mid year to help with this project. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Lynn Tuthill. You also get to meet new people and work together as a team. Helping someone build their future home.





DRINK TABS

SEANC District 65 is collecting pull tabs to donate to a SEANC member that is fighting the battle of cancer. If you

are interested in setting up a container in your break area please Lynn Tuthill Volunteer Action Chair, 744-3284 and we will provide you with a container and label. The tabs are turned in in exchange for money that helps to pay for patients and their family to stay at the Ronald McDonald house. This is a year round fundraiser, so as your container gets full, we will provide you with another.

ADOPT A STREET

SEANC District 65 has adopted a street to clean up on Arlington Boulevard between Dickinson Avenue and Memorial Drive. Volunteers are needed for this project that we do twice a year. Please contact Lynn Tuthill at 744-3284 if you are interested in volunteering.



SEANC District 65

will be making
Miniature Christmas Trees
on November 17, 2008
from 5:30 pm till 9:00 pm

Thomas Professional Building, Lobby 1st Floor

If you would be interested in volunteering for this project please contact Lynn Tuthill, Volunteer Action Chair at 744-3284 or via email tuthilll.ecu.edu

Items you will need to purchase and bring to make the tree are the following items:

6 white wire clothes hangers that are all the same
1 strand 50 Multi-Color lights will be fine
1 strand of 30 ft FULL Garland (2-15 ft Full strands will be okay to put together)
40 Bread or Trash Ties

1 6ft drop cord (this will be donated with the tree because the cord is not very long from the bottom of the tree)

We can also make some trees with no lights to make it easier

for residents to sit around in their rooms

These trees will be donated to a Nursing Home in Greenville to help decorate the rooms of some of the residents

Light Refreshments will be served!!

Come Join in the fun and for a great cause!

Thank you for your support and helping support your district!

CLUB RUDOLPH PROGRAM

The Club Rudolph Program is a program to make sure that children at the shelter have a Special Holiday season. These children may not have their own home, however, we still would like for them to have a wonderful holiday.

Every year District 65 adopts two siblings from the Greenville Community Shelter. We get a wish list of items the children would like: clothes (sizes listed), toys, games, etc. Our district spends \$100 on each child. One hundred dollars doesn't go very far these days, so we ask for help from our members.

Sometimes departments go in together and buy the items or we have had members donate money to add to the \$100.00 spent on each child. If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding project, please contact Lynn Tuthill, Volunteer Action Chair at 744-3284 to get a



list of the items needed. The items need to be turned in by December 12th so that they can be delivered to the shelter in time for Christmas. They ask that the items are new and unwrapped and labeled for each child. Thank you for helping make the holidays special for children of families with limited resources.

BENEVOLENCE EVELYN HINNANT

District 65 members acknowledge the sick, shut in, and grievance. So, if you know of any members that are experiencing any difficulties such as these, please contact Evelyn Hinnant at 758-1884 for more information.

YOUTH COUNCIL ALICIA SIMPSON

Youth Council is focused on the youth, but does not discriminate against any state employee. This is an opportunity for young people to discuss their future with the state and how they can help make a change in their lives and future state employees. For more information, please contact Alicia Simpson at 744-1014.



You are invited
To
SEANC District 65
Christmas Social

Join friends, eat great food, win gifts, and share holiday cheer!

Wednesday December 10, 2008 5:00pm-7:00pm Brody School of Medicine 2W-50

Please call Shirley Williams, Hospitality Chair at 744-1408, Alicia Simpson, Membership Chair at 744-1014 or Lynn Tuthill, Volunteer Chair at 744-3284, or Del Kingsland, Chair at 328-1240





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We are on the WEB www.freewebs.com/ seancdistrict65/

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