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SEANC Scholarship deadline is April 15

The deadline to apply for a SEANC scholarship is less than a month away. Applications must be postmarked or in the hands of the district scholarship chairman by Monday, April 15.

The scholarship program is one of the many benefits of SEANC membership. Active and associate members, their spouses and dependent children are eligible to apply.

District 65 awards scholarships in the following categories:

Financial Need (based on academic performance, school and community activities, character, motivation and financial need), one \$600 award to a four-year college student and one \$400 award to a two-year college student;

Merit (based on academic performance, school and community activities, character and motivation), one \$600 award to a four-year college student and one \$400 award to a two-year college student;

Five scholarships totaling \$2400 will be awarded based on financial need and merit.

Member Only (based on SEANC service, career objectives, community involvement, personal statement, and recommendations.) Members must be working full time and enrolled in at least six semester hours of undergraduate or three hours of graduate work at an accredited

postsecondary institution (includes college, trade, technical, community college and graduate school). One \$400 award will be given.

All local winners are entered in the state competition. The number and amounts of scholarships the state presents are determined each year by the SEANC Scholarship Foundation Board.

Applications may be downloaded from <http://www.seanc.org/membership/scholarship.aspx>.

The District 65 Scholarship Chairperson is Debbie Austin. For more information, contact her at 252-744-2205 or austinde@ecu.edu.

Purple, Gold Crusaders prepare for Relay



Members of the Purple and Gold Crusaders Relay for Life Teams are pictured during a recent fundraiser at Brrrberry's: from left, Lynn Tuthill, Deanne Smith, Stasia Austin, Debbie Austin, Neichelle Bell, and Adorian Bell. Volunteers also wrapped Christmas presents at Kinston Mall during the month of December. Relay for Life will be held at South Central High School on April 26 and 27. If you are interested in joining a team or making a donation, contact team captains Debbie Austin at 744-2205 or Lynn Tuthill at 744-3284. When you walk to end cancer at Relay for Life, it's your opportunity to not only honor cancer survivors and remember loved ones lost, but also raise money for research to help end cancer.



Theresa Cieslinski, left, with Christy the dog, and Lynn Tuthill, Volunteer Action chairperson, right, and Mr. Brown, prepare to load the items collected through Parker's Paws to help keep shelter animals warm.

District 65 partners with Parker's Paws

District 65 is partnering with Parker's Paws for a Cause to collect towels and other items for shelter animals.

"Blankets, rugs, towels, pillows, bathrobes, flannels, jackets, sweatshirts and doggie beds were just a few of the items we collected to keep the sheltered and rescued animals as warm as possible," said Lynn Tuthill, District 65 Volunteer Action chairperson. "We also went a step above and collected a few toys and some food for these needy animals."

Parker's Paws is a non-profit animal rescue group of volunteers who are committed to saving animals from shelters by finding them loving homes. If you would like to help, contact Julie Braswell, founder of Parkers Paws, by email: abnjb1@gmail.com or find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ParkersPaws>.

District 65 will continue to collect used items for Parker's Paws. If you have something you would like to donate, contact Tuthill at 744-3284.

Ongoing projects

One of District 65's ongoing fund raisers is the sale of Attractions Dining and Value Guide coupon books for \$25. To view the book, go to www.attractionsbook.com and look for ECU-State Employees Assoc. of NC.

To purchase a book, contact Lynn Tuthill at tuthilll@ecu.edu or 744-3284, or any member of the board.

District 65 also collects pull tabs from soda cans and kid meal toys for the Ronald McDonald House. If you have any you would like to donate, contact Lynn Tuthill or any board member.

District 65 has its own Facebook page!

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District 65 Chairperson Gloria Highsmith and Casper Evans were married on March 19 at sunset on the Big Island of Hawaii. Casper proposed to Gloria in September during the awards banquet at the SEANC annual meeting in Greensboro. The board surprised Gloria with a bridal shower after the meeting on March 12 and wishes the happy couple all the best!

ATTENTION RETIREES!

Join SEANC Lobbyist Chuck Stone to learn how you can improve your retiree security. It's free! Discussion topics will include Social Security, Medicare, State Health Plan and the NC Retirement System.

**Friday, April 19 • 2-4 pm • ECU School of Medicine
Brody Building, second floor, Room 2W38
600 Moye Blvd. Greenville, NC**

Please RSVP by April 16 to Tiffany Woodard at 1-800-222-2758

January Minutes

January 15, 2013

A December board meeting was not held due to the Holiday Social.

Membership: Alicia Simpson said she will be attending six district meetings; two districts have already planned membership events.

Plans were made for a Membership Blitz next month on campus near housekeeping, possibly Mendenhall, at a time that overlaps both shifts.

Special Guest La'Taun Danns, East Member Action Coordinator, said seven members joined at the Holiday Social.

Volunteer Action: Lynn Tuthill asked for help in selling the Dining Guide coupon books. She announced that \$1000 was raised for Relay for Life

by wrapping gifts in December at the Kinston mall. Registration fee for Relay for Life is \$10; see Tuthill to register. She also encouraged members to donate items to Parker's Paws.

EMPAC: Bill Dawson said Stanley Drewery was elected chairman and Gene Mills vice chairman of Area 13.

Youth Council: Laranda Boone requested the board donate \$25 to the Ronald McDonald House. The motion was made and seconded.

March Minutes

March 12, 2013

The Membership Blitz on Feb. 19 took the place of the February board meeting.

Chairman's Report: After attending the Board of Governor's meeting in February, Highsmith said members are

concerned about State Treasurer Janet Cowell and the surcharges she would like to add to the State Health Plan. She also said Governor Pat McCrory seems to be open to working with SEANC.

Plans were made to have a workshop for retirees on April 19 from 2-4 pm with Chuck Stone as the presenter. District 64 will be invited to co-host.

A motion was made and seconded to set up a table at the Staff Senate event on April 17 to recruit new members.

Volunteer Action: Lynn Tuthill said registration for Relay for Life is still open, and thanked everyone for such a great response to Parker's Paws. She invited members to continue to donate items for the ongoing project.

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