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# The Sounder

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## Awards, donations highlight annual meeting



District 65 held its annual meeting on June 16 at G&K Cafe in Greenville. Gloria Evans was re-elected chairperson of District 65. Her fourth term begins on October 1. See chart below for the complete board. A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of \$500 checks to Riley's Army, Habitat for Humanity and Ladies of Purpose. Pictured above from left are Jean Adams of Riley's Army, Chelsey Waters and Jake Smith of Habitat, and Tina Shelley, Ladies of Purpose. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Joanne Tyson, a District 65 member since 1992, for her work with Relay for Life and the Ronald McDonald House. She is pictured below with Lynn Tuthill. Karen Simmons, communications chairperson, was presented the Member of the Year Award for her participation throughout the year and help with district newsletters, flyers, and the bulletin board.



### District 65 2014-2015 Board of Directors

- Chairperson - Gloria Evans
- Vice Chairperson/Membership - Alicia Simpson
- Secretary - Lina Johnson
- Treasurer/Scholarships - Debbie Austin
- Parliamentarian/Nominations - Val George
- Auditor - Camilla Dawson
- Policy Platform - Mary Johnson
- Communications - Karen Simmons
- Insurance - Doris Wrighten
- Volunteer Action/Historian - Lynn Tuthill
- Youth Council - Laranda Boone
- Member Strength - Jessica Mitchell
- Bylaws - Tammy Heller
- EMPAC - Bill Dawson
- Benevolent - Evelyn Hinnant
- Delegate - Celeste Little
- Delegate - Cynthia Hart

## Scholarships awarded

Scholarship Chairperson Debbie Austin, left, presented a scholarship to Thomas Cowan on behalf of District 65 during the annual meeting. He plans to attend Darlington Technical College to become a diesel service technician. Also receiving scholarships were Samantha Lilley, who plans to attend North Carolina State University; Maija Smith, Appalachian State University; and Jacob Stocks, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A total of \$2000 in scholarships was awarded. Lilley and Thomas were also state scholarship winners.



## May Minutes

April 20, 2014

The board of directors met on April 20 at the Thomas Professional Building in Greenville. Chairperson Gloria Highsmith Evans called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Members present were Lynn Tuthill, Debbie Austin, Alicia Simpson, Karen Simmons, Lina Johnson, Camilla Dawson, Bill Dawson, and Celest Little.

Excused absences: Mary Johnson, Cynthia Brown, Cynthia Hart, Val George, Jessica Mitchell, Tammy Heller, and Doris Wrighten.

Alicia announced that she had sent our three new members a welcome email.

Special guest Latina Shelley, a District 64 member, gave a presentation about her organization, Ladies with a Purpose, which helps victims of domestic violence.

Motions were made and seconded to:

- mail a flyer to our retirees about the blood drive and annual meeting.
- donate \$500 to Gloria to use in her campaign for state treasurer.
- invite Latina to speak at our annual meeting about Ladies with a Purpose and present her with \$500.
- donate \$500 to Riley's Army at our annual meeting
- donate \$500 to Habitat for Humanity at our annual meeting

Plans were finalized for the Blood Drive on June 14.

The next meeting will be the district's annual meeting at G&K Cafe on June 16.



### ECU Fitness Walk

Tiffany Woodard, Lynn Tuthill and Gloria Evans manned a table on April 9 at the ECU faculty/staff fitness walk. They passed out lots of valuable information about SEANC, signed up two new members, and collected names for future recruiting from a \$25 gift card drawing.



### Ronald McDonald House

District 65 members prepared a meal for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville on March 26. Pictured above from left are Lynn Tuthill, Linda Nelson, Linda Stepps (volunteer), Joanne Tyson, Bill Dawson, Camilla Dawson and Debbie Austin. District 65 also collects drink tabs to help offset some of the costs incurred by the house. In the photo at right, Debbie Austin, Doris Wrighten and Lynn Tuthill gather tabs collected during the past year.





#### **ANNUAL TELETHON**

*District 65 members (from left to right) Debbie Austin, Conya Owens, Brenda Boklage, James Willis, and Lynn Tuthill volunteered during the Children's Miracle Network Annual Telethon on May 30 and June 1. The total raised during the weekend was \$1,775,481, all of which stays in eastern North Carolina to provide much needed programs, equipment and services for children in the 29 counties Vidant serves.*

## **District 65 and Habitat for Humanity *TOGETHER for a great cause!***



Help us build a home for a needy family!

**WHEN: Saturday, August 2, 2014**

**TIME: 8 am to 1 pm**

**LOCATION: TBA**

**REQUIRED SKILLS: none**

**Lunch will be provided by District 65**

If you are interested in volunteering, contact:  
Lynn Tuthill, Volunteer Action chairperson  
744-3284 or [tuthilll@ecu.edu](mailto:tuthilll@ecu.edu).



District 65'S SEANC Purple and Gold Crusaders participated in the Pitt County Relay for Life on April 4-5 in Winterville for their 20th year in a row. The team was made up of SEANC members, their families and friends. Together they raised approximately \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society from various fundraisers held throughout the year. Pictured are (from left back row: Alesia Warren, Debbie Austin, Stasia Austin, Deanne Smith, Inga Jones, Joanie Tyson, Martha Latham, Adorian Bell, Dorothy Andrews, Neichelle Bell, Gloria Evans: front row: Tanya Cannon, Lynn Tuthill, Tasia Andrews, Haley Clayborne, and Seth Tuthill. Team Members not pictured: Linda Sawyer, Linda Nelson, Jamie Charles, Conya Owens, Brenda Boklage, and Fred Austin.



## CASH RAFFLE!



**GRAND PRIZE**  
**\$6,000**

**FIRST PRIZE**  
**\$3,000**

**SECOND PRIZE**  
**\$1,000**

**Tickets \$1**

Contact: Debbie Austin  
252-744-2205  
austinde@ecu.edu  
or any District 65  
Board member

State Employees Association of North Carolina

*Thanks to your generosity, last year SEANC awarded 41 scholarships totaling \$33,500!*

**Drawing**  
**Sept. 6, 2014**

(Do not need to be present to win)



### BLOOD DRIVE

District 65 sponsored a blood drive on June 14 at the Eastern North Carolina Blood Donor Center in Greenville. We provided snacks, door prizes and coupons for those who gave blood. A total of 10 pints of blood were donated.

### WANTED: Hospitality Chairperson!

District 65 needs someone to coordinate refreshments and activities for our meetings, events and parties.

If interested, contact Gloria Evans at 744-9678 or [highsmithg@ecu.edu](mailto:highsmithg@ecu.edu).