



South Central District Newsletter

June 2005

### ***A Message from the President:***

Dear Association Members:

Thanks to each of you for your input and support of our professional association. We have what it takes to keep our association alive and recognized---TEAMWORK!!!! Again, thanks to Scotland County for hosting our Spring meeting. According to the schedule, we are looking forward to meeting in Stanly County for our Fall meeting.

In the meantime, there are a few DEADLINES that I would like to flag:

**May 1** was the deadline to Update the State Eligibility List; therefore, I will try to get that together as soon as possible and submit it to **Shelia Ange**. I would appreciate your input if you have any corrections, et cetera.

**June 1** information for the State newsletter is due to the State Public Relations Chairman.

**June 30** the State newsletter information should be posted to the web page.

**July 1** is the DEADLINE for South Central District Secretary of the Year Award. Please send nominations to **Denese Prevatte**; application is on line.

**August 5**—nominations are being accepted for the 2005 Secretary Awards of Excellence. This information can also be found on line.

**September 29-30, 2005** NCCESA State Meeting  
Durham, NC

As always, I welcome and appreciate any comments or suggestions that will benefit our association.

Sincerely,

Thetis Williams  
2004-2005 President

**News from Stanly County:**

Starla Harwood has decided to take advantage of the benefit of Tuition Waiver through the University and return to school to get a four year degree. She is a student at UNCC and has class every Saturday this semester. We are pleased that she has made this decision and support her wholeheartedly in this endeavor.

On December 3, 2004 Janet Mabry was installed as treasurer for Federation for the year 2005. The Meeting was held at the McSwain Extension Education Center in Lee County.



*Janet with Fellow Federation Officers*



*Janet Mabry, Federation Treasurer 2005*

### **News from Lee County:**

Donald and Kay Morton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 22, 2005. They aren't going on a big trip or anything because they are college poor!

### **News from Cumberland County:**

Grady McLeod Bowman, son of Merrilyn and Bill Bowman in Cumberland County, will graduate May 28 with a BFA in Dance (Bachelor of Fine Arts) from the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. After completing a year-long national tour with Fosse, Grady returned to Winston-Salem to complete his BFA.

### **News from Robeson County:**

WELCOME!

Penny McCartney joined Cooperative Extension as 4-H Secretary May 2, 2005. She was previously employed with Southeastern Regional Mental Health having worked there almost six years. Presently, she is taking courses at Robeson Community College. Penny is a native Robesonian, married, and has two children (boys) ages nine and seven. We are very pleased to have Penny as part of Extension and hopefully she will be here a long time. She does plan to become a member of our association.

### **News from Richmond County:**

Barbara retired from the Richmond County office in February of 2001. She received Honorary Membership in our association shortly after that. She's been busy with her family and interests since that time, but THAT'S NOT ALL!!

Barbara graduated May 9, 2005 with a CNA I & II associates degree from Richmond Community College with a perfect 4.0 grade average (GO BARBARA!!) She misses the great secretaries in our association and since her life seems to be slowing down a bit, hopes to be able to attend future district and state meetings. Barbara has been a great leadership example for the current staff. We're anxious to see more of her at our future associational gatherings!



*Barbara McLean (right) visits with Mary Bowles, 4-H agent, during a recent visit to the Richmond County extension office.*

### **News from Scotland County:**

On April 12, 2005, Cathy Lowery Graham (CED of Scotland County) and husband Vince became the proud parents of Peyton Asher Graham. Peyton weighed in at 9 lbs. 12 oz and measured 22 ½ inches long! Congratulations!!



*Scotland Secretary Annie Freeman holding Peyton*



*All ready to go!!*