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Dates to Remember

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

WINTER MEETING Zoom - February 3, 2023

SUMMER MEETING Greensboro - June 19, 2023

SNA OF NC MEETINGS COMMITTEE DAYS

Zoom - November 18, 2023 Greensboro - May 12, 2023 *(Tentatively)*

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SEMINAR Greensboro - June 20, 2023

NEW HORIZONS TRADE SHOW Greensboro - June 21, 2023

ANNUAL CONFERENCE Greensboro - June 21-22, 2023

SNA MEETINGS SCHOOL NUTRITION INDUSTRY CONFERENCE San Diego, CA - January 15-17, 2023

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CONFERENCE Washington, DC - March 5-7, 2023

SNA ANNUAL CONFERENCE Denver, CO - July 9-11, 2023

DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1 - November 19, 2022 District 2 - TBA - Spring 2023 District 3 - October 20, 2022 District 4 - TBA - Spring 2023 District 5 - October 27, 2022 District 6 - TBA - Spring 2023 District 7 - October 3, 2022 District 8 - TBA - Spring 2023

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS...

Don't forget to send in your re-affiliation forms for 2022 - 2023. The form can be found on our website, www.schoolnutrition-nc.org. Forms should be emailed at the start of each school year. Chapter packets will only be emailed to the chapter presidents who have sent in their 2022 -2023 re-affiliation forms. Email your re-affiliation forms to Dawn Roth at jbdfroth@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS

This year membership rosters will only be mailed in September/October 2022 and January/February 2023.

Chapter rosters can be requested at any time by SN Directors, Supervisors, Central Office Personnel or Chapter Presidents by simply e-mailing the Executive Director, Dawn Roth, at jbdfroth@aol.com.

National Dues to Increase on Oct. 1, 2022

The SNA Board of Directors recently approved an increase in the national member dues and processing fee, which goes into effect on October 1, 2022. National membership dues and the processing fee will increase as follows:

- Affiliate Employee/Affiliate Retired: From \$18 to \$20
- Employee/Student/ Retired: From \$36 to \$40
- **Manager:** From \$38 to \$42
- Director/Major City Director/Educator/State Agency/ Other: From \$130 to \$143
- **Processing Fee:** From \$2.50 to \$3.00

Edgecombe County Schools Feed Hungry Children

By Carol Lee

The School Nutrition Program of Edgecombe County Public Schools was riding in style this summer as we fed our children. Check out the new addition to our transportation vehicles. The signage captured the eyes of the children as we entered their neighborhoods. Thank you to Carolina Hungry Initiative and No Kid Hungry NC who helped make this possible.



A Message from our President ... Ruth McDowell

Proud to be Your Leader!!!

The School Nutrition Association is near and dear to my heart, and I am honored, humbled, and proud to be chosen by you to serve as your President. Thank you all for giving me this great opportunity and I promise to make you proud. I will need your help and support as we continue our work of feeding kids. I welcome your prayers, enthusiasm, and new ideas for the coming year. This is your organization, and I am counting on you to help strengthen and grow our membership. I am very fortunate to have a strong SNA-NC board that will work to implement our plan.

Our theme for this year is "Stir up your Gifts". We are in our third year of the pandemic and we have survived There is so much we have

to be thankful for so let's take this "season" and share our gifts with others. God gave us many gifts and talents and he wants us to share them with others. I have chosen five gifts for us to focus on throughout this school year. Those five gifts include: Resilience, Commitment, Enthusiasm, Grace, and Love.

In June, we held the SNA-NC Annual Conference, and the turnout was exceptional. We want to see that number increase next year. Remember this conference is for you and we want you to come back, bring a coworker and experience all that it has to offer.

Please plan to take advantage of the many awards and scholarship opportunities that exist within your SNA-NC membership. These awards and scholarships are designed to build upon current skill sets, knowledge, and experiences. Some scholarships offer

wonderful opportunities to network with peers across the nation at the Legislative Action Conference in Washington D.C. Other opportunities exist to gain leadership skills via the Future Leaders Program held in conjunction with the annual National



Leadership Conference. Whether it is for Employee, Manager, Supervisor or Director of the Year, Lunch Bell Award or any of the other scholarships, it would be awesome to have multiple applications for each and every award. If you have

> questions about how to apply, simply look on our web page at www. schoolnutrition-nc.org or reach out to any member of the Board of Directors. Your SNA-NC district meetings are another fantastic way to network, share your stories, and learn new skills.

I look forward to serving you and this association as your 2022-2023 state president. I am grateful my family could be at the SNA-NC June conference to



celebrate with me. I am looking forward to seeing you and visiting the eight SNA-NC districts as we celebrate with fun, fellowship, and friends. Our association will only be as strong as its members. We are all in this together.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be your voice this year. I promise to make you proud. If I can be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Ruth McDonnell

Ruth McDowell President, SNA-NC 2022-2023



Thank You Reggie!

Dr. Lynn Harvey presented Reggie Ross with a special token of appreciation from the Association in June at our Annual Conference. Reggie served as the 2020-2021 SNA President and made us all so proud.



Past President's Reflections...

By Dana Edwards, SNA-NC Past President

Bloom into your potential.... never did I know that my theme would mean so much to me and others during this year. Anyone that knows me well, knows my love for sunflowers. I knew that they had to be a part of my theme as President and so the process began.

Think about it, we all need to see the potential that we have within ourselves, however sometimes we can also see the potential in others, and we need to share that. Just that little nudge in the right direction is all that someone may need to know that they can fulfill their dreams.

Little did I know that this year "blooming" would be so different. I started off my year as President with a mix of virtual and in-person district meetings. We were glad to

move forward with both since everyone craved those "back to basics" meetings. Whether in-person or virtual, they all had great attendance and we enjoyed hearing my speaker, Julie Pittman, discuss her childhood love for school meals and the importance of those meals from a teacher standpoint. We are all in this together was the message normally taken from her amazing presentation. During this time, I had the pleasure of meeting so many new people, those that also love sunflowers, and those that asked for more information on how to grow through SNA. We watched District 1 attendees dance to a DJ, made a sunflower bird feeder in District 8 and painted a sunflower door hanger in District 5 meeting. I was also honored to receive a painting of my logo from a student in Davidson County Schools that I display in my office.

Let's not forget that I also changed jobs during this year. That's where this story gets even more exciting. Blooming into this next chapter in my School Nutrition career came in February when I accepted a position as Operations and Management Consultant for NCDPI. Some may say I was crazy to do this during my jam-packed year as President, however, I was thrilled to have been given this opportunity. Sometimes you may not know how much change is needed and will help you... there is where I bloomed into my potential and am truly blessed to be able to share that with all of you.

We began working on Annual Conference plans early in hopes of returning to those pre-pandemic days of hugs, handshakes, lots of pictures with friends from across NC and a huge trade show experience that we all were used to. This years' experience exceeded our expectations! Starting off with smiling faces of so many we missed the last couple of years to a huge number of vendors at our New Horizons Trade Show and then on to a full day of education sessions, this conference was everything I could have wished for! Not to forget that my conference speaker, Janine Stange, was shocked when we all finished her sentence "if you have time to lean, then you have time to clean" at our general session. I don't believe she realized that is definitely a southern saying too!

Now, as the sun sets on my President's year like a field full of sunflowers, we should always continue to plant those seeds of potential, water them with just the right amount of professional development, stand tall with your head held high and watch your. journey grow to where your

dreams may take you! Thank you for the memories, love and support this year!

Be blessed! Medward

Dana Edwards SNA-NC Past President







SNA-NC Annual Conference 2022 "Bloom Into Your Potential"

By Ruthie McDowell, Conference Chair

School nutrition professionals bloomed into life in Greensboro at the Koury Convention Center the week of June 20-24, 2022. The 2022 SNA-NC Annual Conference was on a mission to plant a garden filled with blooming opportunities led by our President, Dana Edwards.

Monday started off with Pre-Conference workshops highlighting the New School Nutrition Manager and the School Nutrition Administrator Refresher. Others were preparing for their Administrative Review with a workshop conducted by NCDPI. The 2021-2022 Board of Directors met to conduct business and review any last-minute conference changes.

Tuesday was another packed day of Pre-Conferences in addition to other sessions. NCDPI was hard at work finishing up their Administrative Review workshop. There was a very quiet room set aside for those taking

advantage of the SNS Credentialing Exam. **Chapter Presidents** and other association leaders attended the Chapter Leadership workshop where they joined in conversations with peers, asked questions about ways to make their chapters successful and what it takes to become a leader in SNA-NC. Culinary and Creative Arts participants from around the state were checking in and setting up to participate and compete in the Culinary Arts contest. Once recipe cards were in place; they could relax and enjoy the President's Reception, while the judges tasted and sampled









questions of the candidates which allowed members (especially first timers) an opportunity to get to know them better.

The Giant Scissors appeared, and President Dana Edwards cut the ribbon to open the 2022 New Horizons Trade Show. The show featured new and. current products from many vendors. The atmosphere was filled with great enthusiasm as attendees sampled and tasted products from gluten free cookies to whole grain breads. Our industry partners did a great job with the theme

the fantastic food and observed the creative art work that represent School Nutrition. A huge thank you to Jamie Narron, Culinary Arts Chair, Stephanie Hall, Creative Arts Chair, and their committee for reviving our Culinary & Creative Arts competition. You all did a fantastic job!

On Wednesday morning, participants who registered for the "Bloom Into a North Carolina Farm to School Chef" workshop, met and were transported to UNC-G to learn new cooking skills. Wednesday morning events also featured a "First Timers" session that also included a "Meet the Candidates" forum. Ruthie McDowell, President-elect and Janet Johnson, Vice President, asked





and making their booths very inviting. As the trade show was taking place, members were voting, spending money on wonderful items in the Endowment Raffle and at the country store. Also, the Delegate Assembly took place to vote on any changes in our SNA-NC Bylaws.

On Wednesday afternoon our first General Session started off with Janet and Ruthie welcoming everyone to the conference which included a few modifications and updates-followed by Dana, who officially kicked off the conference. We were then graced with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem featuring Mark Webb via video. Introductions of Past Presidents, the steering committee and slate of candidates were presented to attendees.

Our keynote speaker, Janine Stange, was introduced by Walter Beal. Janine is a motivational speaker, singer and on-air personality. Janine took us on a journey with



her as she talked about the pitfalls to goal and shared some life lessons that have helped her navigate her ultimate goal of singing the National Anthem in all 50 states. She also helped us uncover some of our own unique life missions and activate them to do what we can, with what we have, where we are.

On Wednesday night, back by popular demand, game night brought a crowd. We had so much fun dancing and playing games. The DJ was fantastic and played

music that appealed to everyone. Games included Corn Hole, Monster Jenga, Connect Four, Air Hockey, Mini Golf, various arcade games and we also had a Money Machine. We awarded prizes to the person that collected the most

money (fake) from the machine. Thank you to No Kid Hungry for sponsoring "Fun Night".

Thursday morning started off with the second general session. The session began with introduction of the Board of Directors. SNA updates were given by Chris Burkhardt, SNA Board Member, NCDPI updates by Dr. Lynn Harvey, NCDA updates by Walter Beal and Public Policy and Legislative updates by Gretchen Wilson. A recorded message from NCDPI Superintendent Catherine Truitt was very inspirational. We're glad to have her as one of our biggest supporters. Dana followed with an introduction of the Chapter Presidents. Senator Ernestine Bazemore, member of the North Carolina State Senate gave remarks and pledged to support School Nutrition legislation. Afterwards





Commissioner Steve Troxler brought

NCDA greetings and updates. Thursday afternoon participants had an opportunity to participate in educational mini sessions. Included in the mini sessions was "Make It, Take It" and that's always been one of their favorites. We were glad to bring that back this year. Thursday evening our conference concluded with our Awards Banquet. Our most distinguished awards were given and new officers were installed by National SNA Board Member, Chris Burkhardt. Congratulations to all of our winners! Dana then pinned our new president, Ruthie McDowell, and the gavel was passed. Ruthie shared with us her theme "Stir Up Your Gifts". She highlighted five of the many gifts that have been given to us by God. She told us not to sit on these gifts but to use them to help others. If we don't use our gifts, HE may take those gifts from us. The five gifts that we will

focus on this year are: Resilience, Commitment, Enthusiasm, Love, and Grace. I can't wait to see how the eight districts will implement our theme so we can better support our North Carolina children.

I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to our Steering Committee for all their hard work in making this conference great. Special thanks to Anna Roopchan and Tamara Ward along with the staff at the Koury Convention Center that helped make our conference a success again this year!



Thank You to Our Conference Sponsors

Our Annual Conference was a success due to the contributions of several of our Industry Partners. We would like to recognize then and thank them again.

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SNA-NC Plan of Action for Local Chapters 2022-2023 *"Stir Up Your Gifts"*



Our Vision

To support and engage School Nutrition Professionals in their development and the advancement of School Nutrition in North Carolina

Our Mission Statement

Educate, empower, and advocate for the school nutrition professionals to advance the integrity, the accessibility, and quality of school nutrition programs

The 2021-2022 school year has flown by as you "Bloomed into Your Potential" with SNA-NC. As you begin to "Stir Up Your Gifts" of Resilience, Enthusiasm, Commitment, Love, and Grace in the 2022-23 school year. Remember that our vision as an association is to make sure that our students are well-nourished and ready to learn. It's our job to serve our students the healthiest, tastiest meal possible. We have to take the guidelines we've been given and find creative ways to grab the attention and the taste buds of our students and lead them to a healthier lifestyle.

The SNA-NC Plan of Action is a tool that we use at the state and local level to guide our focus for the Association. The Board of Directors, District Directors, Committees and Local Chapters will work together toward accomplishing the goals outlined in the plan. You can "Stir Up Your Gifts with School Nutrition" at the local level when we all work together towards our common goal. Please review the Plan of Action below and consider how you can implement some of the strategies outlined.

Goal 1: Voice of the School Nutrition Industry

Objectives:

- 1. Acknowledge and recognize school nutrition experts
- 2. Enhance the professional, diverse image of school nutrition
- 3. Advocate for nourishing the mind, body, and soul of our country's future

Strategies:

- 1. Provide ideas, resources, and training for school nutrition members to enhance programs, increase efficiency, and support career development.
- 2. Educate our members on the importance of proper nutrition and the value of educating our students about nutrition.
- 3. Share clear and consistent message of advocacy with our stakeholders regarding our student's nutrition for a strong future.
- 4. Provide guidance and training to nominate individuals for awards and recognition.

Goal 2: Career Development and Growth

Objectives:

- 1. Increase the opportunities for professional growth of members and build their capacity to lead in their schools and districts.
- 2. Serve as a hub for members to network and build lifelong relationships around common goals and interests.
- 3. Educate members in diversity, equity, inclusion, and access.

Strategies:

- 1. Enhance the quality of professional development offered in a variety of formats for all members.
- 2. Create goals to grow school nutrition professionals through mentorship.
- 3. Promote pathways that are engaging with new and relevant opportunities for all members.

Goal 3: A vibrant community of School Nutrition Stakeholders

Objectives:

- 1. Elevate the relationship and partnerships with school nutrition industry.
- 2. Develop relationships with internal stakeholders, such as superintendents, local boards of education, principals, teachers, etc.
- 3. Develop relationships with external stakeholders such as legislators, community outreach organizations, parents, etc.

Strategies:

- 1. Continue to create new partnerships with allied organizations to maximize influence on topics of mutual interest and benefits.
- 2. Strengthen our existing relationships both within and outside our current sphere of influence.
- 3. Share strategies, research, and solutions to drive positive change and innovation to the school nutrition industry.
- 4. Invite and include contributions from school nutrition members equally while encouraging mutual respect and collaboration.

Goal 4: School Nutrition is a Thriving Organization.

Objectives:

- 1. Create a strong pathway to volunteer leadership and provide inclusive opportunities for contribution.
- 2. Find ways to enhance our business models to lead the way to innovation and new revenue opportunities. **Strategies:**
 - 1. Bring forth aspiring association leaders who are qualified, motivated and representative of the membership.
 - 2. Increase in the diversity and number of members who contribute their time and talent to our organization.
 - 3. Create diverse revenue streams which contribute to the financial health of the association.
 - 4. Increase our membership with innovative programs.

SNA-NC PAST PRESIDENTS



 Front Row L to R: Kathy Buelin Caudle, Lois Hood, Deborah Davis Carpenter, Dana Edwards, Amy Stanley, Sharon Kinion, Marilyn Moody
 Back Row L to R: Pam Smith, Cindy Marion, Gretchen Wilson, Shirley Pelletier, Reginald Ross, Fred Gilbert, Debra Dixon Doss, Kristen Bealler, Alison Francis, Cynthia Sevier, Jan Holt

SNA-NC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2022 Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro, NC

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by *Dana Edwards, President*. Dana welcomed everyone to the meeting. *Cheryl Cunningham, District Director Chair* provided the Invocation for our lunch.

Dana Edwards, President led the board in reciting the SNA-NC Vision and Mission Statements. The Thought for the Day was given by Ruth McDowell, President-elect.

Roll call was completed by *Lorie Reece, Secretary-Treasurer.* A quorum was present.

Kristen Bealler, Leadership/Development Awards

Chair made the motion to approve the June 20, 2022 meeting agenda as presented to include the item under the Consent Agenda, with a second by *Kathy Caudle, District 7 Director*. The motion carried.

Dana Edwards, President delivered the Confidentiality Proceedings Statement.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

A budget update was provided by *Mary Ann Shoaf, Bookkeeper.*

BOARD BUSINESS

Dana Edwards, President informed the board that the "Campaign Policy - Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and LDC (Leadership Development Committee)" from *SNA of NC Policies and Procedures* will be added to the SNA of NC Conflict of Interest Policy form that is signed annually.

The Legislative Update was given by *Gretchen Wilson, Public Policy and Legislation Chair.* It has been a very busy year in public policy in NC legislation. The three items we need support from Raleigh are the 40cents copay, the \$15.00 per hour minimum wage for non-certified staff, and hospitalization and retirement costs. We are hoping that the national level will supply the 40 cents to help out with the reduced price lunch. However, there was a 40-cent copay already available for NC to use the other year, but we didn't need it due to the waivers, so NC didn't need to pull it down. It was nonrecurring funds at \$3.9 million. Now we are hoping that we are going to get it to go through again and have it appropriated as recurring. We are asking for help for the \$15.00 an hour that the legislators put in for noncertified staff members. We are very fortunate that we were included because our staff deserves these increases but School Nutrition wasn't dedicated any funds to help support to pay that. Also, we need help to pay for hospitalization and retirement costs. It's very expensive to pay for those and we're seeking some funds to help us out with those too.

Ruth McDowell, President-elect and Janet Johnson, Vice President provided the SNA-NC Annual Conference Report. There are 519 total package registrations, which is only down 15 from the 2019 total packages. We are bringing Fun Night back on Wednesday evening!

Dawn Roth, Executive Director gave the SNA-NC Trade Show Update. There are 124 booths this year with members entering in groups at three different times.

The 2022-2025 Strategic Plan was presented by *Dana Edwards, President. Kristen Bealler, Leadership/ Development Awards Chair* made the motion to approve the Strategic Plan for 2022-2025, with a second by *Kathy Ross, District 6 Director*. The motion carried.

The 2022-2023 Plan of Work was reviewed by *Ruth McDowell, President-elect. Kathy Caudle, District 7 Director* made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Plan of Work, with a second by *Tammy Rinehart, District 1 Director*. The motion carried.

The 2022-2023 Budget was presented by *Ruth McDowell, President-elect. Beverly Cash, Membership Chair* made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget, with a second by *Penny Fine, Industry Representative*. The motion carried.

Dana Edwards, President congratulated our *Parliamentarian, Harry Wilson*, on his official retirement at the end of this week, after 33 years of

service to SNA-NC. She announced that *Lorie Reece, Secretary-Treasurer* will perform the duties as Parliamentarian to the Board for the 2022-2023 year on a volunteer basis.

Dana Edwards, President introduced a new contracted position of Media Specialist for SNA-NC and recommended Kristen Bealler, Leadership/Development Awards Chair for this position. Kristen has been responsible for updating information on the SNA-NC website and Facebook page for the past three years. Gretchen Wilson, Public Policy and Legislation Chair made the motion to honor the proposed contract for Media Specialist, with a second by Beverly Cash, Membership Chair. The motion carried.

The staff contracts were presented by *Dana Edwards*, *President*. After leading discussions related to the contracts for the following positions, all were approved: Bookkeeper Mary Ann Shoaf-*Janet Johnson*, *Vice President* made the motion to approve the contract for Bookkeeper, with a second by *Kristen Bealler*, *Leadership/Development Awards Chair*.

Lobbyist Rachel Beaulieu- Kristen Bealler, Leadership/Development Awards Chair made the motion to approve the contract for SNA-NC Lobbyist, with a second by Kathy Caudle, District 7 Director. Executive Director Dawn Ferguson Roth-Janet Johnson, Vice President made the motion to approve the contract for SNA-NC Executive Director, with a second by Kathy Caudle, District 7 Director.

Dana Edwards, President reminded the board of the upcoming Annual National Conference to be held July 10-12, 2022 in Orlando, FL. There are 144 NC members registered to attend the conference.

Dawn Roth, Executive Director gave an update on the 2024 SNA-NC Annual Conference.

ARROW articles deadline information was provided by *Dawn Roth, Executive Director*.

With no further business, *Dana Edwards, President* declared the meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lorie Reece SNA-NC Secretary-Treasurer 2021-2023

SNA-NC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2022 Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro, NC

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by *Ruth McDowell, President* who led the board in reciting the SNA-NC Vision and Mission Statements. The Thought of the Day was given by *Janet Johnson, President-elect. Tammy Rinehart, District 1 Director* provided the Invocation for our breakfast. After breakfast, *Ruth McDowell, President* thanked the former Board members for their service and dismissed them from the remainder of the meeting.

Kathy Caudle, District 7 Director made the motion to approve the June 24, 2022 meeting agenda as presented, with a second by *Dana Edwards, Leadership/Development Awards Chair.* The motion carried.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Roll call was completed by *Lorie Reece, Secretary-Treasurer.* A quorum was present.

Ruth McDowell, President and Janet Johnson,

President-elect provided the SNA-NC Annual Conference recap. Our members had a lot of fun and had a great time at conference. They were glad to see an increased number of workshops and enjoyed Fun Night on Wednesday evening and dancing after the banquet on Thursday. It seemed that there was an increase in voting this year with participating members receiving an "I Voted" ribbon. A discussion followed about how to provide better accessibility to all the mini sessions.

Dawn Roth, Executive Director provided the Endowment Raffle recap. The total amount raised was \$2,906 which is the highest amount raised to date.

Dawn Roth, Executive Director provided a recap of the SNA-NC Trade Show.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board information sheets and Conflict of Interest forms were updated and collected from each member.

SNA-NC Board of Directors Meetings continued

Dawn Roth, Executive Director provided the Arrow Article list with the upcoming deadline of August 1, 2022.

Ruth McDowell, President referenced the Board List and Calendar handouts that will be used for planning purposes.

With no further business, *Ruth McDowell, President* declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lorie Reece SNA-NC Secretary-Treasurer 2021-2023

Bloom, Shine and Give Hope

By Deborah Davis Carpenter, Endowment Chair

School Nutrition Association... Please join me in celebrating the Endowment Committee members. They had great success in gathering donated items for the endowment raffle. We received some great items from local chapters, vendors, supporters, and donors. SNA-NC was able to raise over \$2900.00. Outstanding! The Endowment funds are used to provide our membership with training opportunities and scholarships. Thank you to all sponsors who donated and participated. Special thanks to all who came to the Endowment Raffle room and purchased raffle tickets. Congratulations to our many winners. We can certainly say that we were in bloom, we shined and we will give hope to our members that will benefit from the various trainings.

This year's cooking workshop, "Bloom into a Farm to School Chef", was co-sponsored again by the UNC-G Department of Nutrition. This year, we had 21 participants from various School Nutrition Programs. They were so excited to prepare some delicious dishes that they will be able to use in their own school to serve their students. Each participant was able to sample all the dishes prepared by each group. The participants received a gift bag of kitchen tools donated by UNC-G Department of Nutrition and will have access to the recipes that they prepared. We will have all recipes available on the SNA-NC website for all School Nutrition Association members to view and hopefully use in their school cafeteria. Thank you to Professor Amy Moyer and her Foods and Nutrition Interns for their preparation and assistance in this cooking class. This was an excellent opportunity for all School Nutrition Managers and Assistants that joined the class.

We look forward to seeing YOU in 2023.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Beverly Cash, SNA-NC Membership Chair and SNF State Ambassador

And here we are again! It blows my mind to think that we have already started yet another school year. How was the beginning of school for you? A breeze as you are a veteran? Nothing getting in your way of feeding the students? Were you anxious and apprehensive as a new manager or employee opening up for the first time? Whatever stage in your School Nutrition career, the School Nutrition Association can be a vital resource to you and your colleagues; networking and the sharing of ideas; knowing that others encounter the same highs and lows as you do, training and development, and perhaps to some the most important, the



opportunity to meet and make new friends. This summer, we came together and enjoyed a fabulous conference in Greensboro. First hand, I was able to experience an incredible outpouring of love and support from 'The SNA-NC family ' that I have appreciated. Virtual strangers reached out and hugged and thanked me. Where else could I have felt this except through SNA-NC? I believe in paying things forward, and to that end, I want to invite everybody to feel that same love and support and reach out to their friends and colleagues who are currently not members of SNA and ask them to join.

Members... SNA needs more voices raised in support of school meal programs. School nutrition programs remain vulnerable to budget cuts, funding shortages, and the threat of block grants. As your professional association, SNA provides a strong voice of support and defense. From enhancing the image of school nutrition professionals to protecting the integrity—and funding—of federal school meal programs, SNA works to serve your needs as you work to serve America's children. SNA's voice is your voice. And with more members' voices, SNA's influence grows in Congress, the media, and the school communities we all support. When more voices speak up, more children are nourished and nurtured. But we need your help to remain #SNAStrong. We need you to recruit new members—new voices—this year.

Help SNA to raise its voice to 80,000 members speaking up. When you do, SNA will be stronger than ever. When you recruit a new member, please ensure they write your name in the referral section of the membership application. I emailed eligible members looking for new members for the Membership Committee this summer. Our future is bright, and why shouldn't it be with the fantastic people that we have in our organization? Let us all be responsible for future growth and development. Heartfelt thanks to all of you, and here's to a great 2022-2023 school year.



2022 New Horizons Trade Show Recap

By Amy Stanley, Industry Advisory Chair

The SNA-NC annual conference and trade show was in full blossom this year thanks to all of our great members. We received so many enthusiastic comments as we strive to make this event special each year. For many vendors and conference attendees, this was the first time they have had direct contact with other professionals in the K12 market. Everyone was so grateful for the opportunity to have this experience. There were 124 Booths with 300 vendors and 550 conference attendees. We saw 31 vendors this year that didn't attend last year. This was a great trade show with lots of new items for us to see, sample, and help our districts bloom into their potential.

It required many hands to make this event a reality. The leadership and direction of SNA-NC Executive Director Dawn Roth was apparent in the success of this year's show. Thank you to the 2021-22 Industry Committee for all your hard work and dedication ensuring this event was such a success. Committee members included Robert Rolfe, Chair, Henderson County Schools; Gina Dillon, Harris School Solutions; Penny Fine, Gilbert Foodservice; Eric Longshore, Stillwater Provisions; Robert Lund, Peterson Farms Fresh; Crystal O'Briant, Bladen County Schools; Laura Oliver, Premier Foodservice Group; Tammy Rinehart, Elizabeth City/Pasquotank Schools; Amy Stanley, New Hanover County Schools; Meg Strong, Granville County Schools and Dawn Ferguson Roth, SNA-NC Executive Director.









District 1 Meeting April 2, 2022

By Tammy Rinehart, District 1 Director

Our District 1 meeting was a huge success this spring! We had 115 in attendance this year. There was more than just pollen in the air! Spring fever arrived in force as we "bloomed into our potential" at Pasquotank County High School! It was wonderful to network in person again after the pandemic had kept us apart.

Our morning started about 8:45 with onsite registration and a light breakfast. Tammy Rinehart, School Nutrition Director for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and District 1 Director welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our special guest speakers.

Ms. Rhonda James-Davis, Chief of Human Resources and Operations for Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools gave accolades to our members for outstanding service and offered hospitality fitting for Elizabeth City known as the, "The Harbor of Hospitality."

Pasquotank County High School's ROTC, under Master Sergeant Coffey, presented the United States flag and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gretchen Wilson, School Nutrition Director for Pitt County Schools and our PP&L representative, gave us an update on federal policies and current legislation. She gave a timely reminder that every voice needs to be heard.

Next, Walter Beal, Director of NCDA & CS Food Distribution Division shared the latest happenings recently navigated their Administrative Reviews this spring.

Our SNA-NC President, Dana Edwards spoke to our team about the significance of being a member of the School Nutrition Association and how we grow into our potential through involvement. Dana stressed that anyone can be an active participant in our professional association. Everyone is welcome and needed!

Dana introduced the guest speaker, Julie Pittman,



Educator Engagement Special Advisor to NC Superintendent of Public Instruction at NCDPI, who joined us via zoom. Ms. Pittman told her inspirational story of how school meals made a difference in her childhood.

The life of the party was our fantastic DJ, Cleon Cunningham, from Elizabeth City. He kept the atmosphere fun! Together, Cleon and PW Moore Manager, Shirley Williams, got District 1 moving on the dance floor. Shirley headed up the ECPPS Steps & Wellness team (all ECPPS managers and assistant managers) to energize with some dance moves.

A special thanks goes to our industry food representatives that prepared a delicious lunch feast for our members; Ashley Ellington - Key Impact Sales & Systems Inc., Malinda Highfil - Cohen Food Service, and Kimberly Hurley - Core Food Service. They did a

in USDA foods. He shared the processes of how we receive our commodities and how the disruption in shipping had affected them. He was preaching to the choir! Walter shared his daughter's touching experience with a hungry child in her classroom and how important the meals we serve really are.

Our own Zone 6 Nutrition Specialist, Leslie Otts, brought greetings from DPI and recapped knowing meal patterns, recognizing reimbursable meals, and correct crediting in recipes. She also offered congratulations to those in our District 1 that had



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phenomenal job and also contributed some great door prizes.

Lastly, I want to thank my team at Elizabeth City Pasquotank for their hard work in preparation for this event. May we continue to grow and bloom into our potential!

District 5 Meeting March 19, 2022

By Lynn Essick, District V Director

The District V Meeting was held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Oak Grove Middle School in Davidson County. Attendees from Davidson County,



Randolph County, and Thomasville City enjoyed light refreshments and networking. District V showed their artistic skills by painting and designing Sunflowers to adorn their office doors. Julie Pittman, Educator Engagement Special Advisor to NC Superintendent of Public Schools talked with the group via Zoom about

different levels within the Association and informed everyone on her history with School Nutrition. Dana Edwards, the SNA-NC President then spoke with those assembled about her past from starting in schools as a bookkeeper to now working for DPI. The group consensus was that School Nutrition becomes an important part

of all our lives. We had drawings for door prizes and everyone who attended received a gift to take with them. The meeting concluded with Lynn presenting Dana with artwork done by one of the local students displaying the 2021-22 SNA-NC logo.



the importance of every child having the luxury of eating a school meal. She shared classroom stories involving students' performance in the classroom when not reaping the benefits of school breakfasts. Lynn Essick, District V Director, discussed with each member how to earn



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK October 10-14, 2022 "Peace, Love & School Lunch"

By Janette Broda, MHS, RD, LDN, SNS, Nutrition Chair

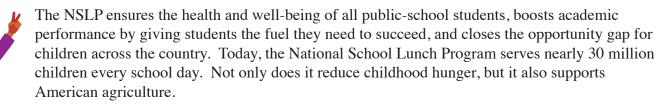
This year's National School Lunch Week (NSLW) SNA theme is "Peace, Love & School Lunch." It's time to lighten the mood, Go With the Flow and Get Groovy With It! Can You Dig It?!

As our students are returning to a traditional classroom, our NSLP programs are transitioning back to normal operations to best meet the needs of our students. This is an opportunity for School Nutrition Programs to refocus, refresh, and revisit old program goals and make new program goals towards providing the best quality meals for our students.



Getting back into the groove is tough for our students and our

programs. That's why a healthy lunch is crucial to the growing student. Since 1962, when President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW), this annual observance has promoted the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has both in and out of the classroom.



Despite the critical role NSLP plays in the health and success of American youth, many people still don't understand its importance—including some families who could benefit from it! During the week of October 10-14, 2022, celebrate with special menus, events, and activities showcasing your efforts to serve delicious, healthy, and nutritious meals. Spread the word to your stakeholders:

- Parents and caregivers,
- media sources: local papers, TV stations and bloggers, and
- teachers, administrators, board members and community partners

Don't know where to start to plan a groovy week? Don't worry! You can get started by using SNA's NSLW collection of artwork, marketing and promotional materials on the SNA'S NSLW Home page.

Don't forget: Just because NSLW takes place on October 10-14, 2022, you can shift your celebration to a different week if that's more convenient. Maybe you have a teacher in-service day or student testing that week. Celebrate the week before, after or any other time of year!

Share your success stories and pictures with the Arrow!! Send your NSLW 2022 "Peace, Love and School Lunch" themed stories and photos to Dawn Roth at jbdfroth@aol.com. Tag SNA on Facebook and Twitter and be sure to use the hashtag #NSLW22.



SNA-NC Needs YOU!

By Dana Edwards, Leadership/Development/Awards Chair

Our association needs your expertise and ideas! It's your time to "Stir up your Gifts" and run for a position on the SNA-NC Board of Directors. No special skill set needed, and you will have many people to help you along the way. Therefore, any member meeting the criteria is encouraged to run for office.

We need members for the following offices:

- Vice President
- Secretary-Treasurer
- District 1
- District 3
- District 5
- District 7

We will be looking for two individuals for each position to ensure a true SNA-NC election experience. Elected positions are not just for School Nutrition Directors or Supervisors; however, you need to have their support to run for a position. This is a great way to kick-off your SNA-NC leadership journey. Any member meeting the criteria listed below is eligible to run for an office. These positions can be self-nominated also. If you need help getting certified or credentialed, we can help guide you in the right direction.

Vice President

and Secretary-Treasurer:

- Demonstrated leadership ability by serving on the Board of Directors
- Must have served on a state committee or advisory council for at least one year
- Must be SNA certified or credentialed
- Must have been an SNA-NC member for at least three years preceding the nomination
- Must be employed in an eligible field

District Director:

- Must be SNA certified or credentialed
- Must be a member in good standing
- May have demonstrated leadership ability at the local chapter level (but previous service on a state committee or advisory council is not required)
- Must be employed in an eligible field

We know you have many talents and have seen your potential. We need those fresh ideas and a willingness to get involved and serve on our Association. Now it's your time to shine and stir up your GIFT! Apply today! Applications must be received by November 15, 2022.



School Nutrition Association of North Carolina Candidate Data for Office Nomination 2022-2023

Candidacy Requested Office:
Personal Name:
Home Address:
Telephone: Work: Home: Cell: Area Code Area Code
Current Position:
School Unit:
E-mail:
Professional Requirement Qualifications
□ SNA-NC beginning membership date:
□ SNA Certified/Credentialed: YesNo Note: All candidates must be SNA certified or SNS credentialed.
Chapter Name: District:
Vice President candidates must have served on the Board of Directors. If that is applicable, please indicate years and position:
If you are selected by the Board of Directors to be a candidate, you will need to write your biography for the <i>ARROW</i> . Please use additional paper as needed.
List any previous SNA-NC committees, other duties or offices or Board involvement.
Describe the most important contribution you have made toward the success of your local chapter (SNA-NC).
Director/supervisor signature of approval:
Please return form to Leadership Development/Awards Chairand Executive Director.Dana Edwards, Leadership Development/Awards ChairDawn Roth, Executive DirectorPhone: 919-412-6773 Email:dana.edwards@dpi.nc.govANDANDPhone: 888-204-8204 Email: jbdfroth@aol.com

2022 Culinary Arts Winners



BEST OF SHOW Complete School Lunch or Breakfast Plate GINGER CROCKER



BEST OF SHOW Entree IONE ALLIGOOD



BEST OF SHOW Single Component CHRISTINE MCMAHON



BEST OF SHOW Breads BEVERLY CASH



BEST OF SHOW Desserts SANDRA LEGGETT



BEST OF SHOW Creative Arts LORIE REECE



Ralph W. Eaton Winner Sandra Leggett

(Shown with Stephanie Hall, Creative Arts Chair and Jamie Narron, Culinary Arts Chair)

SNA Culinary Arts/Creative Arts Competition 2022

The Culinary Arts Committee wants to express a special thank you to all the judges who volunteered and gave of their time to help make this year's event successful. A special thank you to all the participants for doing an outstanding job! Without you this would not have been possible. Once again thank you to everyone who had a part in this event. The winners of the 2022 Culinary Arts Competition are listed below.



LUNCH ENTRÉE MEAL First Place: Natashia McKeel Second Place: Angela Pless Third Place: Beverly Cash



SCHOOL BREAKFAST PLATE First Place: Ginger Crocker Second Place: Ione Alligood Third Place: Tina Aguilar



ENTRÉE SALAD First Place: Twana Johnson Second Place: Nicole Cobb Third Place: Angela Pless



SANDWICH OR WRAP PLATE First Place: Christine McMahan Second Place: Nicole Glowner Third Place: Elaine Tillman



MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATIVE ENTREE First Place: Ione Alligood Second Place: Beverly Cash



COMMODITY FRUIT First Place: Carla Taylor Second Place: Tina Aguilar Third Place: Anthony Reed



ETHNIC PLATE First Place: Crystal Vazquez



GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST First Place: Danielle White Second Place: Barbara Fowler Third Place: Paula Webster



COMMODITY VEGETABLE First Place: Evelyn Johnson Second Place: Carolyn English Third Place: June Rich

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SNA Culinary Arts/Creative Arts Competition 2022



FARM TO SCHOOL - FRUIT/VEGETABLE First Place: Beverly Cash Second Place: Kimberly Hunt Third Place: Tara Britt



WHOLE GRAIN SIDE DISH First Place: Christine McMahon Second Place: Ione Alligood Third Place: Jessica Hammonds



CAKES First Place: Sandra Leggett Second Place: Danielle White Third Place: Tena Sonka



QUICK BREAD First Place: Jessica Jones Second Place: Jessica Hammonds Third Place: Antoinette Welch



CUPCAKES First Place: Cara Taylor Second Place: Beverly Cash Third Place: Laurel Skipper

SNA-NC Creative Arts



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK DECORATION First Place: Lorie Reece Second Place: Muriel Brooks Third Place: Beverly Cash



DECORATED SPECIAL OCCASION CAKES First Place: Laurel Skipper Second Place: Kim Williams Third Place: Frances Riggs



NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK DECORATION

First Place: Crystal Vazquez Second Place: Muriel Brooks Third Place: Natashia McKeel



FARM TO SCHOOL DISPLAY First Place: Emily Bunn Second Place: Donna Shuford Third Place: Malona Jenkins

Davidson County Celebrates School Lunch Hero Day











School Nutrition Association of North Carolina Strategic Plan 2022-2025

VISION

To support and engage School Nutrition Professionals in their development and the advancement of School Nutrition in North Carolina

MISSION STATEMENT

Educate, empower, and advocate for the school nutrition professionals to advance the integrity, the accessibility, and quality of school nutrition programs

Target Goal 1. Membership - Strengthen SNA-NC by increasing membership and member retention among all stakeholders.

Objective: Increase membership for professionals and partners.

Strategies:

- Utilizing the Annual Plan of Work as an opportunity to increase membership
- Search for new opportunities to introduce SNA-NC to new directors
- Empower current members to get more involved at the state and national level
- Connect the School Nutrition Professional to USDA and other staff development opportunities
- Communicate with members or potential members more effectively at all levels

Target Goal 2. Advocacy and Public Image - Policymakers, school officials, parents, and school nutrition professionals will rely on SNA-NC as the leading advocate for school nutrition programs.

Objective 1: Increase efforts to collaborate with policy and other decision-makers on the value, scope, and complexity of school nutrition programs.

Strategies:

- Identify and develop relationships with key stakeholders
- Monitor and communicate legislative activities at the local, state, and national levels
- **Objective 2:** Increase efforts to enhance the public perception of school nutrition professionals and school nutrition programs.

Strategies:

- Serve as a trusted resource and utilize all media outlets to educate and promote school nutrition programs to the public, policymakers, and all stakeholders
- Continue and expand public advocacy efforts to promote school nutrition programs (NSBW, NSLW...) and identify additional and new opportunities to enhance existing efforts
- Utilize SNA-NC leaders at the local and state level to use non-traditional media to share advocacy/issue messages

Target Goal 3. Personal and Professional Development – School nutrition professionals will continually improve their knowledge & skills to administer, lead, manage, deliver, and sustain successful school meal programs.

Objective 1: Provide pathways for personal growth to increase leadership interest and involvement among members. **Strategies:**

- Promote participation in SNA and SNA-NC scholarship programs to help members pursue growth
- Provide personal growth through mini-sessions at the SNA-NC Annual Conference

Objective 2: Promote the utilization of personal and professional development tools, resources, and

opportunities to enable member success that may lead into leadership interest.

Strategies:

- Collaborate with state agencies to develop and offer educational programs.
- Promote USDA and SNA professional standards media resources.
- Promote SNS credentialing program and SNA certificate program.

Legislative Update

By Gretchen Wilson, Public Policy & Legislation Chair

I am excited to bring you our Federal and State Legislation update. We have many things to be thankful for this fall. Before summer break we were not sure what was going to happen with the USDA Waivers; if our students were going to get free meals again this year, and if we were going to get a higher raise than was first approved by the state.

Let's start with the USDA Waivers. We did not get all of them renewed, but we have several that will help us this school year. Our Legislators passed the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 in June. The waivers that were extended include flexibilities in both the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program (includes SSO). This year we are getting additional reimbursement in the amounts of \$.40 for each lunch and \$.15 for each breakfast. Also, the Meal Pattern and Dietary Standard flexibilities were extended. Those items will help our programs through the higher cost of food and supplies, staff pay increases, and shortages of products that we are hearing are possible to be ongoing through this school year.

In July, the NC Legislature appropriated \$3.9 Million to pay for the Reduced Student Copay for the 2022-23 school





year. That will help many of our students and their families this school year that are Reduced Meal Approved. It will also assist with keeping meal charges from getting as large as many directors were anticipating. Our State Budget stated that non classified staff would get a 4% (previously 2.5%) raise or their salary raised to \$15 an hour minimum wage. There was no funding provided to cover the increase to our School Nutrition Programs, but it did help get School Nutrition a well-deserved pay raise!!

I urge you to thank your state and federal Legislators for all they were able to do for us last school year and for the waivers that were extended and the pay raises that were included in the state budget plan. We are back in school and now is the time to invite them to lunch or breakfast and give them a real visual of what school meals are and the students that need and enjoy our meals.

Awards and Scholarships Information

By Dana Edwards, Leadership Development/Awards Chair

SNA-NC is excited to honor members of our Association who have extraordinary skills and performance in a variety of fields throughout School Nutrition. For 2022-2023 we strive to have a record number of nominations in each category. These accomplishments should be shared with others, and you deserve that pat on the back! You are extremely worthy of recognition and praise, so please take the time to nominate a coworker that is deserving of our prestigious awards and scholarships. The official forms and rules can be found on our SNA-NC website: www.schoolnutrition-nc.org.

Employees, managers, and directors may be nominated by peers, staff, colleagues, or supervisors for our awards. All nominees must be SNA-NC members in good standing and hold a SNA certificate or credential. Links to the forms for awards/scholarship as well as deadline information are available on the SNA website at www.schoolnutrition.org/awards/.

For Employees: The *Employee of the Year Award*. The Employee of the Year Award recognizes non-managerial school nutrition employees for the contributions they have made throughout their school nutrition career, recognizing those (non-manager) employees who have great customer service skills, creativity, dedication to professional growth and a deep commitment to the children they serve.

For Managers: The *Manager of the Year Award* in Honor of Louise Sublette recognizes school nutrition managers for the contributions they have made throughout their school nutrition career as managerial staff. It recognizes managers who create an inviting cafeteria environment, provide leadership, training, and mentoring to staff and are involved in SNA, the school, and the community. Awarded in honor of Louise Sublette, a leader in SNA in Tennessee for 43 years, who believed the success of school nutrition, depended upon the professionals who work in the program.

For Directors: The *Director of the Year Award* recognizes school nutrition directors for the contributions they have made throughout their school nutrition careers by enhancing the school nutrition programs they are responsible for, providing leadership, training and mentoring to staff, and are involved in SNA, the school and the community.

The Mary Long Beasley Award is a special award given to North Carolina members. It is given in honor of Mary Long Beasley who had a lifelong commitment to children and SNA of North Carolina. This award is given by her family every year to members of various levels of our profession who distinguish themselves by their service.

The Tim Greene Scholarship is given to an outstanding member of our Association who is interested in and active in legislative activities locally or on the state level. SNA-NC in partnership with Affinity Group Southeast provides this distinguished scholarship funding attendance at the SNA Legislative Action Conference in Washington DC. Tim was known as a strong advocate for school nutrition.

The Gene Causby Memorial Scholarship is given to a supervisor or director who is interested in and advocates for school nutrition. This award is a scholarship of \$1500 to attend the SNA Legislative Action Conference in Washington, DC. This award is given to honor Gene's love for SNA-NC and School Nutrition as well as his lobbying efforts on our behalf during his lifetime.

The Martha Gomer Spirit Award is given to an energetic supervisor who exhibits enthusiasm and dedication to School Nutrition. Given to honor Martha Gomer for her enduring spirit and tenacity as a SN Supervisor and advocate for the School Nutrition profession.

The SNA-NC Scholarships reward up to two (2) individuals annually with \$500.00 scholarships to members who are actively pursuing higher education in a food service related degree program. These scholarships are funded by the efforts of the SNA-NC Endowment Committee.

The Lynn Harvey First Timer Scholarship was established to honor Dr. Lynn Harvey's outstanding service as the 2017-18 SNA National President. The scholarships are \$500.00 plus complementary registrations to three (3) first timer attendees to the SNA-NC Annual Conference. Nominees must be members in good standing. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE LYNN HARVEY FIRST TIMER SCHOLARSHIPS IS JANUARY 31, 2023.

The Reginald Ross Inclusion Scholarship Award was established to honor Reggie Ross' outstanding service as the 2020-21 SNA National President. The scholarship will provide \$1500.00 to a member that has never attended

the SNA Annual National Conference (ANC). This will help with registration, hotel, and travel costs. Nominees must be members in good standing. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE REGINALD ROSS INCLUSION SCHOLARSHIP IS JANUARY 31, 2023.**

The SNA-NC Partner in Education Award is designed to recognize outstanding professional performance through continuing service and leadership in nutrition educations at the local level. Outstanding nutrition education activities in both the cafeteria and classroom are recognized. Nominations may be submitted by any member in good standing of the Association. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the work you do every day in your schools.

The Lunch Bell Awards for Newspaper or Radio/TV are presented annually to recognize outstanding service and the impact of media on school nutrition and nutrition education in the areas of public awareness and service to the school nutrition program and community. Any member in good standing is encouraged to apply with the corresponding media outlet giving superb coverage of the nutrition education activities. PLEASE DON'T FORET ALL THE GREAT COVERAGE YOU RECEIVED FOR ALL THE INNOVATIVE WAYS WE FOUND TO FEED OUR STUDENTS.

Again this year, all SNA-NC awards and scholarships can be completed on-line. Please go to the SNA-NC website, https://www.schoolnutrition-nc.org/ScholarshipAwardsApplication.aspx to complete the nominations on-line.

Please take the time to recognize outstanding members who are deserving of these awards. For additional information or clarification regarding any award or scholarship please contact me at dana.edwards@dpi.nc.gov or you can call me at 919-412-6773. I look forward to receiving nominations for each award/scholarship from each of the eight districts across our SNA-NC great state.

SNA-NC Recognizes Harry Wilson

The SNA-NC Board recognized Harry Wilson for his 33 years serving as our Parliamentarian. Harry has officially retired from SNA-NC. We wish him only the best in his retirement and thank him for his loyalty and hard work these past three decades. We will miss him!







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Introduction to School Nutrition Leadership



Jamie Narron and Joanne Kirven were selected to attend the Introduction to School Nutrition Leadership in Oxford, Mississippi at the Institute of Child Nutrition. The Introduction to School Nutrition Leadership is intended for new and aspiring school nutrition program directors. Lessons provide an overview of school nutrition programs, define the role and responsibilities of a director, and review the relationship between local policies and State/Federal regulations. Jamie attended in March and Joanne attended in June. They were both able to network with other professionals from around the country. Congratulations to Jamie and Joanne!



Another Look at our Annual Conference







A New Era Experience for a First Timer

By Staci Burchfield, SNS, Gene Causby Scholarship Award Recipient

First, let me start by saying what an honor it was to be selected for the Gene Causby Scholarship Award. The honor and opportunity to attend the 2022 LAC did not go unappreciated by me. I spent the biggest part of my first day of arrival, just allowing it all to sink in. To really understand what I had the pleasure to be a part of in promoting the SNA 2022 Position Paper requesting to permanently expand the



National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer all students meals at no charge as an integral part of the educational experience.

I enjoyed General Assembly speaker Amy Walter discussing the breakdown of the electoral process and Washington's political scene. I also felt that the Breakout Sessions were very informative, on point and encouraging. I was extremely excited about having the opportunity to meet personally with Representative Kathy Manning and Representative Alma Adams at Capitol Hill. The buzz in anticipation was felt throughout the conference by all the attendees. Unfortunately, nether Representative I was scheduled to see could participate in a face to face meeting.

Representative Kathy Manning and an aide from Representative Alma Adams' office did meet with us by Zoom independently.

I look forward to attending again in the future in hopes of visiting the Capitol Building and meeting with our representatives to further educate them on the importance of School Nutrition, the continued need in our districts and how we will continue to be essential to the success of our students.



SNA-NC BALANCE SHEET

as of June 30, 2022

Mary Ann Shoaf, SNA-NC Bookkeeper

ASSETS

Currents Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T	\$132,507.89
Small Business (Tim Greene)	5,378.16
Wells Fargo Business Checking	\$92,076.40
Wells Fargo Money Market	\$28,603.22
Wells Fargo Small Bus MM	<u>\$58,059.98</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$316,625.65
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$316, 625.65</u>
LIABILITY & EQUITY	
LIABILITY & EQUITY Liabilities	
	<u>\$-335.90</u>
Liabilities	<u>\$-335.90</u>
Liabilities Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$-335.90</u> \$309,869.23
Liabilities Total Current Liabilities Equity	
Liabilities Total Current Liabilities Equity Retained Earnings	\$309,869.23
Liabilities Total Current Liabilities Equity Retained Earnings Net income	\$309,869.23 <u>\$7,092.32</u>

2022 Mary Long Beasley Award

The Mary Long Beasley Award is presented each year to honor the memory of Mary Long Beasley. The 2022 Mary Long Beasley Award for School Nutrition Director was presented to Denise Lamar of Union County. The 2022 Mary Long Beasley Award for a School Nutrition Supervisor was presented to Stephanie Hall of Henderson County Public Schools. The 2022 Mary Long Beasley Award for School Nutrition Manager was presented to Maria Griffin of Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools.



Denise Lamar with Bruce Beasley, Louise and Emily Warenda

Bruce Beasley, Louise and Emily Warenda with Stephanie Hall





Bruce Beasley, Louise and Emily Warenda with Maria Griffin

2022 Lunch Bell Award Winners

METROPOLITAN DAILIES The Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC



Kristen Bealler with Gretchen Wilson

TELEVISION Spectrum News, Coastal Region, NC



Kristen Bealler with Lauren Weyand

2022 Awards Winners

The Reginald Ross Inclusion Scholarship Award



The Reginald Ross Inclusion Scholarship Award was presented to Tereaka Hughes of Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools at the Annual Conference in June. Tereaka used the scholarship to attend the 2022 SNA Annual National Conference in July in Orlando, Florida.

Reginald Ross with Tereaka Hughes

Gary W. Gay Award of Excellence



Lauren Weyand with Gary Gay

The Gary W. Gay Award of Excellence was presented to Lauren Weyand of Craven County Schools at the Annual Conference in June.

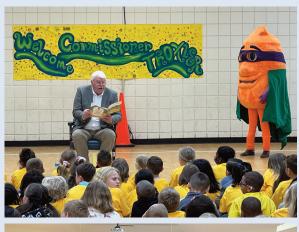
Chapter of the Year



The Chapter of the Year Award was presented to Lincoln County SNA at the Annual Conference in June. Veronica Walton and Lorie Reece accepted the award from Kristen Bealler.

Kristen Bealler with Veronica Walton and Lorie Reece

Craven County Celebrates Farm to School Week

















Pitt County Celebrates School Lunch Hero Day



Brunswick County Celebrates School Lunch Hero Day

























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Welcome New Members - We welcome each new member.

The following joined our association in March through July 2022.

DISTRICT 1

- 20 New Members **1070 Beaufort Co SNA** Gloria Bess Voris Evans-Thomas Porscheda Keech Debbie Satterthwaite Shirley Singleton Cynthia Washington 1280 Dare Co SNA Patricia Culb 1480 Hyde County SNA Shirlene Farrow Nora Hill Linda Murrav **1580 Martin Co SNA** Thomas Barber Renae McRov **1700 Eliz City Pasq SNA** Ashley Bunton Joyce Hunter **1740 Pitt County SNA** Erica Vines **1940 Washington Co SNA** Tanya Burnette Cynthia Jackson Sharon Kinion Clucero Rasonabe Shaunda Riddick **DISTRICT 2**

- 27 New Members 2250 Craven Co SNA Tara Britt Michelle Burbage Damien Campbell Tammy Davis Nicole James Dustin Longenecker Donna McCoy Marc Williams 2540 Lenoir Co SNA Kimberly Foye Rebecca Pollock 2650 New Hanover Co SNA Nicole Douse **Billy Nease** Susan Sarkisian Jasmine Tripp Johnson 2670 Onslow County SNA Allison Bartosz Rebecca Cote Kelly Hammock Pamela Smith 2679 Camp Lejeune SNA Walter Tatum, Jr. 2821 Clinton City SNA

April Brewington Tiffany Deaver Glenda Estrada Rebecca Hamilton Lakesha McPhail Tann Catrina Meares Della Middleton Jenny Roman **DISTRICT 3**

6 New Members
3320 Durham Co SNA
Miranda Markham
3330 Edgecombe Co SNA
Sydra Pettaway
3910 Vance Co SNA
Rasheedah Harris
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Congratulations to the following who earned their SNS Credential:

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Tim Greene Scholarship

By Rhonda Davis, 2022 Tim Greene Scholarship Winner

I was so honored to be the recipient of the Tim Greene Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship allowed me to attend the Legislative Action Conference in Washington, DC. The LAC was empowering, unnerving, and informative all at the same time. To be in the same place with members from other states was amazing. I felt like we could accomplish anything and everything. The energy was electric, and it lit a fire inside everyone in attendance.

Then the USDA Commissioner spoke and everyone who earlier was so excited, was now mad, angry, and scared. We all felt like we had to accomplish goals in a very short time. Cathy Schuchart, the SNA Staff Vice President of Government Affairs and Media Relations, reenergized us with new goals and who needed to be the one making the calls. This is when I learned the importance of contacting our legislators and urging them to support the school lunch programs in the United States. The School Nutrition Association makes it so easy to send a "take action" letter with our position. If you are not familiar with this, I urge you to go to www.schoolnutrition.org/takeaction to stay up to date on everything that SNA is doing for us. It is so easy and only takes a couple of minutes.

I have to say that this conference exceeded my expectations by far with one exception. I was not able to Charge the Hill to talk to Senator Virginia Foxx or Congressman Patrick McHenry. I was so excited about the thought of going to Capitol Hill and voicing my concerns. Instead, I had a Zoom call with Rep. McHenry's staffer, Sean McCabe. He was very nice, listened to our concerns, and promised to pass them on to his boss. Rep. Foxx's office was unable to meet with us.

Days later our first attempt at free meals was taken out of the huge Omnibus bill, a single document that packages together several measures into one or combines diverse subjects. It was mind blowing to me that free meals for American children would be grouped together with support to the Ukraine.

I had a great time meeting and getting to know other folks from North Carolina. It gave me a rare insight into how the Legislative process works. I look forward to attending another LAC in the future. I agree with Dr. Harvey that this is the most important meeting of the year. Thank you to the Tim Greene family for having such a great scholarship. If you are undecided about applying for the scholarship, take the chance, you have nothing to lose.



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Membership Application for Individual and School District Memberships.

Instructions for completing the front of this application:

- 1. Please indicate if you have ever been a SNA member.
- 2. Print your full name as you would like it to appear in your membership record and on your membership card.
- 3. Print your email address and job title. All SNA members automatically receive emailed information related to the organization.
- 4. Print your current school district.
- 5. Print your current school name.
- 6. If you know your local chapter number, please fill in.
- 7. Print your work and home phone number.
- 8. Print your work mailing address.
- 9. Print your home mailing address.
- 10. Print full name of member referrer who introduced you to SNA (only needed for new members). This will give the person credits for Star Club and annual membership campaign drives. Optional: Include referrer's SNA member ID.
- 11. Please review the membership categories listed. Check one that best describes your position. School District/State Agency Membership (SDM) is a membership managed or coordinated by the school district/state agency and can be transferred to another individual in the same membership category. Please check with your district to see if you are eligible for SDM.
- 12. Please check if you are employed by public school, private school, or private management company.
- 13. Please indicate if your employer pays your dues.
- 14. Please indicate if you are responsible for school nutrition operations in your school district.
- 15. Record your national dues based on membership category checked.
- 16. Record your state dues based on the dues listed on left side of application under "Your state dues are:"
- 17. All applications must include the processing fee.
- 18. Please add national, state dues and processing fee amounts. This is the total dues amount to be paid. Applications with incorrect total amount will be returned resulting in a delay of member benefits.
- 19. Record your optional contribution to the School Nutrition Foundation. The School Nutrition Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible. Your contribution of \$10 or more will be acknowledged by the School Nutrition Foundation.
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- 21. If paying by credit card, please enter your credit card information.
- 22. This box must be completed for SDM applicants.
- 23. Please sign and date your completed application. Required for individual membership only. Mail your application and payment to SNA, SNA Depository, PO Box 719297, Philadelphia, PA 19171-9297.

Membership dues cover a full year of benefits. Processing of application takes approximately two to four weeks from receipt of payment. New members will be mailed a membership card about two weeks after application has been completely processed.

Dues Category	Membership Category	Description	Individual Membership	School District State Agency Membership
SNE	School Nutrition Employee	Cooks, chefs, bakers, bookkeepers, technicians, assistants, etc.	\$36	\$36
STU	Student	Full-time students enrolled in post-secondary nutrition, health or other food related program. Does not include right to vote.	\$36	N/A
RET	Retired	Retired Members.	\$36	N/A
SNM	School Nutrition Manager	Managers, head cooks, head chefs, assistant managers.	\$38	\$38
DDS	School Nutrition Director, Supervisors, Specialist, Executive Chefs	Working in a school nutrition program at the school district level.	\$130	\$130
MCD	School Nutrition Director, Supervisor, Specialist (Major City)	Working in a school nutrition program where the school district enrollment is 40,000 or more or city population is 200,000 or more.	\$130	\$130
SDS	State Agency Director, Supervisor, Specialist	Working in state office for child nutrition programs, including nutrition education.	\$130	\$130
EDU	School Nutrition Educator	Faculty working in a college/university setting.	\$130	\$130
ОТН	Other	Principals, Superintendents, Teachers, etc. Does not include right to vote.	\$130	\$130
AFE	Affiliate Part-Time Staff (less than 4 hours daily)	Optional membership category for retired or part-time school nutrition staff. Does not include a subscription to <i>SN</i> magazine or the right to vote in the annual SNA election.	\$18	N/A
AFR	Affiliate Retired	OH (CARL) ES	\$18	N/A

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