

The Report Card

The newsletter for for Rowan Retired School Personnel (RRSP)

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Our officers for the 2018-2020 are:

President.....Lila Bostian
Vice President Greg Lowe
Secretary.....Ernestine Krider
Treasurer Mary Lowe

Meeting Dates

- *January 16, 2019-Kiddie Land Kindergarten Program
- *March 20, 2019-Julie Morrow-Rowan County Schools
- *May 15, 2019-Amber Phillips, Program Manager for Rufty-Holmes Senior Center

All Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. at Rufty-Holmes Senior Center.

President's Message

Rowan Retired School Personnel

It is now 2019. That still sounds so foreign to me. Time has flown by since I retired. 2018 ended with local, state and national elections. There were some successes for educators and retirees, especially breaking the super majority in Raleigh, but we still have a lot of work to do. We must constantly "educate" legislators about the needs of public education in general and students in particular.

Please learn who your representatives are and contact them about issues of concern to us all.

There are opportunities for participation in NCRSP coming up. Please send your Volunteer Hours to Sue Lentz, Community Participation Chair, by January 9th. Her address is in your yearbook. The NCRSP State Convention is April 4-5 in Durham. Registration for that begins around February 1st. There will be a Silent Auction as well as a live auction this year. In May, the Region 3 General Meeting will be May 14th in Monroe. All are invited. Watch for more information on that.

After our November meeting, I presented Susan Steele of Rowan Partners for Education a check for \$500. This was given in honor of American Education Week. By selecting that group, funds will be used locally to benefit students and teachers of Rowan Salisbury Schools.

Best wishes for the New Year. If you have your yearbook, check out the programs planned for the rest of the year. I hope to see you January 16 at 10:00 a.m., Rufty-Holmes Senior Center, Salisbury! We will have a soup/sandwich luncheon to raise money for scholarships. The cost is \$5 per person. Remember, as announced at November meeting, if Rowan County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, our meeting will be cancelled. I hope that doesn't happen this year. Stay well and stay warm. Respectfully, Lila Bostian, President

NCRSP Region 3 has its own webpage: www.ncrsp-6.org

If you would prefer to read your issue of *The Report Card* online, you will find it there as well; you may print off a copy also if you so desire. It will be posted by the first day of each meeting month (September, November, January, March, and May). If you prefer NOT to have a copy mailed to you (and save postage for the organization), please send John Hoffman an e-mail at graywolf2126@gmail.com and tell him so. He will be happy to oblige by removing you from future mailings of the newsletter.

Communities in Schools

What's the best thing about teaching? Doing what you love to do—working with children! There are plenty of things we did as teachers that wasn't so much fun—like plans, reports, or staff development after a long day. But now that we're retired, we can go back to what we love without all the "un-fun" stuff!

Communities In Schools of Rowan County (CIS Rowan) matches dedicated community volunteers with students in all grade levels to serve as tutors, mentors, and lunch buddies. This gives retired teachers like me an opportunity to go back to the heart of our profession. Teaching kids!

CIS Rowan has programming in eight Rowan-Salisbury Schools. Stationed at each school is a CIS Student Support Specialist who works to organize the work of volunteer tutors and assist with every step. They are the contact person that ensures that your work is coordinated with students' classroom teachers.

CIS Rowan conducts volunteer training regularly throughout the school year. You can find our schedule at www.cisrowan.org. If you'd like a special training for your church or civic group, simply call us at (704)-797-0210. Our Volunteer Trainer/Coordinator Wanda Huntley will make it convenient for you!

The reward is as great for you as it is for the child. Remember how they made you feel as you taught and they learned and progressed? That feeling is still there for you as a Communities In Schools Volunteer!

Dr. Ron Turbyfill, Executive Director of Communities In Schools of Rowan County

Upcoming Training Dates at The Gateway Building, 204 East Innes Street, Salisbury

January 11, 2019 – 9 am

January 16, 2019 – 2 pm

January 28, 2019 – 9 am

Email Wanda Huntley at volunteer@cisrowan.org or call (704)797-0210 for more information and to reserve your spot!

Important Dates to Remember

-April 4-5, 2019—NCRSP State Convention in Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC

-June 6, 2019—Region 3 Leadership Conference

-May 14, 2019—Region 3 Spring Luncheon, Monroe, NC

-June 30-July 1, 2019—NEA-Retired Annual Meeting in Houston, TX

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Deaths of Members/Non-Members

(Some of you may have known or worked with some of these educators.)

Eva Sharpe

July 20 1952-October 22, 2018

Employed 37 years

Rowan County Schools

Linda Pless

June 20, 1951-October 23, 2018

Teacher Assistant/Bus Driver

Faith Elementary School

Ardith Walton Bowyer

January 7, 1943-November 2, 2018

Cafeteria-North Rowan Middle School

Jimmy Hartley

January 11, 1933-November 5, 2018

Bus Driver Rowan County Schools

10 years

Charles E. Hunt, Jr.

Born in 1935-Passed November 14,

2018

Taught Science/Math Price High School

In 1964-1965

Maxine Patricia Church Huie

June 25, 1944-November 19, 2018

Fifth Grade Teacher Davidson/Rowan

Counties

David Ennis McBroom

October 25, 1951-November 24, 2018

Teacher/Coach

South Rowan/East Rowan/Erwin Middle

Schools

Mary Martin Hassell Little

May 7, 1935-November 28, 2018

Librarian Albemarle/Knox

Middle/Supervisor of libraries Rowan-

Salisbury Schools for 34 years

Carolyn Beaver Puckett

May 30, 1931-November 29, 2018

Teacher for 34 years Wiley, Faith,

Lincoln, and Overton Schools

Kenneth Eugene Mullis

November 21, 1939-November 30,

2018

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

Teacher-40 years

Dennis Neil Honeycutt

November 25, 1958-December 1,

2018

Bus Driver fRowan County Schools

Rachel Flostina Wagner

April 27, 1926-December 2, 2018

Landis Elementary School Teacher

41 years

David Bennett Fisher

July 1, 1938-December 11, 2018

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

Taught Auto Mechanics

Thelma Mingo Reid

June 23, 1930-December 11, 2018

Teacher Landis Elementary School

Angela Rodgers Aldridge

March 3, 1965-December 13, 2018

Teacher Assistant Bostian Elementary

School

Harold Stephan Bodnar
January 17, 1938-December 18, 2018
Bus Driver
Carson High School/China Grove
Middle School

Sue Carter Walser
March 14, 1942-December 18, 2018
Teacher West Rowan High School

**Dr. Lois Edinger, Past President of
NEA**

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of our beloved Dr. Lois Edinger, Past NEA President and dedicated member of NCAE and NCRSP.

Lois was born April 17, 1925 in Thomasville, NC to the late William and Essie Edinger and was a member of First Baptist Church of Greensboro, since 1962. She retired as a Professor of Education from UNCG after 26 years of teaching. Lois was a life-long teacher including serving as President of the National Education Association from 1964-1965 during the Lyndon Johnson Administration. Although she was nationally and internationally known in the education field, she was just as dedicated to her family of which she was the cornerstone. She touched many people and will be sorely missed. Dr. Edinger was 93.