

# The Report Card

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## **Our officers for the 2016-2018 are:**

**President.....Lila Bostian**  
**Vice President ..... Greg Lowe**  
**Secretary.....Ernestine Krider**  
**Treasurer..... Jean Kennedy**

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## **Meeting Dates**

**May 17, 2017**

**All Meetings at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Rufty-Holmes Senior Center**  
**(Come before 10:30 for a time**  
**of fellowship and refreshments.)**

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As your president, I have been very busy since the March meeting. I attended the NCAE Convention in Raleigh on March 24-25. John Hoffman was also in attendance. Gov. Roy Cooper spoke briefly and thanked NCE members for supporting his campaign and making a big difference in his election. It was great to meet some of the active teachers from Region 3 but I was disappointed in the decline in number of delegates and membership of active professionals. There were about 400 delegates meeting in a hotel ballroom whereas at the last convention I attended, we met in a convention center with nearly 1,000 attendees!

Business was not as expansive as it was in previous years. There was only one Amendment to the Constitution and only ten New Business

items. New Business items require action from NCAE Executive Board and involved topics such as per pupil expenditure, opposition to vouchers, full repeal of HB2, protect rights of all students to a free and safe K-12 education regardless of immigration status, reporting election results by local unit, appropriate assessment for students with severe/profound cognitive impairments, expenditures of NC State Lottery, teacher/student ratio and K-3 instructional assistants.

March 30-31, the NCRSP Convention was held in Durham. Joining me there were John Hoffman and Greg and Mary Lowe. Hot topics were insurance issues, legislative bills for COLAs(Cost of Living Adjustments) and opposition of changes in retirement plans for new hires which in the long run would affect current retirees. There were also workshops on emergency preparedness(see ReadyNC.org) and how to use NCRSP website([www.ncrsp.org](http://www.ncrsp.org)). NC Treasurer Dale Folwell was one of the guest speakers. We were nice to him even though his ideas and plans may affect us in a very negative manner! It is extremely important that we as a group and as individuals contact legislators and encourage support of public education, current educators and retirees!

On April 24, John Hoffman and I attended the Region 3 general meeting in Charlotte. New regional officers were installed, including our own John Hoffman as Co-Director. Let's all be willing to step up and help him as needed. Congratulations.

Lila Bostian, President, RRSP

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## **Region 3 NCRSP Webpage**

You can now go on the web and keep up to date concerning our Region.

<http://ncrsp-6.org/home>

**To get into the "members only," section you need to enter the password: ncrsp**  
**(We are searching for a new webmaster.)**

## **2017 Scholarship Award**

This year's recipient of our annual scholarship is going to a senior at North Rowan High. Her name is being withheld until after the awards assembly. The award is given each year by our organization to a senior by rotation of schools.

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## **Remember the SILENT AUCTION!**

**(Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.)**

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**Our May meeting program** is being presented by a member of the Central Office staff on the subject of "**Technology in Schools.**" Teachers today are living a different life than what many of us can comprehend!

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## **Janet Frye Rhodes** **March 28, 2017**

We were saddened to hear that Janet Rhodes has left us here, but are glad that she is now with Herb.

Janet graduated from Catawba College in 1958 and pursued her Master's Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. She spread her teaching life at many places: East Rowan High, Northwest Cabarrus, South Rowan High, Boyden High, and ended her career serving 20 years at North Rowan High. Janet was very active in our organization. She served as president in 2008-2010. She remained active serving in other capacities as long as she was able. She will be missed.

A funeral was held on March 31 at First UCC in Salisbury where she served faithfully.

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## **Region 2 and 3 Meeting**

Several of our members will be attending the Leadership Training at RCCC on June 1. Among them will be Lila Bostian, Jean Kennedy, and Patty Secret. Our own John Hoffffman will be taking a leadership role as Co-Director of Region3.

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## **Frances N. Easter** **April 9, 2017**

During her teaching career, Frances taught in both elementary and high school. She retired as a speech therapist. Frances also taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and worked in mission organizations at Oakdale Baptist Church. She was a former member of Alpha Delta Kappa Teachers Society.

Funeral services were held at Oakdale Baptist Church on April 13. She will be missed by many cousins who are left to cherish her memory.

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## **Deaths of Non-Members**

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

**1939-2017**

**Lula Belle Norman Holloway**

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**1952-2017**

**Lane Gaskell Graham**

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**1936-2017**

**Max Ray Gibbins**

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**1926-2017**

**Betty Jean Sherrill McConnell Hart**

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**1942-2017**

**Tony Andrew Helms**

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**1936-2017**

**Betty Jean Wise Boger**