



# North Carolina Child Support Council Newsletter

## Promises to Keep and Miles to Go Before We Sleep

And with this passage from Robert Frost's poem *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* we start a new season of NCCSC activities. Before I ramble on about the coming year, allow me to quickly say thank you to those of you who were able to attend our 2003 conference in Wilmington. From the comments that you shared with us, this conference will go down in the record books as one of the best NCCSC conferences ever. The various NCCSC committees and their Chairs worked very hard to ensure the success of the conference and they are deserving of our thanks. During the 2003 conference, participants were treated to an excellent curriculum, CLE credits, a delicious lunch catered by the hotel, and a President's Reception that included a hula-hoop competition, a limbo competition, a Hawaiian shirt contest and an out-of-this-world dinner buffet. And how could we forget how we danced the night away with the Embers on Thursday night of the conference.



So how do we top 2003? You will be pleased to know that your new Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and Members are already hard at work throwing ideas around and making plans for the 2004 conference. You will see these ideas and plans start to unfold in the pages of the NCCSC newsletters to follow so be on the lookout.

I considered it a great honor to serve under President Lillian Overton and it is my goal and desire to reflect the spirit of optimism and the innovative energy that are so characteristic of her presidency. The Board of Directors and I have it as one of our main goals this year to revisit our Mission Statement and by-laws to ensure that we are meeting the expectations and continuing the vision set forth by our predecessors. Once this is accomplished, we are going to work on developing strategies to increase our exposure to our membership, market NCCSC to stakeholders that we have lost over the year, put together a fabulous conference for 2004, and more miles to go before we sleep.....miles to go before we sleep.

## 2003-2004 Officers, Board of Directors and Committees Announced

The new sleight of NCCSC Officers and Board of Directors was announced during the closing session of the 2003 Conference in Wilmington. For 2003-2004, your new officers are as follows:

- President – Steve Garrison, Buncombe/Polk CSE Program Manager
- President Elect – Honorable Kristin Ruth, Judge, Judicial District 10
- Treasurer – Angela Talley, Randolph County CSE Supervisor
- Secretary – Patricia Holcombe, Catawba County CSE Supervisor
- Immediate Past President – Lillian Overton, Wake County CSE Director
- Ex-Officio Members – Barry Miller, Chief, NCCSE and John Kennedy, Director AOC Board of Directors:

### Board of Directors:

- Sandra Chestnut, State CSE Office
- Robin Huss, Lincoln County COC
- Tony Dalton, Attorney-at-Law
- Gayle Johnston, NC Mental Health Services
- John Jablonski, Pitt County CSE Director
- Russell Lee, Sampson County CSE Supervisor
- Pat Stone-Smith, President, CSI
- Russell Odom, Attorney-at-Law
- Michele McCorkle, Pitt County CSE Supervisor
- Kimberley Kilpatrick, State CSE Office
- John Holcombe, State CSE Office
- Lorraine Jackson, Duplin County CSE Supervisor
- Barry Burger, Assistant Chief, State CSE Office
- Pam Hendren, State CSE Office
- Alice McCoy, State CSE Office
- Diane Thompson, Catawba County CSE Supervisor
- Bunny DeBose, New Hanover County CSE Director



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# 2003-04 NCCSC Committees

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairperson/s</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>
<b>Registration/Membership</b>	Gayle Johnston/Lillian Overton	Owen Mooney, Vickie Odom
<b>Newsletter</b>	Patricia Holcombe/John Holcombe	
<b>Charity Functions/Raffle</b>	George Shepherd/Diane Thompson/Russell Lee	Roy Godwin, Karen Godwin, Pam Hendren, John Morris
<b>Curriculum</b>	Kim Kilpatrick/Barry Burger	Pat Stone-Smith, Alice McCoy, Sharon Johnson
<b>CLE Curriculum</b>	Tony Dalton/Russ Odom	
<b>Entertainment</b>	John Jablonski/Michele McCorkle	Judge Kristin Ruth, Angela Talley, John Morris
<b>Door Prizes</b>	Owen Mooney	
<b>Awards</b>	Russell Lee/Donna Buchanan	Gwen Neely
<b>Notebook</b>	Alice McCoy/Sharon Johnson	Randy Burwell
<b>Public Awareness</b>	Robin Huss/Angela Talley	Kim Kilpatrick, Lillian Overton
<b>Opening Session</b>	Judge Kristin Ruth/Sandra Chestnut	Lillian Overton
<b>Scholarship</b>	Pam Hendren/Lorraine Jackson	Randy McWaters, Gwen Neely, Ben Nicholson, Deborah Ricks, Sharon Johnson
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Pat Stone-Smith/Barry Burger	
<b>Legislative</b>	Barry Miller	
<b>Archives</b>	Sandra Chestnut/Vickie Odom	
<b>Nominations/Resolutions</b>	Donna Buchanan/Bunny DeBose	Kim Kilpatrick, John Jablonski, Sandra Chestnut, Russ Odom, Pam Hendren, John Holcombe
<b>Equipment</b>	Kim Kilpatrick/Tony Dalton	



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<b>Facilities</b>	Judge Kristin Ruth	John Holcombe, Patricia Holcombe, Diane Thompson, Tony Dalton, Sandra Chestnut, Pat Stone-Smith
<b>Website</b>	Alice McCoy/Sharon Johnson	

Committee Name	Responsibilities
<i>Registration/Membership</i>	Solicitation of new members. Also, accept registration fees, prepare receipts, account for all moneys collected and prepare a current mailing list of all members.
<b>Newsletter</b>	Gathering news items and publishing a newsletter at least twice a year.
<b>Charity Functions/Raffle</b>	Soliciting sponsors, exhibitors and patrons for donations/contributions to support Council activities and Bob McGuire Scholarship Fund. Additionally, determine other ways to financially support the activities of the Council.
<b>Curriculum</b>	Determines the topics for workshops to be presented at the Annual Conference and secures presenters for them. Additionally, determine the needs of the presenters such as travel and equipment.
<b>CLE Curriculum</b>	Plan the Continuing Legal Education workshops for the attorneys and get approval for the credits through the State Bar.
<b>Entertainment</b>	Plan entertainment activities for the conference (dance, hospitality suite, etc.).
<b>Door Prizes</b>	Collect and distribute door prizes.
<b>Awards</b>	Solicit nominations for the NCCSC Outstanding Achievement Awards and select the best candidate from those nominated.
<b>Notebook</b>	Compile information from various committees and organize it into a camera-ready copy for the printer. Assemble and transport the completed notebooks to the conference site.
<b>Public Awareness</b>	Publicize the conference and promote attendance.
<b>Opening Session</b>	Schedule keynote speaker and entertainment providing an agenda that includes call to order, welcome & announcements, conference overview, awards, and other items as directed by the Board.
<b>Scholarship</b>	Distribute scholarship information and criteria to NC High Schools. Accept applications and determine winners based on established guidelines.
<b>Sponsorships</b>	Work with Council and conference sponsors to advocate on behalf of their interests and to solicit conference, golf tournament, and other function sponsorships.
<b>Legislative</b>	Provide updates to the Council regarding legislative activities potentially impacting the child support arena.
<b>Archives</b>	Maintain records, documents, photographs, etc. pertaining and related to NCCSC.
<b>Nominations/Resolutions</b>	Solicits and accepts names to be considered for the Council election



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	ballot. Also provides guidance regarding Council By-Laws.
<b>Equipment</b>	Solicits equipment needs from conference workshop facilitators. Provides equipment as needed.
<b>Facilities</b>	Secure conference sites for annual conferences.
<b>Website</b>	Maintain NCCSC website, providing up-to-date information regarding Council activities.



## *The 2003 NCCSC & Attorney’s Conference in Retrospect*

And what a conference it was! Thanks to your feedback and participation, the 2003 NCCSC & Attorney’s Conference hosted by the Riverside Hilton in downtown Wilmington, North Carolina can now be officially deemed a huge success. Some of the hi-lights are as follows:

- **Opening Session** – Chairperson Bunny DeBose is to be commended for putting together a wonderful session. Not only did the Wilmington Boy’s Choir serenade us but we also were honored by the presence of the Sgt Eugene Ashley High School NJROTC Color Guard. New Hanover County Commissioner Chairman Ted Davis, Jr. provided the Council with a Welcome Address followed by none other than the First Lady of North Carolina Mary P. Easley who delivered a stunning keynote address. The NCCSC award, NC CSE awards and scholarships were also presented during the Opening Session.
- **Curriculum** – Kimberley Kilpatrick did an excellent job of putting together one of the best curriculums on record. Participants enjoyed workshops that varied from diversity in the work place to best practices and hot topics. Tony Dalton was successful in securing over 7 CLE credit hours for participants, which drew more than 40 participants. All of the workshops were well attended and this is a credit to Chairs of this committee.
- **Vendors** – Thanks to Pat Stone-Smith and Sandra Chestnut, our vendors were numerous and highly visible. Sponsors included SMI, PSI, Orchid Gene Screen, DynTek, Labcorp, Transfirst, TRW Northrup Grumman, Sysrad, Business Express, CSI, Wachovia, and CCB/Salem Group.
- **Registration/Membership** – Thanks to Gayle Johnston and the New Hanover CSE staff, registration was flawless this year. According to Gayle, NCCSC is now 417 members strong with 327 registering for the conference (47 of which were attorneys).
- **Door Prizes/Raffle** – Due to the high volume of door prizes and raffle items donated for the conference, Owen Mooney was highly visible during the conference and seldom found a few minutes to rest. Prizes included an \$800 fur lined coat donated by CSI, power equipment donated by Ken Shafer, a cured ham, lamps, furniture, and much, much more.





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- **Entertainment** – John Jablonski and Michele McCorkle never cease to amaze us. They provided great entertainment for our dance (The Embers), activities for our President’s Reception (hula-hoop, limbo and Hawaiian dress competitions), and a very relaxing hospitality/networking suite.
- **Meals** – Thanks to the wonderful staff at the Hilton, participants enjoyed wonderful food and beverage items during the breaks, the President’s reception and lunch. Participants were also treated to a continental breakfast on Thursday and Friday.
- **Notebooks** – Each participant was presented with a detailed conference notebook crafted by Alice McCoy.
- **Motivational Speaker** – Denise Ryan with Firestar provided conference attendees with an exceptional motivational speech on Thursday morning of the conference. Ms. Ryan also served as a workshop facilitator presenting a workshop titled Mind Reading 101. Thanks are in order for Kimberley Kilpatrick and Judge Kristin Ruth for securing Ms. Ryan for the conference.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Items** – Angela Talley and Robin Huss provided conference attendees numerous commemorative items for sell at the conference including golf shirts, mugs and beverage coolies.
- **“Excellence in Service” Award** – “English as a Second Language in Child Support”



The Child Support Council’s 2003 “Excellence in Service” Award was presented to Catawba County CSE, Agent Rick Donkel for his role in the development of a program “English as a Second Language in Child Support” aimed at providing child support services to the Hispanic population. The program is an effort by Catawba County in hopes of helping the Hispanic community become more self-sufficient.

Through his implementation of this program Donkel has demonstrated that a little bit of understanding, outreach and communication can go a long way. Donkel’s bilingual/English as a second language child support services program works to raise the awareness of child support issues among the Hispanic community. Donkel’s specialized caseload contains at least one

participant involved who speaks English as a second language. Rick also played a vital role in the translation of the Spanish CSE Application that is now available via the web.

- **Closing Session** – NC CSE Chief Barry Miller and President Lillian Overton motivated and inspired us with their closing comments. Newly elected President Steve Garrison announced the 2004 theme, which is *Promises to Keep and Miles to Go Before We Sleep*.



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**THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!**

BY: John Jablonski



*Did you like the Limbo contest? How about the Hula-Hoop? The Hawaiian shirt contest? Or was it the good food and beverages or the chitchat in the Hospitality Suite that struck your fancy? What a sea of color- bright reds, yellows, oranges, royal blues, purples all that beautiful attire on that warm sunny evening down in Wilmington. What memories we will all have of the President's Reception. How about those Embers? But alas, that's all in the past now. Its time once again to roll up our sleeves and go back to the drawing board for the 2004 Conference.*

*2004 takes us to Raleigh N.C. for our fall season Conference. This year's Entertainment Committee is already "think-tanking" about new ideas and strategies to wet the pallet and entice those yearning to be entertained. As usual creative concepts are flowing in. We welcome on board some new members to our committee including Hon. Kristin Ruth, John Morris and Angela Talley. Michele McCorkle will be back with us and is already hard at work conjuring up new decorative schemes. With our new conference theme, "Miles to Go Before We Sleep" we are once again challenged to bring life to and make tangible the essence of our Conference theme. If there are those among you who wish to join in the festivities and work with the Entertainment Committee please contact new President Steve Garrison, or myself. We will be most happy to sign you up and share the fun! See you in Raleigh!*



## NCCSC Website

Website Enhancements coming!

Be on the lookout for many enhancements to the NCCSC website. Alice McCoy and Sharon Johnson are working with Child Support Innovations President and Board of Director member Pat Stone-Smith to add the following features:

- NCCSC Store – We hope to include pictures of items such as shirts, mugs, lunch bags, etc., along with an ordering form.
- Newsletters – Look for pdf files of our previous newsletters
- Archives Video – Remember the great video presented at the annual conference that gave us retrospective view of the past NCCSC members and activities? We hope to add this video to the website.
- Updates – The committee is currently working on adding updates including details of the 2004 conference site, Board Members, scholarship winners, etc.

If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see included on the web site, please contact Alice McCoy at [alice.mccoy@ncmail.net](mailto:alice.mccoy@ncmail.net) or Sharon Johnson at [sharon.johnson@ncmail.net](mailto:sharon.johnson@ncmail.net).

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## ***Bob McGuire Scholarship Fund Update***

Thanks to the many big-hearted contributors out there, the Bob McGuire Scholarship Fund currently can boast a balance of \$10,096.83. Board of Director Russell Lee was presented with a special certificate for Sampson County in recognition of their \$1,425 donation. Sampson County employees Eugenia Tew, Valeria Adams and Dwight Barber are to be commended for the dedication they demonstrated to secure such a large donation. As you may recall, our goal was to receive a \$100 donation from each county. The Board of Directors would like to thank all the contributors, especially the following counties, Child Support professionals and individuals who went above the call of duty and donated more than the designated goal amount: Cabarrus County, Guilford County, Child Support Innovations, DynTek, Cleveland County, Lincoln County, Onslow County, the NC CSE Central Office, Wake County, New Hanover County, Columbus County, Warren County, Wilson County, Johnston County, Orange County, Angela Talley, Kim Kilpatrick, Carole Allen, Laura Costos, Joyce McClaran with PSI, and Patsy Maynord with PSI. There are so many unique ways to raise money for the scholarship fund and one of the more innovative approaches was demonstrated by Glenice Watts of Caldwell County who cooperated with local artisans to auction off a handcrafted pitcher. The pitcher was auctioned off to the highest bidder and the proceeds donated to the scholarship fund. Congratulations to Pat Stone-Smith who placed the highest bid and is now the proud owner of this wonderful keepsake.

The Board of Directors voted earlier this year to donate 4 Bob McGuire Scholarships (the fourth donated in honor of the Council). Winners of the scholarships were Amber Nicole Kyle from Hickory, Megan Elizabeth Jablonski. Greenville, Danelle Nicoal Brown, Durham and Brent Hubert Folks lives in New Bern.

## ***NCCSC Roy Godwin Golf Tournament Fun for All***

The participants of the 2003 Roy Godwin Golf Tournament noticed a couple of differences in the annual NCCSC golf tournament this year. Besides the fact that they were able to play under dry conditions (as opposed to the monsoon experienced last year) the obvious change was in the name. The Board of Directors voted unanimously this year to rename the golf tournament after Cumberland County Child Support worker and Fundraising Committee Chair Roy Godwin in recognition of his effort and hard work to host our golf tournament each year. As you know, this event is facilitated each year to raise funds for the Bob McGuire Scholarship Fund.

The tournament was hosted at the Baywood Golf Course in Fayetteville, North Carolina on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. With 12 teams participating, the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy was awarded to Bruce O'Hale, Father Dimitri, Eddie Lemonds and Lenny Booth who secured the win with a score of 58. Second place honors went to Ed Craig, Tom Craig, Brad Dixon and Nancy Dixon with a score of 60 while third place was captured by Travis Faircloth, Chris Matthews, Randy Jackson, and Brian Schultz with a score of 61. Peggy Dugan, Toba Smith, Blanche Jenson and Deane Jackson won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the women's division with a score of 70.

Chairpersons George Shepherd and Roy Godwin are to be commended

for putting together a well organized and fun golf tournament. Thanks go to Perdue Chicken for their donation of chicken for the lunch, Baywood Country

Club for hosting our tournament, John Morris and Teresa Tew for





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preparing the wonderful meal, and Orchid Gene Screen for the donations made to the golfers. A special thanks goes out to Karen Godwin, Pam Hendren, Owen Mooney, Michele McCorkle, Lorraine Jackson, Angela Talley, Russell Lee, Genia Tew from the Sampson County CSE office was a great asset in obtaining an awesome amount of sponsors and donations for this fund, and others who assisted George and Roy in hosting the tournament. Also, the committee would like to thank all the counties and contributors like Angela Talley (who purchased and donated 10 NCCSC 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary mugs) for the wonderful door prizes.



Barry Miller, Chief

**Senate Bill 423 became  
law on July 3, 2003**

## Senate Bill 423 Provisions

The following provisions take effect as indicated, and manual material addressing these changes is now in place:

North Carolina's Child Support Enforcement Program introduced several new legislative provisions during this year's legislative session. Thanks to our Legislator's strong commitment to single families and children, the efforts of the Child Support Enforcement Program were successful.

The CSE legislation was Senate Bill 423. Senate Bill 423 became law on July 3, 2003. The statutory cites have been included on the following page for your reference.



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\* G.S. 50-13.4(c) - Effective July 1, 2003, if there are any arrearages for child support or fees due when the child support obligation terminates, payments would continue in the same amount that was due under the terms of the last court order or wage withholding for current support. The payments would continue until the arrears are satisfied or until further order of the court.

\* G.S. 110-135 - Effective July 1, 2003, upon the death of the obligor, the child support agency must determine if the estate of the obligor has sufficient assets and attempt to collect arrearages from that estate. (Clarification only. Please continue to utilize the process as specified in N.C.G.S. 28-A, Art. 19).

\* G.S. 93B-13(a) - Effective July 1, 2003, occupational licensing boards are to note the revocation of a professional license in their records, and are to report this notation to DHHS within 30 days. The revocation is to remain in effect for IV-D cases until DHHS certifies that the licensee is in compliance with the conditions of the court's child support order.

\* G.S. 110-139(b) - Effective immediately, the release of an obligor's payment history for a child support order is permitted so that it may be examined by a court, the obligor, the person on whose behalf enforcement actions are taken, or that person's designee, such as an attorney. Income and expense information of one parent may be released to the other parent for the purpose of establishing or modifying a support order.

\* G.S. 50-13.11(a1) - Effective immediately, if health insurance is not currently available at a reasonable cost, the court must order that the parent maintain health insurance when it does become available at a reasonable cost.

The remaining provision of Senate Bill 423 regarding financial institution liens is **effective 90 days from ratification of the law**. Information and updates to the manual implementing this new process will be forthcoming as the effective date approaches.

*Guidelines for Submitting Material for the NC Child Support Council News:*

*"The North Carolina Child Support Council News" is published periodically. Articles will focus on trends, problems, research, and information of interest to child support practitioners. Topics of discussion may include, but are not limited to, child support legislation, case law, related issues and problems. Announcements of related training and programs, which will enhance professionalism in the field, is welcome. Our Editorial Board will review all papers submitted. We will include the article in our next edition if space allows, or we may choose to publish the item at a subsequent time. Opinions expressed in the "N.C. Child Support News" are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the position or policy of the North Carolina Child Support Council.*

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