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“YOU RAISE ME UP”

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**JOIN US FOR THE 2005
North Carolina Child Support Council CONFERENCE**

**August 17~19, 2005
The Renaissance Asheville Hotel
One Thomas Wolfe Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801**

<http://marriott.com/renaissancehotels/default.mi>



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DEADLINES FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Two Important Deadlines for Registration and Room Reservations for the 2005 North Carolina Child Support and Attorney's Conference at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel.

DEADLINE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS IS JULY 17, 2005. DEADLINE TO RECEIVE THE \$60 REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE IS JULY 22, 2005.

Call the Asheville Renaissance Hotel at:

(800) 468-3571 or direct at (828) 252-8211.
When you call, be sure to mention you are with the Child Support and Attorney Conference to receive the special rate of \$114.00 per night.

(Registration and Membership form on page 5 of this newsletter and is located on our NCCSCouncil.org website)

Please put a copy of the Registration Form in each attorney's mailbox at your local Courthouse. We had a large turnout in Raleigh last year. Attorneys appreciate the opportunity to earn several CLEs at one meeting. Parking is free and we plan to offer several meals at the conference.

So get your registration approved and checks in the mail to: NCCSC

P. O. Box 20421

Raleigh, NC 27609-0421

Attention: Astra Wilson-Kirksey

After the July 22, 2005, registration fee will be \$65.00. Don't miss out on the Mardi Gras Theme for the 2005 Conference. There will be lots to learn and a chance to network with your fellow Child Support Professionals. See you in Asheville in August.

Diane Thompson and Astra Wilson-Kirsey,
Registration and Membership

NC CHILD SUPPORT COUNCIL ARCHIVES

The Archives Committee needs you desperately! Now that the Child Support Enforcement Program is 30 years old, we are seeing a lot of our dedicated child support professionals looking towards retirement. While we are sad to see you go, we applaud and truly admire your efforts to make a difference in the life of North Carolina's children.

The Archives Committee asks one last favor before you leave. Please don't throw away those old copies of Council Newsletters, photos, conference booklets, and any other Council memorabilia. If you were a past board member, please look through any old business records that you have as well. Much of what we are missing is from the 1980's, so please don't think that what you have is too old and no one wants them. We do!

Of course, you don't have to wait to retire to donate to the Archives Committee. Donations are accepted anytime! Please contact Vickie Odom at the Central Office, phone (919) 255-3893, or e-mail at Vickie.Odom@ncmail.net if you are interested in contributing to the Council's history!

Vickie Odom, Chairman
Archives Committee



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Party to the Maxx

By: John Jablonski

I know! You think I misspelled maxx. Well read on and let's see!

Ok, so its time to update you on the latest news about all the Entertainment for our 2005 Child Support Conference. Well, guess what? It's a secret so I can't tell you anything. But if I could tell you something, it would be that our Conference theme “You Raise Me Up” when mixed with our Conference décor “Mardi-Gras” is resulting in some of the most outrageous and creative ideas I have ever seen. I wish I could tell you about our opening processional complete with Mardi-Gras style floats, jesters, **Dixieland Jazz, top hats, masks, feathers, costumes... Stop!** I wasn't supposed to tell you about that so please keep it under wraps.

This year, each County will be asked to create their own unique County Banner Mardi-Gras style. But I can't tell you about the secret contest and prize for the best-designed banner. NO! You can't make me tell!

And what's a trip to New Orleans without a stroll down Bourbon Street? It's a secret but we will have a Bourbon Street too. In fact, we will have an entire French Quarter. Here you can collect valuable Mardi-Gras coins and beads as you visit your favorite “costumed” vendors. Don't tell anyone but whom ever collects the most coins and beads will win a brand new 22-inch color tele... Wow! I almost let that one slip. Bet that will “You Raise Me Up” alright!

It's no secret that our Hospitality Suite will once again be stocked with your favorite New Orleans “spirits” and perhaps a little bayou cuisine as well. On Thursday night, the Suite will operate extended hours to facilitate a steady flow to our floating President's Reception. Now this is “hush-hush”. The Council Board Members will all have their own supply of colorful Mardi-Gras beads, which they will gladly distribute to anyone who shows the right “You Raise Me Up” spirit. So get your costumes ready, dawn your party masks (you know the ones with the feathers), put on your happy face and get ready to party to the maxx.

Oh, about The Maxx. Yes, we will party to “The Maxx”. The most polished, talented dance band in the entire southeast will be joining us from Atlanta, Georgia to insure our Thursday night dance will be a “night to remember”. I could tell you more but it's a secret! One thing I can tell you-I will be there. I wouldn't miss the one for the world. See you in Asheville.



Party to “The Maxx”



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To Join or Not to Join that is the question

Every year as the new Board of Directors begins the first meeting we face the same challenge. How do we build a stronger council membership? This is not a new issue, this has been around as long as I have been involved in child support and trust me that goes back a long way! It is important for every child support professional in North Carolina to realize this about a lot more than an annual conference.

We are professionals who are dedicated to the work of helping children who cannot otherwise help themselves. As professionals, we need to come together as an organized group whose focus is to promote our beliefs, dreams and ideas for the future of our program. This representation occurs through our various professional affiliations. The North Carolina Child Support Council is just the first rung of an expansive organization that represents all child support professionals *internationally*.

Each year numerous training conferences occur within each state as well as multiple regional conferences and the National conference. The focus of each of these annual meetings is to pool our collective knowledge and experiences to affect a stronger child support program nationally. It is through these meetings that new legislative ideas and new practices are born. However, our influence is not just within the US. It is through the hard work and effort of all child support professionals here in the US that our program has achieved international acclaim. Every year at the National Child Support Conference there is a large contingency of attendees from other nations. These nations have viewed our success and our practices and have decided we are the templates for how they wish to manage their programs.

They recognize that our collective membership enables us to influence decision makers to draft laws, which improve the delivery of child support services. This membership is comprised of individual local child support staff in every county across our country, in other words, people just like you. Your membership and participation in your local association provides the voice for our future. It is often said that there is safety in numbers, well even more so there is *Power* in numbers. As members of the council your voice is heard in our State Director's office, as a large organized association within the state you give empowerment to our State Director as he fights for improvements for the program. As part of a larger national organization, you do affect federal law and how the child support program is administered. So as you can see what happens at the federal level is the result of a domino affect, it begins with the first individual joining the council and making themselves heard...



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“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

NCCSC Awards Offers New Incentive

It's time to dust off your application for nominations for the NCCSC awards for individuals and/or agencies for outstanding achievement or meritorious contribution in the area of child support. And this year there is an extra incentive to do so. A cash bonus of \$100 will be rewarded to the BEST nomination! Just think what you could do with an extra \$100 – a pizza party for the office, a donation to favorite charity, pay off old traffic tickets – the list is endless!

Achievement at the local level and achievement with statewide significance will be considered for recognition. The nominations should include the following:

1. The clear **identity of the problem/concern** that prompted the need for the project.
2. **Innovative approach** resulting in more effective delivery of services.
3. **Originality.**
4. Demonstration of effective interaction and **cooperation between the various agencies** involved in the child support process.
5. Implemented programs or procedures, which have **broad application** or could serve as a model.
6. Activities that provide for the **development of legislation or policy.**
7. Demonstration of significant Improvement in the provision of services to children.
8. **Continuing outstanding effectiveness.**

If you have not already considered entering a nomination this year, the Awards Committee encourages you to assess all good things happening in your agency and submit your nomination. There are a lot of good ideas going on out there that people need to know about! Remember the more detail and originality you can provide, the more you stand out from the rest. So, get busy and write it up! Make it real! Be specific! Let the child support world benefit from your experience!

Currently no applications have been received. That makes your chances of winning award recognition better. **If you previously sent a nomination to the address in the last newsletter, it was NOT received. You will need to resend it to the address listed.**

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Write it up! Make it real! Be specific! Let the child support world benefit from your experience!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Donna at (919) 255-3891. Awards nomination form can be found on the website <http://www.nccscouncil.org/>

Nominations must be submitted by **June 15, 2005** and mailed to:

The North Carolina Child Support Council Awards Committee
Attn: Donna Buchanan
PO Box 20421
Raleigh, NC 27619



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IF YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU'D BETTER ASK!!!!

Better yet, go to www.nccscouncil.org to get the answers to your questions about the North Carolina Child Support Council and our annual Conference. On the web site you can:

- Read about our history
- See conference photos
- Read information about our upcoming conference
- Complete an application for membership or scholarships
- Register for the annual conference
- You can also give your opinion about the NCCSC Conference.

If you haven't visited us lately, stop by to see what is new and exciting.

Alice McCoy and Sharon Johnson
Webmasters

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Early Bird Membership Winners



Congratulations to Kurt Duzan of McDowell County. Kurt was the winner of the round trip ticket to anywhere in the continental US on Delta Airlines or US Airways. Celestine Gregory of Chowan County won the \$25 gift certificate to Lowes Hardware.



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**North Carolina Child Support and Attorney’s Conference
The Renaissance Asheville Hotel-Asheville, NC August 17-19, 2005**

County _____			2005 Registration Form		
_____ First Name	_____ Middle Initial	_____ Last Name	_____ Title/Profession	_____ Agency/Company	
_____ Address			<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code	_____ Telephone Fax Email - Address		
Please check this box if this is a first time membership for you ()					

Renaissance Asheville Hotel

One Thomas Wolfe Plaza
Asheville, NC 2880
***For Reservations Call: 828-252-8211**
Reservation Deadline: July 17, 2005
 Return the completed form to:

***Room rate Single/Double: \$114**
***Concierge Level Rooms: \$134**
 (Identify as a member of the Council to receive this special rate) Parking is free - front and back of the Hotel
***Must be booked by July 17, 2005**

Return completed form to:
 NCCSC
 P.O. Box 20421
 Raleigh, NC 27619
 Attn: **Astra Wilson-Kirksey**
Diane Thompson

- 1) \$ _____ Full Conference Registration
- 2) \$ _____ CLE Credit Processing
- 3) \$ _____ Council Membership Only
- 4) \$ _____ Guest Ticket President's /Dance
- \$ _____ Total (Please enclose payment)

***Deadline for Pre-registration is July 22, 2005**
\$5.00 late fee applies after that date. (Must be postmarked by 7-22-05)



- 1) **Pre-Registration Full Conference Fees:**
 (Membership must be paid to attend conference)
 \$60.00 - If membership has already been paid since 1-1-05
 \$70.00 - Includes \$10.00 membership fees
 \$75 - On Site Registration (Includes \$5.00 late charge)
- 2) **Attorneys Please Note**
 () CLE Credit \$25.00 Processing Fee
 (Required to process CLE Credit)
- 3) **Membership only**
 \$10.00 per person

****Note: The registration fee covers conference materials, breaks, and the President’s Reception on Thursday evening. Additional meals such as breakfasts on Thursday & Friday and lunch on Thursday may be offered at no additional costs based upon sponsorship.**

4) **Guest Ticket-\$20.00**
 President’s Reception/Dance

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2005 Roy Godwin Golf Tournament BAYWOOD GOLF CLUB, FAYETTEVILLE, NC August 6, 2005

The NC Child Support Council Roy Godwin Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2005 at The Baywood Golf Club in Fayetteville. The Baywood Golf Club is easily accessible from Interstate 95 and there are several hotels within a few minutes of the course. There

will be a free lunch served prior to the tournament at 12 noon with play to begin at 1:00pm. Player cost will be \$60.00 per player or \$240.00 per team of 4 players. There will be a \$500.00 grand prize for the winning team. Red tees and mulligans will be sold to players the day of the tournament. A collar shirt and soft spikes are required at the course.

The registration form below should be filled out and returned with payment to: George Shepherd at 317 East Jackson Blvd, Erwin, NC 28339 no later than 7/28/2005. This event will be held “rain or shine”. All profits go to the NCCSC Bob McGuire Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions, just contact George Shepherd at george.shepherd@ncmail.net.

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3.		
4.		

The Tournament is subject to cancellation and refund of fees if less than 20 participants are registered 10 days prior to the tournament date.



\$500 Prize



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AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

09:00 a – 05:00 p	Registration
09:00 a – 11:00 a	Board Breakfast
01:00 p – 05:00 p	Exhibits/Sponsors
01:00 p – 03:00 p	Opening Session: “ <i>You Raise Me Up</i> ” Mardi Gras Parade, Inspirational Speaker, “The Fly Lady” Grand Ballroom
03:00 p – 03:30 p	Break-30th Birthday Celebration NCCSE
03:30 p – 05:00 p	Concurrent Workshops
05:00 p -----	Hospitality Suite

Thursday, August 18, 2005

07:30 a – 08:30 p	Breakfast
08:00 a – 05:00 p	Registration
08:00 a – 05:00 p	Exhibits/Sponsors
08:30 a – 09:15 a	Business Session Grand Ballroom
09:15 a – 10:00 a	General Session Grand Ballroom
	“Title - TBD” – Motivational Speaker – TBD
10:00 a – 10:15 a	Break
10:15 a – 11:30 a	Concurrent Workshops
11:30 a – 01:00 p	Lunch TBA
01:00 p – 02:00 p	Board Meeting
01:00 p – 02:15 p	Concurrent Workshops
02:15 p – 02:30 p	Break
02:30 p – 03:45 p	Concurrent Workshops
03:45 p – 05:00 p	Concurrent Workshops Continued
05:00 p – 07:00 p	Hospitality Suite
06:00 p – 08:00 p	President’s Reception Top of the Plaza
08:00 p – 12:00 a	Dance – “The Maxx” Grand Ballroom

Friday, August 19, 2005

07:30 a – 08:30 a	Breakfast (UnConfirmed)
08:00 a – 11:00 a	Exhibits/Sponsors
09:00 a – 10:15 a	Concurrent Workshops
10:15 a – 10:30 a	Break
10:30 a – 11:30 a	Closing Session Grand Ballroom



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CURRICULUM NEWS FLASH



Time is drawing near! Make your reservations for the 2005 Child Support and Attorney Conference in beautiful Asheville. The Curriculum Committee is very excited to offer you top-notch sessions. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

03:30 p – 0500 p Concurrent Workshops
Legislative Update***Barry Miller
Interstate 101****Donna Buchanan
Worklist***Vickie Odom
CCO***Gwen Neely, Mike Andrews

Thursday, August 18, 2005

10:15 a – 11:30 a Concurrent Workshops
CSE Agent Certification Program****Barry Miller
Case Stratification****Joe Vicini
Laughter, the Medicine of Life***Pat Stone-Smith
Best Practices/Interstate****Panel of Interstate Workers

01:00 p – 02:15 p Concurrent Workshops
NCFast/Job Design****Vickie Odom
Professionalism****Jerre Taylor
Interaction in the Workplace****Andrea Hedrick
Best Practices/Establishment****Panel of Esta. Workers

02:30 p – 03:45 p Concurrent Workshops
Motivational****Tentative
Self-Assessment/Data Warehouse***Judy McArn, Alice McCoy, Amy Benson and Daisie Blue
FIDM***Karen Goodwin
IV-D/Foster Care (IV-D Side)***Teresa Allison, Carole Allen, Angela Craig

04:00 p – 05:15 p Concurrent Workshops
Web Delivery/EChildSupport****Daisie Blue, Judy McArn
Best Practices/Enforcement***Panel of Enfa. Workers
IV-D Jeopardy****Surprise Host
Being Helpful/Giving Legal Advice****Lori Loftis

Friday, August 19, 2005

09:00 a – 10:15 a Concurrent Workshops
Military****Tentative
Deputy Training****Tentative
Journey to Excellence***J2E Team



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Continuing Legal Education (CLE) GET YOUR CREDITS IN ASHEVILLE

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Curriculum Committee has confirmed the following topics and presenters for this year's conference. The exact scheduled day and times for the CLE classes will be announced at a later date. Please share this list with the local bar members in your county and encourage them to join the Council and attend the conference. The costs for CLE is \$25 in addition to \$10 membership and \$60 Registration fees. WOW! What a deal! Sign up today!

- **Case Law Update *** Gerald H. Robbins, Assistant North Carolina Attorney General, Raleigh, NC**
- **Bankruptcy Issues in Child Support Cases *** Robert Pitts, Attorney, Asheville, NC**
- **Best Practices of IV-D Attorneys *** Panel of District Court Judges, Chair: Honorable Gary Cash, 28th Judicial District, Asheville, NC**
- **Military Issues in Child Support *** Mark Sullivan, Attorney, Raleigh, NC**
- **Ethics *** Mel Wright, Attorney & Executive Director of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, & Professor at UNC-School of Law**
- **Using Liens to Enforce Child Support Orders *** John L. Saxon, Professor of Public Law & Government, (and other uncommon tools)**
- **Who's Your Daddy? The ABC's of Paternity in NC *** John L. Saxon, Professor of Public Law &**
- **Government, School of Government UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC**
- **UIFSA (A ten year perspective) *** Gerald H. Robbins, Assistant North Carolina Attorney General, Raleigh, NC**



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GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE 5th ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA CHILD SUPPORT COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 6TH, 2005 AT THE BAYWOOD GOLF CLUB IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC. MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF THREE SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA. WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER OUR WORTHY CAUSE OF HELPING CHILDREN ATTEND COLLEGE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

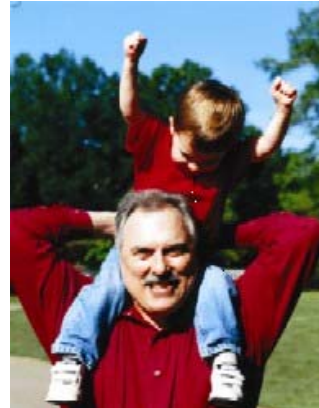
_____ **\$5000.00 TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP**
TWO TEAMS ENTERED IN TOURNAMENT
LARGE SIGN AT TOURNAMENT CLUB HOUSE
SIGN ON TEE BOX

_____ **\$2500.00 TOURNAMENT CO-SPONSORSHIP**
ONE TEAM ENTERED IN TOURNAMENT
SIGN AT TOURNAMENT CLUBHOUSE
SIGN ON TEE BOX

_____ **\$500.00 SPONSORSHIP**
TWO INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES
SIGN ON TEE BOX

_____ **\$250.00 SPONSORSHIP**
ONE INDIVIDUAL ENTRY
SIGN ON TEE BOX

_____ **\$100.00 SPONSORSHIP**
SIGN ON TEE BOX



_____ **ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK** _____ **PLEASE BILL ME**

NAME _____ PHONE _____
NUMBER _____
ADDRESS _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTH CAROLINA CHILD SUPPORT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND RETURN TO GEORGE SHEPHERD, HARNETT CO. CSE, 317 EAST JACKSON BLVD, ERWIN, NC 28339

Each office is encouraged to send in money to help sponsor this tournament. \$100 will get your county a sign on the tee box and more importantly, the money you donate will go to a child in North Carolina that wants to go to college.

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The Parade of Festive Events

Will you be there?



Allons (a-law(n) (Let's Go)! This year is parading by at an amazing pace and summer is quickly approaching. The conference dates are zooming into reality for the NC Child Support Council. As conference coordinator, I want to share some of the excitement that awaits you at the beautiful Renaissance Hotel in Asheville, NC on August 17-19, 2005.

Brush up on your Cajun French as the Mardi Gras will begin at the Opening Session on Wed at 1 pm in the Grand Ballroom with the theme: "*You Raise Me Up*". A very festive and colorful time is to be had by all who attend. Don't miss the PARADE. Yes, I said a real parade. There will be the costumes, the surprises, the music, the children, the door prizes and the food. **You must be there.** Many important facts will be revealed to you during the Opening Session that will allow you to take full advantage of every event that is scheduled to take place throughout the conference, and it will give you the advantage to winning fabulous prizes during the conference and at the Closing Session. Jazz? You got it, if the **Jester** has called it right, there will be great Jazz music from a local community jazz band consisting of middle and high school children. Prepare yourself, you may just want to breakout and enjoy it!

You don't want to miss "The Fly Lady". This local celebrity will get you pumped up and going, just the energy you need for this conference and for when you return home to reality. You will think you have sprouted wings when she is done!

Plan your wardrobe with **BRIGHT GREENS, PURPLES** and **GOLDS** and become a part of the festive affair as we begin the parade down the streets of our own child support world. Take a stroll down memory lane while we celebrate the 30th birthday of the NC Child Support Enforcement Program. It will be a complete birthday party with cake and punch for everyone.

There will be a photo booth open at various times during the conference where you and/or your group can get your pictures made free as a souvenir from your trip to the Child Support Mardi Gras.

Find the French Quarter, and take a walk down Bourbon Street and fill your new conference tote bags with goodies from the vendors. Don't be surprised if you don't recognize your favorite vendor on Thursday, as they will be in costume, participating in a costume contest for which you can cast the vote for the best one. You will also be eligible for a drawing to win a fabulous prize for visiting each vendor and securing their signature on a vendor prize sheet. This prize will be valued \$100-\$200.

The Hospitality Suite will be available on Wed. evening at 5 pm with fabulous foods and drinks including some from the Big Easy. Don't be shocked if you see a few "mudbugs". Warning, these do not come in cups.



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It will be standing room only with all the close fellowship and networking you can stand. But, you don't want to miss it!

A hot buffet breakfast will kick start us on Thursday morning followed by the very important Business Session. There will be nice door prizes given during the Business Session, so you must be there early to get a ticket and be eligible. The General Session will immediately follow and another surprise is in store for you then. It could be magical.

The Curriculum/CLE Committees have worked hard to provide you with a great outline of workshops suitable to fit everyone's needs. These will run at various intervals throughout the day. See the Curriculum “At a Glance” for further details.

Providing Lunch on Thursday is still in negotiations. I hope to be able to provide lunch as a free benefit, but if I am unsuccessful, there are fabulous restaurants and street side cafes within a short walking distance of the hotel. The hotel also has its own restaurant, “Orchards” and a Lobby Lounge for your convenience.

Thursday evening the Hospitality Suite will again be available for your favorite beverages and snacks from 5-7 pm.

You are cordially invited to join President Kristen Ruth at the President's Reception at the Top of the Plaza; 6-8 pm on Thursday. You can experience the breathtaking evening sunset from the downtown's premier rooftop ballroom overlooking Asheville and the beautiful scenic NC Great Smokey Mountains, while you enjoy delicious chef prepared delicacies and mingle among friends. Wow! What a view! It is simply majestic!

Allons Dance' (Let's Dance)! “The Maxx”, a high profile party and dance band from Atlanta, Georgia, will kick off the Thursday evening party at 8 pm in the Grand Ballroom. Come prepared to enjoy 4 hours of high-energy dance and entertainment from, not only the band, but your fellow members, too. Don't miss this festive atmosphere and a chance for fabulous door prizes. You might just be asked to line dance, so warm up your shoes!

Friday morning will provide those last minute workshops followed by the Closing Session. You must be present to experience the end of a wonderful conference in which you must have been raised up in some way. There will be the best of door prizes, the winners will be drawn for all the raffles and conference contests, the President's address, the passing of the gavel, the presentation of the 2006 theme and conference location, the presentation of the new board members, and the recap of the NCCSC, and you will still get to leave by noon on Friday.

If you miss this fun-filled festive, but educational conference, you will have to pay huge bucks for a real trip to Mardi Gras, and then to special training sessions, and then you still won't have as much fun or learn as much as we did in three quick and easy days in Asheville. Only the pictures, the handouts, the prizes and the new energy and knowledge you take home from this conference will convince those who were left behind that you are really are telling the truth about where you went and what you done! I hope to see you in Asheville, August 17-19th, 2005 at the Renaissance Hotel.

Laissez les on temps roulet! Let the Good Times Roll!
(lay say lay bon tom roo lay)

Angela Talley

Conference Coordinator





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NOMINATIONS FOR NCCSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is time to start thinking about nominations for the North Carolina Child Support Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors OR, know someone who would like to serve, please email the nomination to bunny.debose@ncmail.net no later than **May 27, 2005**. Criteria for nominees is as follows:

- 1) Nominees must be notified and must agree to serve a three-year term.
- 2) Nominees must currently be a NCCSC member in good standing.
- 3) Nominees must have approval from their supervisors and should be available to attend scheduled board meetings (usually held quarterly) in Raleigh.
- 4) Current NCCSC members in good standing should submit nominations.
- 5) Nominations must include a brief biography of nominee and why the nominee would make a good board member.

Currently there are seven vacancies on the board and elections for these vacancies will be held at the August Business meeting, which will be held during the 22nd Annual NCCSC Conference at **The Renaissance Asheville Hotel** in Asheville, NC. We hope to see you there.



Door Prizes Needed!!!

Here we go again, time for me to whine and beg, yep you guessed it, its conference time and that means I need door prizes!! Once again I need for all you good little “boys” and “girls” to perform your magic and get us some really great stuff to give away.

We had an incredible number of prizes last year and some really unique items. Lets see if we can match that or beat it this year. Once again, we would like to try to gather items that are representative of the area of the state they come from. You know the drill, like *furniture* from the Hickory area, etc...

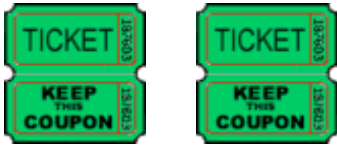
Now for the county that does this best (most door prizes donated) the “little old travel agent” is going to donate one (1) roundtrip ticket on US Airways for anywhere US Air travels in the continental US.

Door Prize Chairman is:
Pat Stone-Smith
pstonesmith@childsi.com
904-280-7711 (phone)
904-280-4095 (fax)



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Double the Fun



Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5

Two Raffles

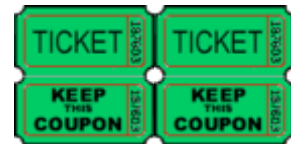
We have two raffles this year. First, second and third for the Scholarship fund and a fourth place drawing for the NCCSC Raffle. So, make sure you buy plenty of tickets to give you the bragging rights!!! Remember it is for a good cause.

Scholarship Fund Prizes (1st winner gets to choose the Basketball of their choice)

- Autographed Duke Basketball
- Autographed NC State Basketball
- Autographed Book “A Coaches Life” By Dean Smith

NCCSC Raffle Prizes

- 1st Bubba’s Oven Gas Grill
- 2nd Cannon ZR200 Digital Camcorder/Camera
- 3rd Weekend at Sheraton, Atlantic Beach Ocean
- 4th Delicious Country Ham



Contact Monica Ruffin monica.ruffin@ncmail.net for tickets or more information.

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