Why Did You Join SEANC?

Do you remember the circumstances when you first joined SEANC—where you were, who you were with, when it was? It may be fun to dredge that up from your memory banks. I want to focus on the why you joined in the first place.

A number of SEANC members were asked why they joined, and their answers are charted below.

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**Why did you join SEANC?**

- Benefits: 34%
- Previously member: 7%
- Legislative Representation: 7%
- Job Protection/Support: 22%
- Insurance: 8%
- Good organization: 10%
- To become active/Voice: 12%
As you can see, two of the responses given accounted for more than all of the other reasons put together: either the **benefits** of membership or **job protection/support**.

**Member Benefits**
Member benefits include insurance (accident, auto, dental health care, home, legal, life, vision), programs such as Perks Network and Purchasing Power, and discounts on everything from theme park tickets to theatres, from computers to cell phones, from rental cars to rooms in hotels. For a list of benefits that you enjoy as a member, click [here](#).

**Job Protection/Support**
Each year at convention SEANC delegates determine priorities for SEANC advocacy—items important to public services and state employees/retirees. Major categories include pay, jobs, retirement system, health care, and worker rights. For a list of 2014 Legislative Victories click [here](#).

Odds are you became a member due to something in one of those two categories. But for whatever reason you joined, I think you did yourself and your family a service by becoming a member of the only organization whose sole reason for existence is to protect and enhance the rights and benefits of current, retired, and future state employees.

Take advantage of your membership. Log into the SEANC.org website and check out the thousands of discounts at local and national businesses through the SEANC PerksCard website. Save yourself a lot of money with SEANC’s insurance products.

And while you’re enjoying all of the rights and perks that go along with your membership, why not share your reason for joining with fellow employees/retirees who are not members? Tell them why you joined and what they are missing by not belonging to the only organization that has their best interests at heart.

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*Pat Reighard*
Chair, SEANC District 3
The 10th Annual Lois W. Forrester Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by District 3 of the State Employees Association of North Carolina was held May 14, 2015, at Boone Golf Club. The tournament has been named in memory of Lois W. Forrester. Lois was very active in SEANC at the state level and locally in District 3, and she was founder of District 3’s annual golf tournament. Lois courageously battled cancer, and this tournament is named in her honor to memorialize her commitment and love for her family, friends, community, and SEANC. It was a great day for golf, and Dr. Pat Reighard, Chairperson of SEANC District 3, gave a memorial tribute in honor of Lois and released 10 heart balloons prior to the shotgun start. There were fifteen teams participating.

Events such as this support local community service activities and the local and state SEANC scholarship fund. This fund provides scholarships, locally and across the state, to active and associate SEANC members, their spouses, and children to attend technical schools, community colleges, trade schools, junior colleges, or four-year colleges or universities on a full-time basis. After all of the bills were paid, over $5,000 was raised for scholarships and community service activities of SEANC District 3.

1ST PLACE TEAM

Tom Taylor, Kevin Taylor, Monte Greene, Jerry Trivette
WINNER OF THE HIGH COUNTRY CUP
REPRESENTING REDTAIL MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB

Mark Sijthoff, Don Rankins, Terry Combs, Barry Laney

CLOSEST TO THE PIN WINNERS
#3 Mike Fletcher  #8 Wayne Ball  #11 Jake Chaney  #16 Adam Winebarger

LONGEST DRIVE WINNERS
Men – Barry Laney  Senior – Chuck Blanton  Women – Teresa Johnson
THANK YOU TO OUR SEANC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS!

Reta Greene, Luray Rominger & Kathy Howell  
Pat Reighard & Wayne Holliday

Janice Smith & Teresa Canton  
Doris Greer & Johnny Davidson

Pam Fox, Anne Castro, Rhonda Robinson & Ellen Hobson
THANK YOU TO OUR HOLE SPONSORS AND BUSINESSES/DONORS WHO SUPPORTED THE 10TH ANNUAL LOIS W. FORRESTER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT --- May 14, 2015

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What the Heck Is POLICY PLATFORM and Why Should I Care?

By Ann Castro, District 3 Policy Platform Chair, and Doris W. Greer, State Policy Platform Chair

Policy Platform Objectives are very important to active state employees and retirees. Why? Because these are the issues that are brought before our legislators by SEANC for the betterment for all state employees and retirees.

There are many issues that come up with working employees and retired individuals that could be addressed as Policy Platform Objectives. Please think about problems you have, any recommendations that could be helpful, benefits that could be addressed, and many other things you might think of that would be worthwhile for state employees and retirees.

In order for anyone to get a Policy Platform Objective through to the State Legislature, it must first be brought before our SEANC District 3 annual meeting (June 30, 2015), voted on, and if passed, it then goes to the State Policy Platform Committee for their approval. After that it goes to SEANC annual convention (September, 2015). After approval there, SEANC's Legislative Affairs Department will bring it before our State Legislators for action.

SEANC, through your Legislative Affairs Department, has done so much for the betterment of all State Employees and Retirees. And all of this starts by submitting a Policy Platform Objective at the local level.

All anyone needs to do is come up with one’s issue and a recommendation for change or improvement. From there the Policy Platform chair can write it up for you in the proper form. If you have questions or need help you can contact Anne Castro, District 3’s Policy Platform Chair or the SEANC central office. Positive change begins with you.
District 3 Scholarship Winners for 2015-2016

**Alexa Shatley:** $1000 winner of the *Andrew “Andy” Kirby Memorial Scholarship*
Alexa’s application was also submitted to SEANC for the statewide competition.

**Abby Lopp:** $750 Merit winner

**Kellyn Stamey:** $750 Merit winner
Studying Sports, Entertainment, and Event Management at Johnson & Wales University. Kellyn’s application was also submitted to SEANC for the statewide competition.
LOOK WHAT SEANC DISTRICT #3 IS DOING IN YOUR COMMUNITY! - BE A PART OF IT!

Each month District 3 supports a local charity as a way to “Give Back” to YOUR community

District 3 Community Service Projects 2014-15
Serving Watauga, Avery and Mitchell Counties

On going... Health & Hunger Coalition - Watauga County – Collection of medicine bottles
September Disabled Veterans – check for $200
October Mitchell County Food Bank
November Hunger Coalition Watauga County – Canned food collection
December Senior Citizens Centers – Activity for Watauga/Mitchell & Avery Counties
January Blankets/Food/Pet Supplies for Animal Shelters Watauga/Mitchell & Avery Counties
February Cards to the Veterans
March Wounded Warrior Project – Dinner
April O.A.S.I.S. (Opposing Abuse with Service, Information and Shelter) Watauga and Avery Counties
May District 3 Scholarship Fund-Community Service Projects
Golf Tournament
June Relay for Life - Watauga County
July Mitchell County - Mtn. Opportunity Center in Bakersville
Collection of Needed Items
August Cancer Center Care Kits- Watauga, Mitchell and Avery Counties
Come Join Us at YOUR SEANC
District #3 Annual Meeting

You’re Invited!

What?
District 3’s Annual Meeting

When?
Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at 6:00 PM

Where?
Fairway Café at Boone Golf Club, 433 Fairway Dr., Boone, NC 28607

Why?
Free Dinner, Recognition of Scholarship Winners, Awards, Officer Elections

How?
Please contact Janice Smith at smithja@appstate.edu or at 366-877-1876 so we’ll know that you’re coming.

Slate of Nominations To Be Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting
2015-16 Term

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Nominating  Reta Greene
Membership  Amy Winebarger

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