

◆ NCDTSEA NEWSLETTER ◆

CONFERENCE EDITION

December 2017

Greetings from Mr. Kent D. Teeter, NCDTSEA President

As the 2017-2018 school year is well underway, I hope everyone is having a good year. Driver Education has certainly seen many challenges over the last few years. Things seem to have leveled out for now, but instead of resting and taking for granted that things will remain level, now is our time to shine. Please do all the good teaching that you can, in all the ways that you can, for all of the students that you can, for every day that you can, for as long as ever you can.

We are very thankful to Susan Harrison, our Legislative Consultant, for her hard work in Raleigh to keep our program up and running strong. Without Susan's hard work and dedication, we would likely be in a different position legislatively.

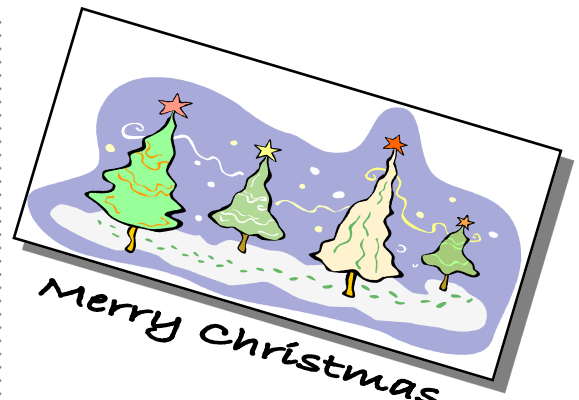
I would also like to give a strong "shout out" to Connie Sessions, our Executive Secretary, who keeps our association running by arranging meetings, organizing the state conference, paying our bills and many, many other duties for our organization.

We also need to keep Karl Logan in the Department of Public Instruction informed by providing the data that he needs to keep our Legislators in Raleigh informed that our program is working.

It's important that we, as Dedicated Members of our association, continue to talk with our elected officials, our parents and local boards of education to stress the importance of educating and preparing our students to drive on our streets and highways.

If you are not actively involved with the operation of our association, I urge you to become a part by attending a board meeting and/or your local regional meetings. I want to take a moment to thank each of you, board members and members of our association, for your dedication, support and commitment to teaching the students who participate in our NC Driver Education Program.

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Greeting from your 1st Vice President, Mr. Devin Tanner

In my 15 years as a Driver Educator, I have spent much of my professional career working with teenagers and helping them learn how to navigate a world where the decisions they make now can and will affect not only themselves but others far into the future. What a challenging and daunting task we have chosen to take part in. I am trying to find the right words coupled with motivation and creativity to be able to get all of our students to understand what a serious responsibility it is to drive a vehicle. Teaching teens to drive certainly is an undertaking that most people are uncomfortable doing all by themselves, so I commend each and every one of you for choosing to make a difference in a child's life. The skills our students acquire from us will stimulate learning in every other facet of their lives and will allow them to live their lives to the fullest.

As a member of the NCDTSEA Board of Directors, I want to assure you that we are passionate about what we do and about the work that you do with the students in North Carolina. We will continue to work hard for the improvement of our state-wide Driver Education program and to make sure we all have the necessary resources to

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On a final note, please mark your calendars for the upcoming 48th Annual Conference to be held again in **Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn Conference Center on April 26 - 28, 2018**. In this newsletter, you will find more registration information as well as on our website (www.ncdtsea.com) about the upcoming conference. Your 1st Vice President, Devin Tanner, is working hard to put together a great program for this conference. Hope to see you there!

I hope all of you have a blessed and joyful holiday season!

Kent D. Teeter

President NCDTSEA

Our Web site has a new look!

Thanks to Angie Marlowe, who works in the office of Mountain Professionals and is our resident website designer. Simply go to www.ncdtsea.com to access the website. Our Website is full of relevant information, but our work on it continues. You can keep up with legislative news, announcements about board meetings, conference information, announcements concerning area meetings and review the minutes of previous Board meeting. We need information from our membership to keep the site updated as much as possible. This is one of the many ways in which we try to communicate with our members! We are also building a complete NCDTSEA Listserve. Please consider joining this listserve by giving us your e-mail address at this year's conference registration table.

Golf Tournament

Our conference planners have made arrangements with the Tanglewood Golf Course to have a conference golf tournament on Thursday morning, April 26, 2018. If you would like to come early and participate in this fun outing, please contact Kim Bruce at 336-766-9121 or e-mail her (kbruce@thevillageinn.com). Kim is the Golf Coordinator for The Village Inn. There will be prizes awarded at predetermined holes for longest drive, closest put, etc. The green fee will be approximately \$50.00 per golfer. Get those golf clubs out of the garage, polish them up and show everyone your talent.

Not sure when your membership in the association expires, check the mailing label on this newsletter. The expiration date will be located at the end of your name.

2018 Annual ADTSEA Conference

The 62nd ADTSEA National Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois July 22 through July 25, 2018.

The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel
5440 North River Road,
Rosemont, Illinois 60018.
The hotel phone number is
(847) 671-6350

Renewal Credit

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association will be offering 1.2 CEU's of renewal credit or 12 contact hours for attendance at ALL sessions for this year's conference. Please sign up for renewal credit at the conference registration desk.

If you attend the "Early Bird" session you will receive an additional .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit for a total of 1.6 CEU's or 16 contact hours.



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48th Annual NCDTSEA Conference

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is pleased to announce its 48th Annual Conference to be held April 26th through April 28th, 2018, at the Village Inn Event Center, Clemmons, North Carolina.

The "Early Bird" session will be held on April 26th and 27th. One of the highlights of the "Early Bird" session will be a "Candlelight Dinner" along with entertainment on the night of April 26th. You can return your registration for the "Early Bird" session along with your conference pre-registration and write one check. First Vice President, Mr. Devin Tanner has coordinated some wonderful entertainment for the evening.

Information to help with your room reservation can be found on page 8 of this newsletter or by going to our website, www.ncdtsea.com and then click on 2018 Conference Info and then on Lodging Info.

You can make your room reservation by calling either of the two hotels listed. A block of rooms have been reserved for April 26—28, 2018. The special room rate will be available until Friday, **March 23rd, 2018** or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. The Village Inn room rate is \$82.00 per night plus taxes.

The conference registration fee is \$120 for pre-registration this year. This includes complete conference access plus three meals and breaks. Registration at the door will be \$240.

Devin Tanner, our First Vice President, has a lineup of outstanding speakers planned for the conference. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, fine food and take advantage of lots of information to carry back home with you from Clemmons.

See you at The Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons!

Connie Sessoms, Jr.
Executive Secretary

The official mailing address for our association is below. Please change your records accordingly.

NCDTSEA

Connie Sessoms, Jr., Executive Secretary
9015 Pleasant Ridge Road
Charlotte, NC 28215-9798

980-343-6573—Office

980-343-6044—Fax

980-722-1912—Cell

704-597-7902—Home

connie.sessoms@cms.k12.nc.us

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keep moving forward into the future. Our program is on strong footing and it is up to us to give our communities the best instruction and education possible.

In my 4 short years living here in North Carolina, I have already seen massive changes to our growing cities. More people and buildings and new businesses are popping up every day, yet our highway infrastructure is not growing at the same rate. That means what we do here is more important than ever. The driving environment for the students we teach is much different than the one we grew up with, so education is vital. Not just for the students but for adults also as more and more change come to our communities. That is why I wholeheartedly endorse becoming and remaining a member of the NCDTSEA. Your memberships allow us to put on our yearly conference where we can provide the education you need to stay up to date on the most effective data and teaching strategies. It also allows for this association to act as a watch tower for our program, so we can continue to be instrumental in working with local and state government as well as students and parents to find solutions to concerns and the ever-growing challenges that teen drivers face now and will face years from now.

Thank you for your support of the NCDTSEA and for all you do for our communities. I sincerely hope you are able to attend and enjoy the 2018 NCDTSEA conference and I look forward to seeing you in Clemmons in April.

Devin Tanner
1st Vice President

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

At the November 2017 Board of Directors Meeting, the following decisions were made for registration charges and procedures for the 2018 conference to be held at the Village Inn Event Center on April 26th—28th, 2018.

Pre-registration will be \$160.00 total.

Registration at the door will be \$280.00 total.

All conference attendees must be members of the association. When you register for the conference, you must also renew your membership and pay the annual dues. Therefore, for conference pre-registration, the following charges will be in effect:

Pre-Registration

Retirees	\$120.00	Pre Registration
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal
	\$160.00	Minimum

Active Members	\$120.00	Pre-Registration
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal
	\$160.00	Minimum

Life Members	\$120.00	Pre-Registration
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	\$120.00	Minimum

Non-Members	\$120.00	Conference
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership
	\$160.00	Minimum

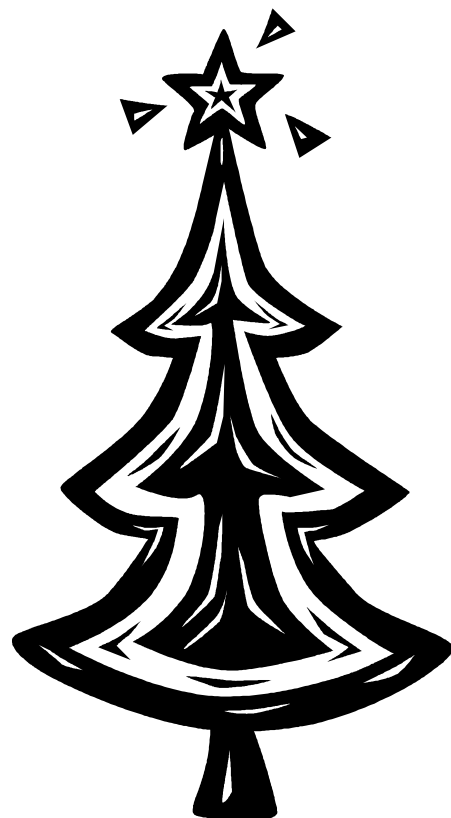
Registration At Door

Retirees	\$240.00	Registration
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal
	\$280.00	Minimum

Active Members	\$240.00	Registration
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal
	\$280.00	Minimum

Life Members	\$240.00	Registration
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	\$240.00	Minimum

Non-Members	\$240.00	Conference
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership
	\$280.00	Minimum



2018 NCDTSEA CONFERENCE
PRE-REGISTRATION
Village Inn Event Center
Clemmons, NC
April 26 - April 28, 2018

Please complete the following and return to Connie Sessoms, Executive Secretary, NCDTSEA, 9015 Pleasant Ridge Road, Charlotte, NC 28215 **BY FRIDAY, March 23, 2018** to pre-register for the conference! Please remember **you must be pre-registered to be guaranteed meal tickets.** Pre-Registrations after March 23rd will be \$240.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
City State Zip Code

County: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Telephone #(_____) _____ Work Telephone #(_____) _____

Fill in appropriate area

I Work with—**School System**: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

I Work with—**Driving School**: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Area: Check One () Capital () Northeast () Northwest
() South Piedmont () Southeast () West

Pre-Registration \$120.00 (\$240.00 At The Door) \$ _____

PLUS Membership or Membership Renewal \$40.00 \$ _____

(All Current Memberships Expire 4/30/18. Not sure when your membership expires? Just check the mailing label. The date will be located at the end of your name.)

Please check

Will Attend Banquet Yes _____ No _____
Will Attend Luncheon Yes _____ No _____
Will Attend Breakfast Yes _____ No _____

Extra Banquet Tickets @ \$40.00 Each \$ _____

Extra Luncheon Tickets @ \$30.00 Each \$ _____

Extra Breakfast Tickets @ \$20.00 Each \$ _____

Retiree Membership \$40.00 \$ _____

Life Membership \$600.00 (Or Three Installments Of \$200.00) \$ _____

ADTSEA Membership \$50.00 \$ _____

Early Bird \$35.00 \$ _____

Extra Early Bird Dinner Tickets \$35.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed (**Make Check Payable To NCDTSEA**) \$ _____

Must include membership dues! Unless Life Member or Already Renewed Through 4/30/19

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS!



“Early Bird” Workshop and “Candlelight Dinner”

In response to your requests, your Board of Directors in conjunction with First Vice-President Devin Tanner, has arranged to provide an “Early Bird” workshop on Thursday afternoon, April 26th from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. and to continue Friday morning, April 27th from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. You will be able to take advantage of excellent and relevant professional development on “Driver Education”. Each person who attends this workshop will receive valuable and useful information and will earn .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit in addition to the 1.2 units or 12 hours for the general conference. The highlight of the “Early Bird” session this year will be a “Candlelight Dinner” at the Village Inn on Thursday night followed by entertainment. The total cost for the workshop and the “Dinner” is \$35.00 per person. If you just want to join us for the “Dinner” or if you bring your spouse along, the cost is \$35.00 each. You don’t want to miss this opportunity, so come to Clemmons a day early, bring your spouse or significant other and join us for an evening of good food, fellowship and wonderful entertainment.

Early Bird Session Registration

In order to attend the “Early Bird” Session on Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27, 2018, including the “Candlelight Dinner”, please complete this registration form along with your Conference Registration and return by Friday March 23, 2018!

Name: _____ Home Telephone # _____

Home Address: _____

City State Zip

“Early Bird” Registration \$35.00 (includes “Dinner”) \$ _____

Extra “Dinner” Tickets \$35.00 \$ _____

(Do not have to be present at “Early Bird” Session)

Total Enclosed (Make check payable to NCDTSEA) \$ _____

Return to: Connie Sessoms, Executive Secretary NCDTSEA
9015 Pleasant Ridge Road
Charlotte, NC 28215

Please Note:
You can mail one check for the “Early Bird” and Conference Pre-Registration

The NCDTSEA Board of Directors decided not to have "Teacher of the Year" competition at this conference. A committee has been appointed to examine and review teacher excellence qualifications with the intention of generating more interest across the state for future competitions.

Please send ideas and suggestions to: Chuck Lehning
c/o Jordan Driving School, Inc.
8420 University Executive Park Drive Suite 820
Charlotte NC 28262-1346

NCDTSEA Teacher of the Year Criteria

1. Must have been a member of ADTSEA for three years to be considered for the ADTSEA Teacher of Excellence Award. This is not a pre-requisite for being named NC Teacher of the Year.
2. Must be a current member of NCDTSEA and have been active for at least five years.
3. Must be an active driver education teacher and/or behind-the-wheel teacher or currently supervising a driver education program and have been involved in these activities for the past seven years.
4. Must complete the NCDTSEA Teacher of the Year application.
5. Must submit answers to two of the six questions listed below. Questions should be answered in fifty words or less.
 1. How do you see yourself promoting Driver and Traffic Safety Education in your local community and your state?
 2. Describe what you see as the future of Driver and Traffic Safety Education. What are two strengths and two weaknesses of Driver and Traffic Safety Education?
 3. What do you consider the most powerful aspect of your local school program in regard to students and parents?
 4. What made you decide to devote your time and career to the Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program in your local Community?
 5. Every Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program has a percentage of students that are unable to meet the objectives of your local program within the time constraints. How do you deal with students that are unable to complete the objectives at the end of the prescribed time period?
 6. How do you promote the classroom and in-car achievements of your students in the Driver and Traffic Safety program in your community or with the parents?
6. Must submit a 5-8 minute media program or PowerPoint presentation indicating involvement in driver and traffic safety education.

Should you have any questions please call:

Chuck Lehning (980) 722-8088 or email jordanschool@bellsouth.net

HOTEL SLEEPING ROOM RATES AND LOCATIONS:

VILLAGE INN EVENT CENTER
 6205 RAMADA DRIVE, CLEMMONS, NC 27012
 336-766-9121
 ROOM RATE - \$82.00 (PLUS TAXES)

OVERFLOW: PENDING AGREEMENT WITH

HOLIDAY INN
 6320 AMP DRIVE, CLEMMONS, NC 27012
 336-778-1500
 ROOM RATE - \$85.00 (PLUS TAXES)

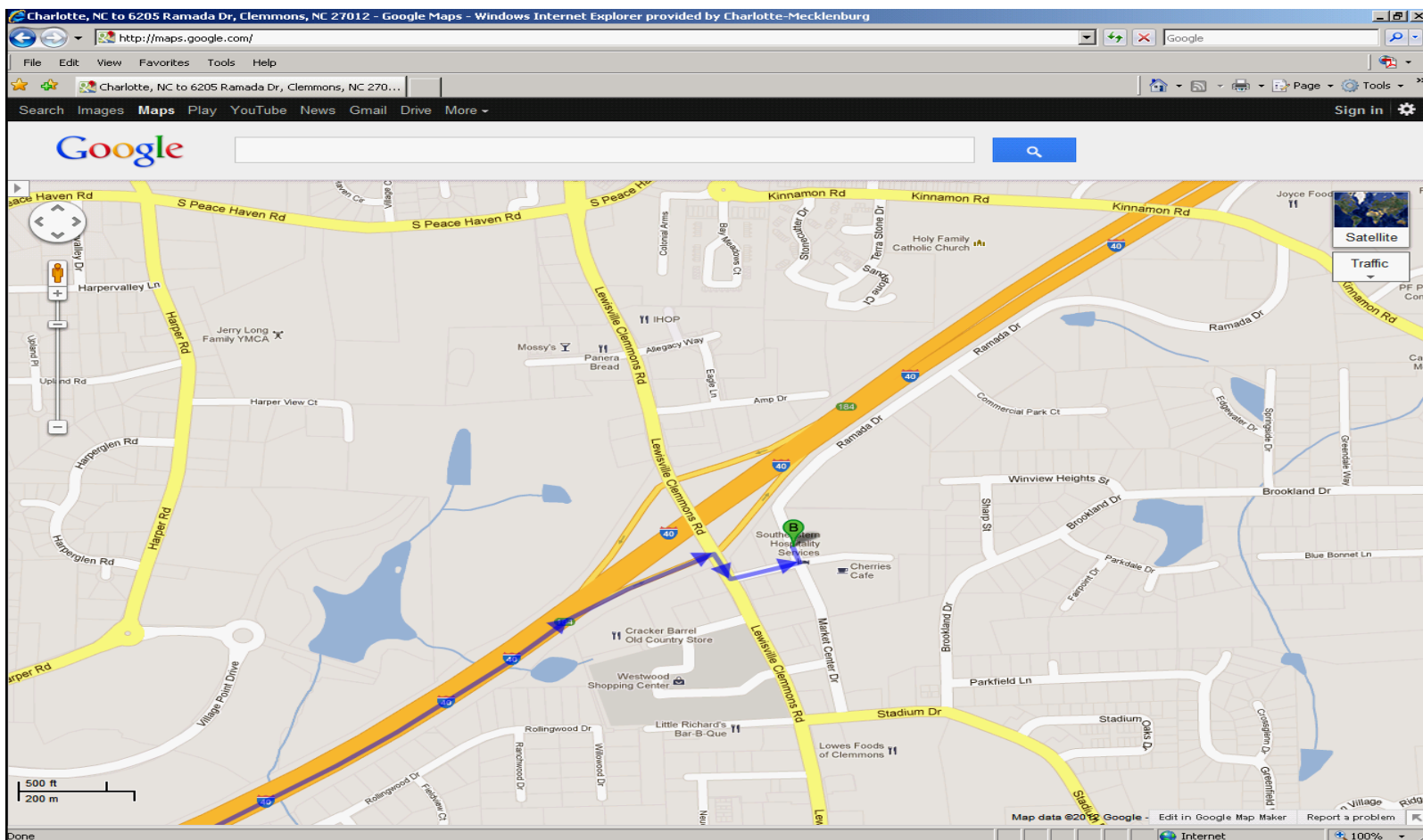
Directions

The Village Inn Event Center is just off of I-40 at exit 184

- ☺ Take exit 184 off of I-40 which is Lewisville-Clemmons Road
- ☺ North bound travelers—turn right
- ☺ South bound travelers—turn left
- ☺ Turn left onto Ramada Drive
- ☺ The Village Inn Event Center is located on the left immediately beside Super 8 Motel

**Conference Raffle**

We will have 50/50 raffles throughout the conference, this year. Bring some extra money to the conference and join in on the fun.
 Good luck!!!!



Tentative A G E N D A
Thursday, April 26, 2018

- 12:00—2:00 “Early Bird” Check-in
Pre-function Area
- 2:00—3:15 “Early Bird” Part I-
TBA
Ivey Ballroom
- 3:15—3:30 Break
- 3:30—4:45 “Early Bird” Part II-
TBA
Ivey Ballroom
- 6:00—8:00 Candlelight Dinner and Entertainment
Crystal Ballroom

Friday, April 27, 2018

- Breakfast—On your own
- 8:00—1:00 Conference Registration
Pre-function area
- 8:00—9:00 “Early Bird” Part III-
TBA
Ivey Ballroom
- 9:00—9:15 Break
- 9:15—10:00 “Early Bird” Part IV-
TBA
Ivey Ballroom
- 10:00—11:00 Board of Directors Meeting
Executive Boardroom
- 11:00—12:30 LEA Coordinator’s Luncheon
Crystal Ballroom

Opening General Conference Session

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 1:00—1:05 ***Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance***
Color Guard TBA
- 1:05—1:15 ***Welcome to Clemmons***
Person TBA
- 1:15—1:20 ***Welcome to Conference***
Mr. Kent Teeter NCDTSEA President
- 1:20—1:30 ***Exhibitor Introductions/
Conference Orientation***
Mr. Donnie Dees—NCDTSEA 2nd Vice Presi
dent
- 1:30—2:15 Speaker—Alan Laws—MADD
Part of The Problem or Part of the Solution
- 2:15—3:00 Speaker—TBA

3:00—3:15 ***Break, Exhibits & Door Prizes***

Sponsored by:

- 3:15—4:00 Speaker—Quinton Williams
Teaching Safe Police Stops to Students
of All Backgrounds
- 4:00—4:45 Speaker—Gabrielle Williams
Lacee’s Legacy
- 4:45—6:00 ***Exhibits, & Door Prizes***

Banquet doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

48th Annual Banquet

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

6:30—9:00

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Mr. Kent Teeter., NCDTSEA President

Invocation
TBA

Introduction of Speaker:
Mr. Kent Teeter

Speaker
TBA

50/50
Mr. Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes
Lucille Lee and Zundrea Baldwin

Meet & Greet
9:00—10:30
Pre-function Area

Saturday, April 28, 2018

- 7:00—9:00 ***Buffet Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors***
Crystal Ballroom

General Sessions

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 9:00—9:45 Speaker—TBA
- 9:45—10:30 Speaker—TBA
- 10:30—11:45 Speakers—Updates from Karl Logan
and Susan Harrison
- 11:45—12:00 Hotel Check Out/Free Time
Exhibits, & Door prizes

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*(Continued from page 9)***48th Annual Awards Luncheon**

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

12:30—2:30

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table

Kent Teeter

Invocation: Person TBA

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker: Kent D. Teeter

Speaker: TBA

50/50

Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes

Lucille Lee and Zundrea Baldwin

Presentation of Awards:

Business Session

2:30—4:00

Kent Teeter Presiding

Agenda

Area Presidents Reports

Legislative Report: Susan Harrison

Higher Education Report: Dr. Joe Shrader

Reading of Minutes: Ray Wyatt

Treasurer's/Membership Report: Connie Sessoms

Old Business

New Business

Election of Officers

Remarks from President: Kent Teeter

Passing of Gavel: Kent Teeter

Remarks from Incoming President: Devin Tanner

Adjournment

Issuing of Certificate for Renewal Credits

***(Must be present and in attendance
at all sessions to receive certificate)***

 * From SERA/ADTSEA *
 * The 2018 SERA/ADTSEA *
 * Conference will be held *
 * February 23—24, 2018 at *
 * the Crown Reef Beach Re- *
 * sort and Conference Cen- *
 * ter located at 2918 South *
 * Ocean Blvd in Myrtle *
 * Beach, SC. The hotel *
 * phone number is 1-843- *
 * 626-8077. Registration *
 * will begin on Friday Feb- *
 * ruary 23, 2018 at 7:30am. *
 * You will receive your res- *
 * ervation information via *
 * email if you have an email *
 * address or by USPS mail *
 * if not. *
 * *****



2017 Board of Directors

*President**Kent Teeter**1st Vice President**Devin Tanner**2nd Vice President**Donnie Dees**Past President**R. David Norman**Executive Secretary**Connie Sessoms, Jr.**Recording Secretary**Ray Wyatt**Area Presidents**Capital**William Powell**Northeast**Tony Moore**Northwest**Dale Fox**Southeast**Donnie Dees**South Piedmont**William Dulin**West**Kent Teeter*

DRIVER EDUCATION LEA COORDINATOR MEETING

If you are in charge of the Driver Education Program for your School District, You are invited to attend the Driver Education LEA Coordinator's meeting planned for Friday, April 27, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Village Inn Event Center. The address is 6205 Ramada Drive, Clemmons, NC, which is also the site for the 48th Annual North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (NCDTSEA) Conference. Our professional organization is hosting the meeting and providing lunch at no charge to LEA Coordinators. We will need an accurate attendance total to plan for lunch.

The following items are currently on the meeting agenda: budgets, future funding, allowable expenses, legislative update, retiring teachers, and many others. We will be presenting up-dated information on driver education changes for 2018-19, including a report from our DPI Driver Education Contract Consultant. This should prove to be a very informative session, so I strongly urge you to attend if possible.

If you are planning to attend, please complete the information at the bottom of this memo and mail it back to me by **Friday March 23, 2018** at NCDTSEA, 9015 Pleasant Ridge Road, Charlotte, NC 28215. You may fax it to me at 980-343-6044 or scan and e-mail it. If you have questions or other agenda items, please contact me at 980-343-6573 or e-mail me at: connie.sessoms@cms.k12.nc.us Please consider attending the NCDTSEA conference as well. Visit our website at www.ncdtsea.com for conference details. Even if you cannot attend, would you please help us by updating your information for our database.

Name: _____

School District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ I will be able to attend the luncheon and meeting on Friday April 27th

_____ I will not be able to attend the luncheon and meeting on Friday April 27th

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