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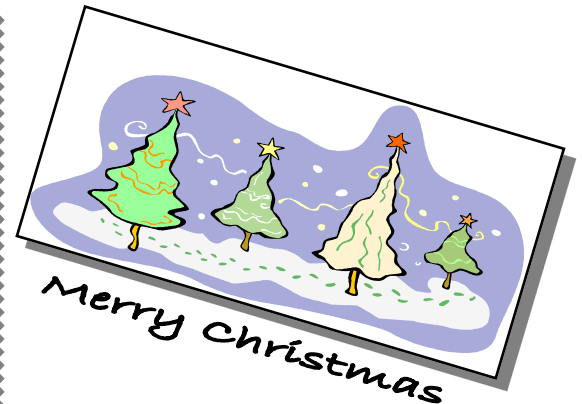
CONFERENCE EDITION

January 2023

Greetings from Mr. Doug Eller, NCDTSEA President

I hope everyone has had a productive and safe school year thus far. There always seems to be so much work to do and so little time to do it. Ours is a never-ending endeavor to educate and advertise the benefits and importance of safe behavior while driving. The messages and knowledge we share is always evolving with the changes to traffic patterns as well as changes of driver behavior behind the wheel. There are many ways in which our vehicles themselves and the advancement of technology are making our drivers safer but if used improperly, can create a very dangerous driving environment for both the driver and those around that vehicle. So, our message is more important then ever. Our young people face driving challenges that have never in the history of the world been faced before, and those challenges will continue to evolve in different ways as people and cars become more and more dependent upon technology. The list of what NOT to do behind the wheel is growing, however, the list of what we SHOULD be doing behind the wheel remains the same. Most information and knowledge eventually become obsolete but teaching young people how to drive is and will remain as constant and important in the future as it is today and has been in the past. In our great state of North Carolina, many people and organizations are seeing to it that we don't fall behind or become complacent in how we are teaching our students about traffic safety. The dedicated members of our association, and its board, are paying very close attention to how Driver Education is being taught and how effective it is in reducing teen deaths around our state. Make no mistake, what we are doing IS SAVING LIVES. The statistics bear this out but more importantly, our students have a greater awareness of their own responsibilities while driving.

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Continued from Mr. Doug Eller - President

This is a credit to everyone in this state who chooses to teach, advertise and develop better and innovative ways of helping drivers in North Carolina to drive safer. As we continue to move forward as a driver education community, we have the resources in place to be successful well into the future.

Karl Logan and his team at DPI are creating programs and various ways to better train instructors.

More in-services and trainings are becoming available statewide that will allow us to keep up with current trends in both teaching and driving behavior. Susan Harrison, our Legislative Consultant, has been and will continue to be our advocate at the State Legislature and help us to understand the things we need to accomplish so that our elected officials will continue to have a full understanding of the great value of our driver education program. As your association President, I know I can speak for all on our board when I express how appreciative we are for Karl and Susan, as well as all those who work tirelessly every single day to help our children become the next generation of safe drivers.

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Please continue to support the NCDTSEA and your own development. Please support our organization as a teacher by attending our upcoming NCDTSEA 53rd annual conference being held in Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn Conference Center on April 27th, 28th, 29th, 2023. We are working hard to deliver a conference that will be valuable for each of you to attend. Thank you for all you do and if there is any way we can serve you as a board, please let us know. I hope you had a wonderful and blessed holiday season. Please stay safe!
Doug Eller—President

Our Web site has a new look!

Thanks to Angie Marlowe, who works in the office of Mountain Professionals and is our resident web-site 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 one of the area Golf Courses to have a conference golf tournament on Thursday morning, April 27, 2023. If you would like to come early and participate in this fun outing, please contact William Powell at 919-772-4877 or e-mail him (wpowell@jordandriving.com). William is organizing the Golf Tournament this year. There will be prizes awarded at predetermined holes for longest drive, closest put, etc. The green fee will be approximately \$70.00 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.

2023 Annual ADTSEA Conference

The 67th Annual ADTSEA National Conference will be in Wichita, Kansas

July 16 through July 19, 2023.

The conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton—Wichita Airport
2098 Airport Road
Wichita, KS 67209

The hotel phone is 316-945-5272

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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53rd Annual NCDTSEA Conference

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is pleased to announce its 53rd Annual Conference to be held April 27th through April 29th, 2023, at the Village Inn Event Center, Clemmons, North Carolina.

The "Early Bird" session will be held on April 27th and 28th. One of the highlights of the "Early Bird" session will be a "Candlelight Dinner" along with entertainment on the night of April 27th. You can return your registration for the "Early Bird" session along with your conference pre-registration and write one check. NCDTSEA 1st Vice President, Mr. Tommy Ledford 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 2023 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 27—28, 2023. The special room rate will be available until Friday, **March 24th, 2023** or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. The Village Inn room rate is \$84.00 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.

Tommy Ledford, our 1st 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

Mr. Tom Ledford NCDTSEA 1st Vice President

Dear NCDTSEA Members and Colleagues,

What an exciting time! NCDTSEA is celebrating its 53rd Annual conference this year! As the First Vice- President, it is an honor and privilege to invite you to join us in commemorating this remarkable milestone in our organization's history. I look forward to welcoming each of you, catching up, and sharing what is new in your part of our beautiful state. I also look forward to meeting new folks as they visit to learn what NCDTSEA is all about! We will be having exceptionally talented guest speakers, activities, and more. Please share this vitally important information with your colleagues. It's going to be a conference to remember!

SEE YOU THERE!

Thank you,
Tommy Ledford

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

At the November 2022 Board of Directors Meeting, the following decisions were made for registration charges and procedures for the 2023 conference to be held at the Village Inn Event Center on April 27th—29th, 2023.

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
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Active Members	\$120.00 Pre-Registration <u>40.00</u> Membership Renewal \$160.00 Minimum
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Life Members	\$120.00 Pre-Registration <u> </u> \$120.00 Minimum
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Non-Members	\$120.00 Conference <u>40.00</u> Membership \$160.00 Minimum
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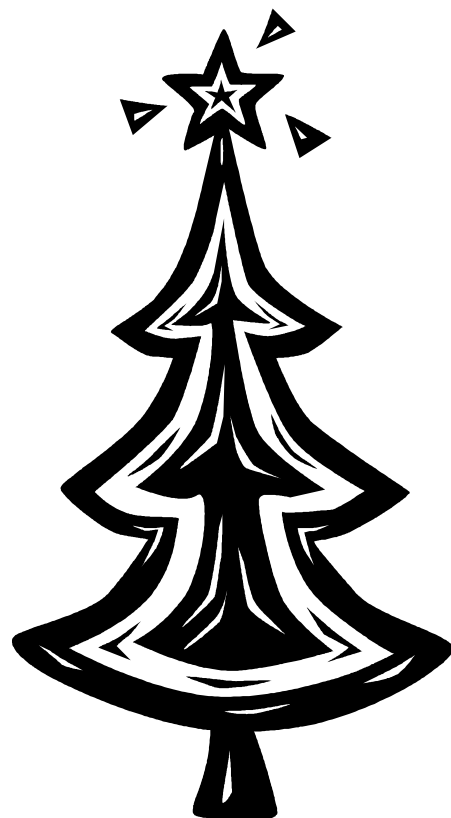
Registration At Door

Retirees	\$240.00 Registration <u>40.00</u> Membership Renewal \$280.00 Minimum
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Active Members	\$240.00 Registration <u>40.00</u> Membership Renewal \$280.00 Minimum
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2023 NCDTSEA CONFERENCE
PRE-REGISTRATION
Village Inn Event Center
Clemmons, NC
April 27 - April 29, 2023

Please complete the following and return to Connie Sessoms, Executive Secretary, NCDTSEA, 9015 Pleasant Ridge Road, Charlotte, NC 28215 **BY FRIDAY, March 24, 2023** to pre-register for the conference! Please remember **you must be pre-registered to be guaranteed meal tickets.** Pre-Registrations after March 24th 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 4/30/23. 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 \$ _____

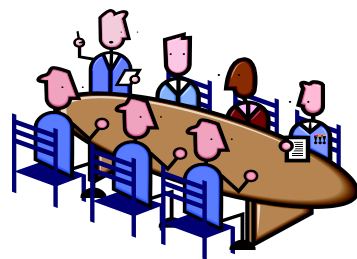
Early Bird \$35.00 \$ _____

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 4/30/24

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 1st Vice President Tommy Ledford, has arranged to provide an “Early Bird” workshop on Thursday afternoon, April 27th from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. and to continue Friday morning, April 28th 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 27 and Friday, April 28, 2023, including the “Candlelight Dinner”, please complete this registration form along with your Conference Registration and return by Friday March 24, 2023!

Name: _____ Home Telephone # _____

Home Address: _____

	City	State	Zip
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“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 - \$84.00 (PLUS TAXES)

OVERFLOW: PENDING AGREEMENT WITH

QUALITY INN CLEMMONS-I-40
 6320 AMP DRIVE, CLEMMONS, NC 27012
 336-778-1500
 ROOM RATE - \$84.00 (PLUS TAXES)

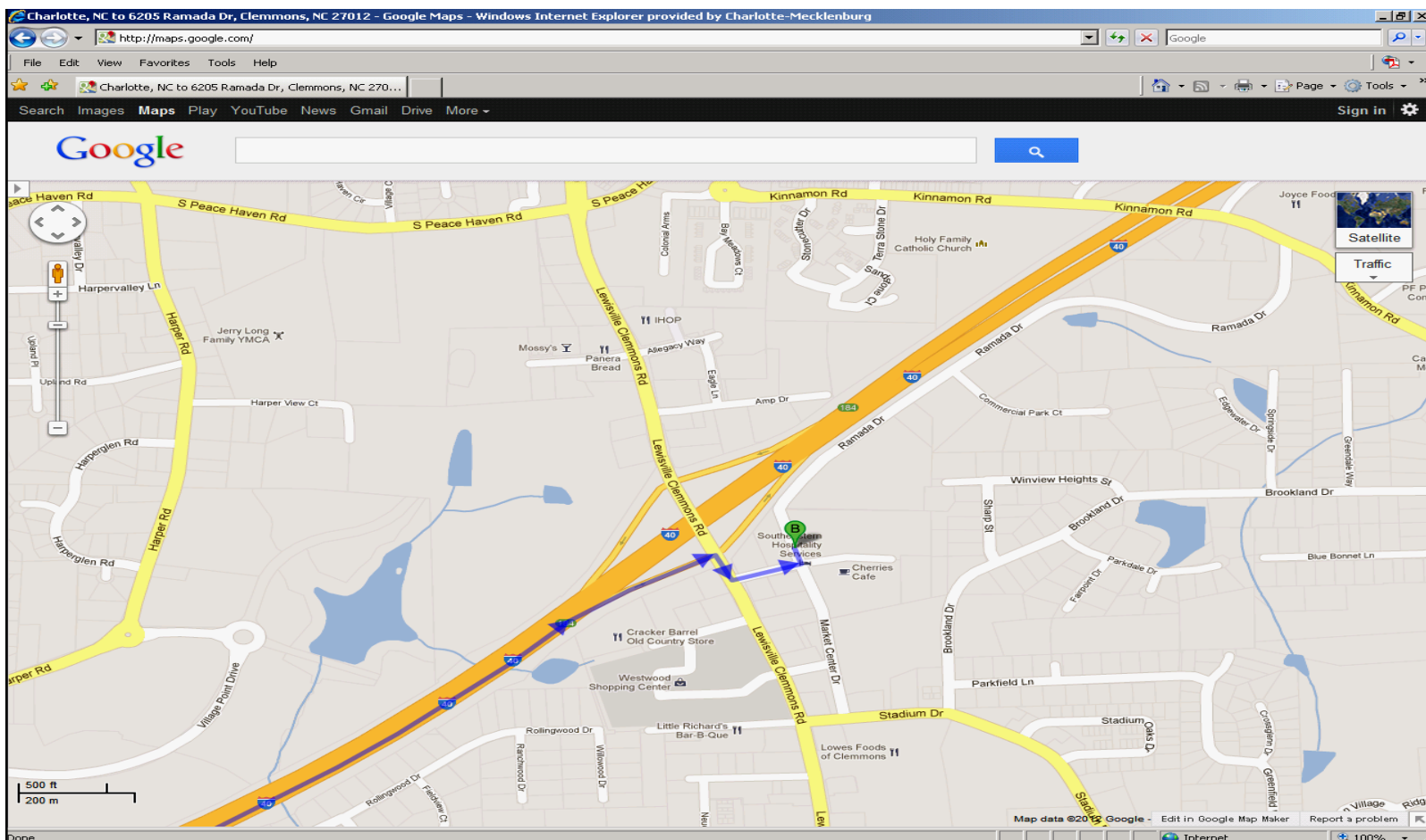
**Directions**

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 27, 2023

- 12:00—2:00 “Early Bird” Check-in
Pre-function Area
- 2:00—3:15 “Early Bird” Part 1-Natalie Boone
Neuroscience of Driving
Ivey Ballroom
- 3:15—3:30 Break
- 3:30—4:45 “Early Bird” Part 2-Natalie Boone
Heart and Brain Connection
Ivey Ballroom
- 6:00—8:00 Candlelight Dinner and Entertainment
Crystal Ballroom

Friday, April 28, 2023

- Breakfast—On your own
- 8:00—1:00 Conference Registration
Pre-function area
- 8:00—9:00 “Early Bird” Part 3-Natalie Boone
Trauma Informed Instruction in Driver Education
Ivey Ballroom
- 9:00—9:15 Break
- 9:15—10:00 “Early Bird” Part 4-Natalie Boone
Moving and the Brain
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. Doug Eller, NCDTSEA President
- 1:20—1:30 ***Exhibitor Introductions/
Conference Orientation***
Mr. Tommy Ledford — NCDTSEA 1st VP
- 1:30—2:15 Natalie Boone—*Speaker*
Move Yourself Back To The Top Of The List
- 2:15—3:00 Liza Fitzpatrick, Speaker —SADD
Topic:
- 3:00—3:15 ***Break, Exhibits & Door Prizes***
Sponsored by:
- 3:15—4:00 Debbie Krueger—*Speaker*
Topic—Drugs—Fentanyl

- 4:00—4:45 TBD—*Speaker*
NC DOT Innovations on NC Highways

- 4:45—6:00 ***Exhibits, & Door Prizes***

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

53rd Annual Banquet

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

6:30—9:00

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Mr. Doug Eller, NCDTSEA President

Invocation
Connie Sessoms, Jr.

Introduction of Speaker:
Mrs. Susan Harrison

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 29, 2023

- 7:00—8:45 ***Buffet Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors***
Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

General Sessions

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 9:00—9:45 Tracy Gates—*Speaker*
Trauma—Memorial Mission Hospital
- 9:45—10:30 Doug Hebert—*Speaker*
B.R.A.K.E.S.
- 10:30—11:15 Speakers—Updates from Karl Logan
and Susan Harrison
- 11:45—12:00 Hotel Check Out/Free Time
Exhibits, & Door prizes

53rd Annual Awards Luncheon

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

12:30—2:30

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
President Doug Eller

Invocation: Person TBA

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Introduction of Speaker: Susan Harrison

Speaker: TBA

50/50
Reggie FlytheDoor Prizes
Lucille Lee and Zundrea Baldwin

Presentation of Awards:

Business Session2:30—4:00
Doug Eller Presiding**Agenda**

Area Presidents Reports

Legislative Report: Susan Harrison

Higher Education Report: None

Reading of Minutes: Ray Wyatt

Treasurer's/Membership Report: Connie Sessoms

Old Business

New Business

Election of Officers

Remarks from President: Doug Eller

Passing of Gavel: President Doug Eller

Remarks from Incoming President: Tommy Ledford
Adjournment

Issuing of Certificate for Renewal Credits

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

 * From SERA/ADTSEA *
 * The 2023 SERA/ADTSEA *
 * Conference will be a held *
 * February 09—11, 2023 at *
 * the Sheraton Myrtle *
 * Beach located at 2101 N. *
 * Oak Street, Myrtle Beach *
 * SC 29577. The hotel *
 * phone number is 843-918- *
 * 5000. Registration will *
 * begin on Friday February *
 * 10, 2023 at 7:30am. You *
 * will receive your reserva- *
 * tion information via email *
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 * dress or by USPS mail if *
 * not. *



2022 Board of Directors

*President**Doug Eller**1st Vice President**Tommy Ledford**2nd Vice President**Michael Jones**Past President**Mickey Tripp, Sr.**Executive Secretary**Connie Sessoms, Jr.**Recording Secretary**Ray Wyatt**Area Presidents**Capital**Darryl Robinson**Northeast**Tony Moore**Northwest**Steve Absher**Southeast**Martin Rickman**South Piedmont**Michael Jones**West**Sam Dayton*

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 28, 2023 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 53rd 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, DPI Involvement, teacher training, Standard Curriculum and many others. We will be presenting updated information on driver education changes for 2022-2023, including a report from our DPI Driver Education Section Chief. 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 24, 2023** 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 28th

_____ I will not be able to attend the luncheon and meeting on Friday April 28th

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