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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dear Educational Office Professionals,



I am looking forward to serving as your president again this year. Words can not begin to express my sincere appreciation for the support, encouragement, confidence and love you have shown to me. It has been an awesome experience from which I have grown spiritually, professionally and personally.

Thank you so much for having faith in my ability to serve. The 2010-2011 year was a huge success. It was a pleasure working with all of you to accomplish our goals.

Our association's theme for 2011-2012 is "NCAEOP: A Southern Tradition". We must remember the traditions of vision, cooperation, teamwork and dedication as we all work together to continue to excel in our organization.

If you have volunteered to serve on a committee, please check the attached list for your assignment. I encourage each of you to participate in all of our activities this year.

Remember, it takes everyone working together to be successful in any endeavor. I look forward to working with each of you this year.

Gay Parnell, President



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Special points of interest:

- Members News
- Scholarship Winners
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- Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Upcoming Events

The best motivation always comes from within—Michael Johnson

State President's Message



Kay Bradley
NCAEOP President

As we begin our new year, let me first say how honored I am to serve you as your president. This association held a very special place in my 30-year career while at Wayne Community College. It gave me the desire and incentive to be the best employee I could possibly be. Now as a retiree, I find that it has taken a huge place in my heart. I am so proud to be a part of an organization that, without a doubt, is the best professional opportunity for EOPs in our state.

The advantages of being a member are many and the camaraderie, fellowship and friendships that we acquire are priceless. This year, we will be exploring *NCAEOP – A Southern Tradition*. We are fortunate to have so many traditions that have been passed to us by members that have served as officers, conference coordinators, and committee chairs at the local, district and state levels. They have donated many unselfish hours to make sure that our programs have been implemented successfully. Let us continue these traditions while adding our own special touch to make our southern association the best ever. As we continue to face many challenges this year, it will be important for us to remember the traditions of vision, cooperation, and dedication as we all work together for our state's greatest asset – our students.

Finally, please take time, if you have not already done so, to join or renew by completing your membership as soon as possible *cause we are fixin* to have a great year!

Nothing is impossible to a willing heart—John Heywood

2011-2012 PSRCAEOP Newly Elected Officers

Gay Parnell, President	735-2267
Debra McQuaige-McBride, Vice-President	735-2171
Courtney Chavis, Secretary	735-2311
Margie Herthel, Treasurer	735-2258



PSRC Committee Chairs (2011-2012)

Linda Pettus	Audit/Finance
Kathy Coble	Awards
Patricia Usher	Constitution/Bylaws
Judy Scott	Legislative
Debra McQuaige-McBride	Membership
Rhoda Locklear	Nominations
Valerie Bethea	PSP/In-Service
Pattie Mitchell	Publications
Valerie Swett	Scholarship



“Happy Birthday” to all who celebrated in the months of
July, August, September



Nana's Corner

When you have a high temp—you can place onions on the bottom of your feet your fever will be controlled.

Boil some cabbage leaves, cool lightly, apply warm leaves to hands or joints wrap with a towel. To help ease arthritis pain.

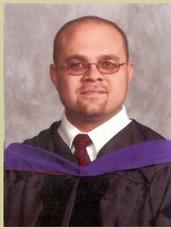
Asthma—Keep a jar 1/2 full of water under the bed at all times.

Lemon Juice and water will remove dark spots on your face.

Lemon and Pineapple juice will remove age spots.

Soak sprains and bruises: Epsom salt will reduce the swelling of sprains and bruises.

Add 2 cups Epsom salt to warm water and soak.



Acknowledgement:

Former Robeson County Assistant Public Defender, Von Donyal Locklear, has opened a private practice in Lumberton, at 409 North Elm Street. Von graduated *summa cum laude* from the North Carolina Central School of Law in 2007. Prior to that he was a MARC Scholar and Marshall at the University of North Carolina - Pembroke, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 2001. Von resides in the Prospect community with his wife Pamela and their four sons, Von, Jr., Ashton, Aaron, and Alex. Von is the son of Mr. Kennie Cummings and Mrs. Donna Cummings, of the Transportation Department, and Dr. Ferriss Locklear of Prospect

Births:

August 8, 2011

Elijah Matthew Kerns

9 lbs.

Danielle Kerns

Secretary—Green Grove Elementary

Married:



June 24th

Allison Strickland and Todd

Daughter of Pattie Mitchell

Administrative Specialist

Married:

Gerita Bullard, Secretary

(Son) Branyum and Tamra (June 25th)



Graduation



Philip Graham (Campbell University) May 2011
Son of Patricia Graham, Executive Assistant

Code of Ethics

SERVICE

Educational Office Professionals should exalt their profession on all occasions, and sincerely strive for a finer and more efficient service to the school and community.

Educational Office Professionals should have membership in their local, state, and national professional organizations and should participate in their activities.

INTEGRITY

Educational Office Professionals should be courteous, just, and professional in all their relations with administrators, office personnel, pupils, teachers, and other visitors to the office.

Educational Office Professionals should not disclose any information of a confidential nature and should not do or say anything that would cause them to lose the confidence and respect of others. They should avoid voicing unfavorable criticism of other school employees unless that criticism is formally presented to a school official for the welfare of the school.

Educational Office Professionals should recognize and perform duties of citizenship and should be loyal to the school system, the state, and the nation.

Educational Office Professionals should refrain from the use of pressure on school officials to secure a promotion or to obtain favors for other people.

SKILL

Educational Office Professionals should perform their duties with dispatch and accuracy.

Educational Office Professionals should maintain their own efficiency by study, by travel, and by other means that keep them abreast of the trends in educational and business practices.

Educational Office Professionals should make the office a congenial place for all without allowing it to become a social center.

Old Expressions — Sayings — Traditions

- ◆ June was a popular month to get married because most people took their yearly bath in May. By June they didn't smell that bad, but still bad enough that brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.
- ◆ Bathtubs were a huge tub filled with hot water. The man of the house was always the first to bathe, then all the sons, then the women, followed by the children. The babies were the last to be washed and by then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it, which is where the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water," came from.
- ◆ Food was cooked in a big kettle which always hung over the fire. Every day they added food to the pot and lit the fire - mostly veggies. Then they'd eat the stew for dinner and leave the leftovers in the pot where it would get cold before they lit the fire the next day. Sometimes food was left in the pot for days, which is why we say this rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."
- ◆ Whenever people could get pork, it was a big deal. People would hang it up to show off to visitors. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would sit around with guests, cut off a bit of pork and "chew the fat."
- ◆ Bread was given out according to status. Workers were given the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle and guests got the top or the "upper crust."

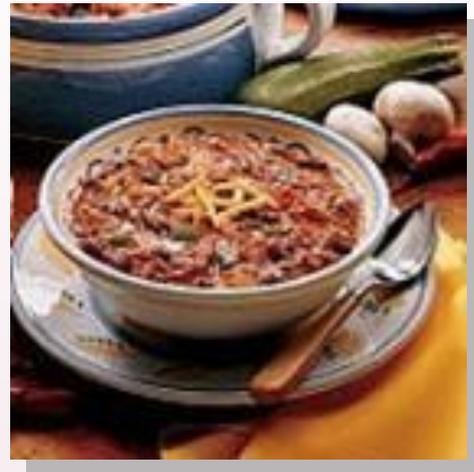
Contributed by Members

SOUTHERN TRADITION

SLOW COOKED CHILI

Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 (16 ounce) cans kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper



Addison Presley Jacobs celebrated her first birthday on August 17th. Grandparents Sherry and Tom Sampson. Ms. Sampson is employed with the NC Wise Department



Children are Amazing.....



Mom said Hailey came to her and told her that baby had to potty and this is what she found when she went to look at what she is talking about. Remember this child is only 1 1/2 . Lordy - Ms Viola McDonald, Administrative Assistant Granddaughter



In Memoriam

**“A special prayer for all members of the association
who have lost a loved one .”**

I am home in Heaven, dear ones:
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this Everlasting Light.
All the pain and grief are over!
Every restless yearning past;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely Home in Heaven at last.
Dear one, do not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust Our Father's Will.
When your work is completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh! the rapture of that meeting!
Oh, the joy to see you come

“As we come together let us pray for families that are less fortunate and who need a special prayer”.

Membership Benefits and Services

- Reasonable dues
- [Professional Standards \(certificate\) Program](#) for personal and professional development
- \$2,000 [accidental death and dismemberment policy](#) (included with membership).
- \$1,000 [life insurance policy](#) (included with membership).
- Strong legislative platform to promote salaries and input in all education related issues.

[Scholarship program](#) for educational office professionals and students.

[Awards program](#) for EOP of the Year, Administrator of the Year and Local Unit of the Year.

- Four issues of NCAEOP award winning newsletters and an annual report.
- Annual state conference offering quality in-service workshops and professional development.
- Local, district, state and national meetings of educational office professionals.
- Field service visits/workshops available to units desiring to organize a local association.

Membership Classifications :

- **Active:** Office Personnel in any educational system or organization concerned with education in North Carolina.
- **Associate:** Former active member who have entered other fields of endeavor or educational administrators.
- **Retired:** Former active or associate member who have retired.
- **Institutional Associate:** The institution would designate the administrator(s) to be the associate member(s). The institution is not affiliated nor is it the member.
- **New:** (any classification) Members paying dues for the current year who have never paid dues or who missed paying dues for the year just prior to the current. A new member is NOT subject to a late fee.
- **Renewal:** (any classification) Members paying dues for the current year who paid dues for the year immediately preceding current year. A member paying renewal dues after the January 1 deadline is subject to a \$10 late fee.
- **Honorary:** Bestowed on person by the membership (not subject to dues).

**Public Schools of Robeson County
Association of Educational Office Professionals
PSP Incentive Awards**

Certificate	Incentive Amount
Standard	\$150.00
Associate	250.00
Advanced Associate I	350.00
Advanced Associate II	400.00
Advanced Associate III	450.00
Computer Technology	500.00
Professional Associate	525.00
Professional	550.00
Masters	600.00

***You must attend 50% (2) of the local meetings to receive your PSP incentive award.**

Members Receive PSPs at 2010 Conference (New and Renewed)

Linda Brewer	Viola McDonald	Cynthia Oxendine
Jan Clark Sampson	Debra McQuaige-McBride	Valerie Swett
Carl Harris	Pattie Mitchell	

Local Membership 2011-2012

Active	-	115	
Retired	-	1	
Administrators	-	40	
Total		156	
			State 67



The Relay for Life EOP's participation was a great success!

\$2,242.00



Survival Walk



PSRCAEOP Annual Membership Drive Picnic

Our membership picnic was held on June 17, 2011 at Luther Britt Park (Shelter A) from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. It was a great success...



Chapter Meeting Schedule and Planned Events

District 9 Fall Meeting

Educational Resource Center October 21, 2011

Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament October 28, 2011

Pine crest Country Club

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

NCAEOP 2012 Annual Conference March 14-16, 2012

Koury Convention Center—Greensboro

**Dates are Tentative*

*Christmas Social December 8, 2011

*Administrators Banquet April 19, 2012

Chapter Meetings (All EOPs)

September 15, 2011 3:30 p.m. Board Room

November 17, 2011 3:30 p.m. Board Room

January 26, 2012 3:30 p.m. Board Room

March 22, 2012 3:30 p.m. Board Room

Executive Board Meetings (Officers and Chairpersons)

May 19, 2011 3:30 p.m. Board Room

September 8, 2011 3:30 p.m. Board Room

November 3, 2011 3:30 p.m. Board Room

January 19, 2012 3:30 p.m. Board Room

March 8, 2012 3:30 p.m. Board Room

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2010-2011 PSRCAEOP Scholarship Winners

Terry O. Chavis	Early College	
Brittany Rogers	Fairmont High	
Callie E. Davis	Lumberton High	
Erika Brooke Locklear	Purnell Swett High	
Rochelle Sheridan	Red Springs High	
Azalea Blue	South Robeson High	
Ebony N. Hogan	St. Pauls High	
Debra McQuaige-McBride	(EOP) Central Office	\$1,000.00

One student from each high school received \$1,000.

Administrator of the Year	Mr. Craig Lowry, Child Nutrition Director
Educational Office Professional	Ms. Sherry Sampson, Secretary– NC Wise

Upcoming Event

The special project committee has began meeting and working on the Annual PSRCAEOP Scholarship Golf Tournament. We hope everyone makes arrangements to join us at the Pine crest Country Club on Friday, October 28, 2011, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



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**PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ROBESON COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS**

Membership Application for 2011-2012

Membership Year May 1 – April 30

Name _____

School/Work Location _____

Office Phone _____ SS# _____ (last 4 digits)

Email address _____

Position _____ Supervisor _____

Do you hold a PSP Certificate? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you applied for a PSP Certificate? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you working toward your PSP Certificate? _____ Yes _____ No

Member of _____ Local _____ State _____ District _____ National

Signature _____ Date _____



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ROBESON COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICE PROFESSIONALS



Dragonflies are reminders that we are light and can reflect the light in powerful ways if we choose to do so. "Let there be light" is the divine prompting to use the creative imagination as a force within your life. They help you to see through your illusions and allow your own light to shine in a new vision.

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful."

Author—Herman Cain