



# North Carolina Senior Center Alliance

## NCSCA NEWS SPRING 2026

### LEADER'S LETTER

NCSCA Members,

As summer begins, I'm looking forward to all the energy and opportunities this season brings. Longer days, sunshine, and community events seem to have a way of bringing people together, and that's something I always appreciate in the work we do.

One of the things I admire most about older adults is their ability to continue growing, learning, and finding joy in every stage of life. Aging isn't just about getting older—it's about building on a lifetime of experiences, creating new memories, and staying connected to the people and activities that matter most.

As aging professionals, we get a front-row seat to the incredible impact that connection and engagement can have on someone's quality of life. Whether it's through a fitness class, educational program, social event, or simply a meaningful conversation, the opportunities we provide help make our communities stronger and more vibrant.

This summer, I encourage all of us to take advantage of the season. Spend time outdoors, try something new, connect with others, and make time for the things that bring you joy. Small moments often become the memories we cherish most.

Thank you for all you do to support older adults and help create communities where everyone can age with dignity, purpose, empowerment, and a sense of belonging.

Wishing you a wonderful summer filled with sunshine, connection, and new adventures.

-Anna Claire

Submitted by: Anna Claire Kelly, G, Chair/Website Administrator,  
Davidson County Senior Services



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## NCAOA/NCSCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Become a contributing member of one of the state's leading professional associations in the aging field. Your NCAOA membership benefits will easily surpass the cost of annual dues, and include:

- Advocacy - The NCAOA employs a Lobbyist that works daily to promote legislative priorities such as increased HCCBG and other funding sources for Senior Centers. More often than not, lobbyists are the difference in revenue streams coming to the aging field or being routed elsewhere.
- Training - The NCAOA offers Aging Boot Camps and an Annual Conference featuring leading professionals in the aging field. You receive an instant discount with your active membership.
- Partnerships - Your NCAOA membership comes with a complimentary membership to the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance.
- Award Opportunities - Member only opportunities to receive one of the NCAOA Excellence in the Field of Aging Awards.
- Marketing and Communication - Our members receive electronic updates and newsletters with urgent advocacy and legislative updates and more.

If you have questions about whether your membership is due in August or January, please use the email below to receive confirmation for when you should renew. If you are not yet a member of the North Carolina Association on Aging or the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance- this is a wonderful time to begin!

We need to band together and pool resources, ideas, and information more than we need to do so now! Being of a member of these groups gives you access to many free resources and networking opportunities. In addition, there are leadership opportunities (which you know helps you in SCOPE), and even grant or award opportunities.

For more information about the benefits of membership- check out the websites listed below; and to register or renew please use the link below:

REGISTRATION/RENEWAL:

[HTTPS://APP.JOINIT.COM/O/NORTH-CAROLINA-ASSOCIATION-ON-AGING](https://app.joinit.com/o/north-carolina-association-on-aging)

NCAOA:

[HTTPS://WWW.NCAOAGING.ORG/](https://www.ncaoaging.org/)

NCSCA:

[HTTPS://NCSCALLIANCE.ORG/ABOUT](https://ncscalliance.org/about)



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## NCSCA IDEA CORNER

The NCSCA Marketing committee has come up with a few ways to share great ideas!

Please share. To have a post featured on the NCSCA Facebook Page (send to: [anna.kelly@davidsoncountync.gov](mailto:anna.kelly@davidsoncountync.gov)) and/or make a submission to the NCSCA Newsletter (send to: [katherine.irby@darenc.gov](mailto:katherine.irby@darenc.gov)).

For the newsletter, please include simple instructions of how to execute the program/ideas and please include a photo if you can.

Please follow the follow simple rules for Facebook submission.

### Types of Content to Post:

#### ***Educational Content***

Articles, tips, and resources about best practices in senior center management.

Aging trends and strategies for improving senior programs.  
Training opportunities and webinar announcements.

#### ***Spotlights and Features***

Highlighting individual senior centers in North Carolina.  
Sharing success stories about programs benefiting older adults.  
Recognizing outstanding staff, volunteers, or initiatives.

#### ***Event Announcements***

Promoting NCSCA-hosted events, training sessions, and conferences.  
Sharing state and national events relevant to senior center professionals.

#### ***Advocacy and Policy Updates***

Informing followers about policies or legislation affecting senior centers.

Sharing advocacy opportunities and encouraging engagement.  
Engagement Posts

Creating polls, Q&A posts, or discussion starters.

Asking followers for input on programming needs or professional development topics.

#### ***Celebrations and Observances***

Recognizing milestones like National Senior Center Month.  
Celebrating holidays, anniversaries, or notable achievements.



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## NCSCA IDEA CORNER CONTINUED

### **Resources and Tools**

Sharing downloadable toolkits, guides, and funding opportunities.  
Posting updates about partnerships and available grants.

### **Page Posting Rules/Content Guidelines:**

Posts must align with the mission and goals of NCSCA.

Avoid political or religious content unless directly related to policies affecting senior centers.

All content must be factual, professional, and relevant to senior center professionals or older adults.

### **Engagement Rules:**

Encourage constructive and respectful discussions.

Monitor comments for inappropriate language, hate speech, or spam.

Remove comments or posts that violate these guidelines.

### **Image Use Policy:**

Only post images with proper permissions or that are royalty-free.

Obtain written consent before posting identifiable photos of individuals.

Use captions to provide context for all images.

### **External Links:**

Share only reputable sources (e.g., government websites, professional organizations).

Verify all links for accuracy and relevance before posting.

Thank you all for your input and your willingness to share ideas and great programming from across the state! It is a wonderful thing to learn from each other during our journey.



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## NCSCA NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### 5 MINUTE CHALLENGE



Each newsletter cycle, a prompt will be sent to you via email requesting that you complete the following 4 steps:

- 1-take a picture of something happening in your center at that very moment, even if working remotely, totally acceptable;
- 2-write a caption in (preferably) 20 words or less to describe what the picture reflects;
- 3- include your name, status with NCSCA, if any, region, and name of the center;
- 4-submit the picture and information to [katherine.irby@darenc.gov](mailto:katherine.irby@darenc.gov)

It is a very simple way to share and highlight your hard work while giving fresh ideas to our fellow senior center folks!! Or share pictures from over the season.



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## Fresh Season, Fresh Mindset



The Tillett Center has been gearing up for a season change by getting minds sharp, bodies in shape, taking a trip to Kentucky, enjoying great company, raising awareness, applauding our volunteers, appreciating art, taking in a musical or two, honoring our hero, bouncing around, learning how to avoid risks, and owning monthly puzzle challenges. All while having a great time!



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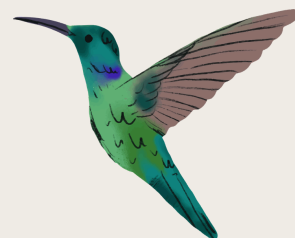
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## TYRRELL IS BRINGING IN SPRING



Spring is blooming at the senior center in Tyrrell County—hummingbird feeders, flower bookmarks, and an unforgettable armchair journey to Hawaii! Ahhhhh...





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## NO SCAMS AT KING CENTER



Sara Perdue, Outreach and Policy Advisor with the North Carolina Department of Justice, provided a presentation about Scams and Fraud that target older adults at King Senior Center.





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## Neal Center Appreciation



Neal Center employees brighten our volunteers' days, planting flowers and spreading smiles, teamwork, and appreciation all around!



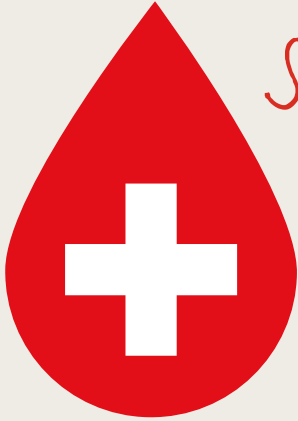
Out on the patio, Daniel, Dolores, and Teresia planted flowers for center volunteers as a thank you gift at the annual appreciation brunch.



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## Saving Lives in Haywood



Haywood County Senior Resource Center often sponsors the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Spring is a season of joy, fun and celebration, bringing people together for things like graduations, family reunions, and community events.

The blood drive is also one of those moments—an opportunity to turn celebration into a lifesaving impact. There is an urgent need for blood particularly as the summer months approach.

Debts of gratitude are given to the many seniors who donate blood and Haywood County seniors certainly mindful of donating.



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## Meal-delivery volunteers receive Governor's Medallion Award



Congratulations to Pitt County Senior Center home-delivered meals program volunteers who received the Governor's Medallion Award, North Carolina's highest honor for volunteer service!

These dedicated volunteers donate an estimated 18,000 hours a year delivering weekday meals to 400 seniors.

Wow.

Submitted by: Rich Zeck, Q, Mentoring/Training, Pitt County Council on Aging



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## Davidson Beads Creativity



*Participants enjoyed creating colorful seed bead bracelets during this fun and creative crafting class. Everyone left with a unique handmade accessory and a beautiful reminder of time spent crafting with friends.*



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## Flowers Abloom



*Creativity was in full bloom as participants painted whimsical faces on flower planters and added colorful blooms to complete their creations. Each planter reflected its artist's unique personality, resulting in a garden full of charm, character, and smiles.*



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*Creativity and personal style were on display as participants crafted seed bead initial necklaces. Each handmade necklace was uniquely designed, making for a fun and meaningful keepsake.*

Submitted by: Anna Claire Kelly, G, Chair/Website Administrator, Davidson County Senior Services



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## Painting Skills



*Participants explored their artistic side during our watercolor painting class. Using a variety of techniques, they created beautiful works of art while enjoying a relaxing and creative atmosphere. Each painting reflected the unique style and imagination of its artist.*

Submitted by: Anna Claire Kelly, G, Chair/Website Administrator, Davidson County Senior Services



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## NCSCA IN OTHER NEWS





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## AJI GRADUATES: LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

# NC Senior Center Leadership Symposium



August 26-27, 2026



### Leading Like Superheroes The Power Behind the Cape

Along with traditional Leadership Development these are some of the planned presentation and discussion TOPICS:

- Marketing for the center and programs
- Exploring Technology and A.I.
- Strategic Planning
- Advocacy
- Hear from Subject Matter Experts, Division of Aging Leadership and STHL
- Roundtable activities, peer discussions and more!

#### Schedule:

Wed. 8/26	11:30am Group Lunch (optional)
	1:30pm Registration & Sign in
	2:00pm Start Day 1
Thurs. 8/27	8:30am Start Day 2

**The Historic Brookstown Inn**  
 200 Brookstown Ave  
 Winston-Salem, NC 27101  
 336-701-3904

NC SENIOR CENTER LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM IS OFFERED TO AJI PARTICIPANTS UPON GRADUATION.



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## *DIVISION OF AGING: FUNDED PARTNER SHAREPOINT*

The North Carolina Division of Aging is excited to announce the upcoming launch of our brand-new Division of Aging Funded Partners SharePoint site, designed specifically for you!

This new platform is a momentous step forward in how we collaborate and share information with our valued partners. The Division of Aging Funded Partners SharePoint site will eventually replace the current “Funded Partner Resources” section of the NCDHHS website.

The SharePoint site will be your dedicated resource to access the essential documents and tools needed to support our shared success.





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## *NC PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE*

### **NC PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE (NC P.O.E) SENIOR CENTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Division of Aging is excited to share that a new certification program will be launched under the name Pillars of Excellence (NC P.O.E.). This is a model that highlights quality standards, leadership, innovation, and measurable community impact.

Centers will demonstrate their unique strengths in five foundational areas or “pillars” of excellence: Engagement, Impact, Quality, Adaptability and Sustainability demonstrating their engagement in a process of continuous quality improvement. There are six sections. Each section contains a purpose statement, applicable questions, instructions for response, and scoring rubric.

The NC P.O.E. program will improve upon the SCOPE model by:

- Shifting from a retrospective 5-year review period to a forward looking 3-year cycle
- Introducing scoring rubrics to promote transparency and reduce subjectivity
- Emphasizing engagement in an ongoing, continual improvement process in all aspects of senior center operations, services, and programming.

We have begun piloting the program in four senior centers across the state. More information will be shared as the evaluation and development processes continue and a detailed formal announcement about the new program and transition will be shared once all the details have been finalized.

Meanwhile, as we transition to the new certification process, senior centers should continue to operate as usual under the SCOPE model, including completing required activities and maintaining documentation, as many of the SCOPE requirements, programming, and operational practices will carry over into NC P.O.E. and support your center’s certified status.

*Submitted by: Leslee Breen and Selena Royal, NCDA Representatives*



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## NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION ON AGING



**Join Us. Stay Connected. Make an Impact.**



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NCAOA's strength comes from its members. Share this newsletter with colleagues and become an active part of North Carolina's aging network.

		
Unified Voice	Timely Information	Professional Growth

**Join or Renew Today!**  
[www.ncaoa.org](http://www.ncaoa.org)



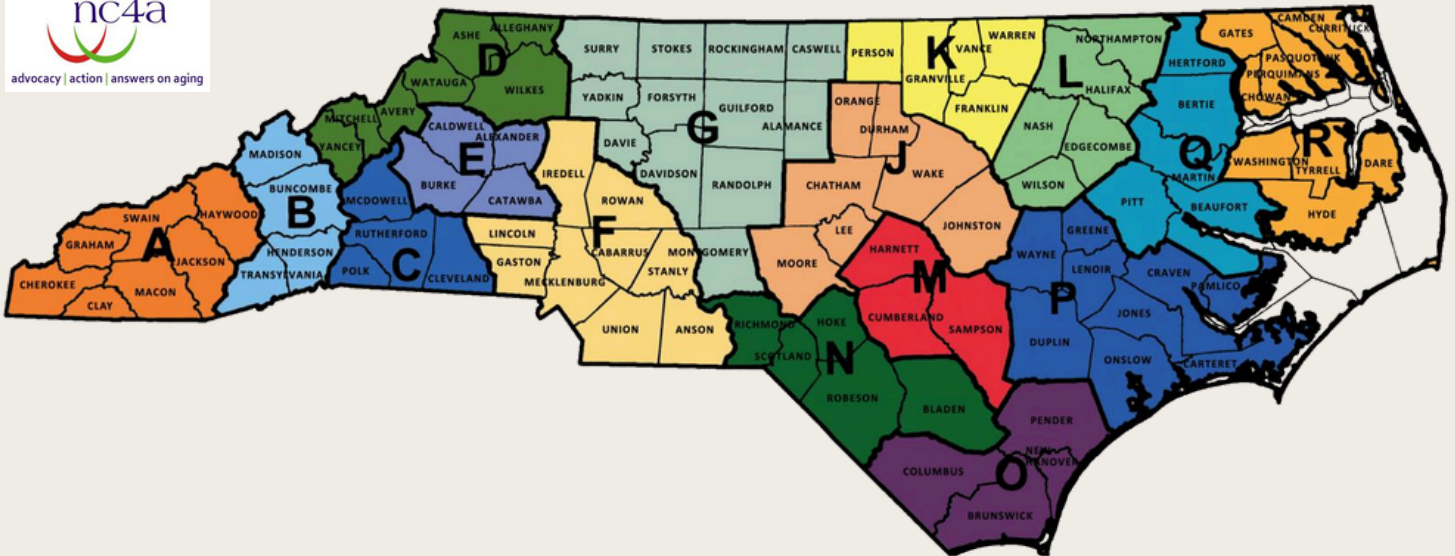


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## NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR CENTER REGIONAL MAP



### North Carolina Area Agencies on Aging



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**Region C – Foothills Regional Commission**  
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**Region D – High Country Council of Governments**  
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**Region E – Western Piedmont Council of Governments**  
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**Region R – Albemarle Commission**  
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## *2026 ANN JOHNSON SENIOR CENTER OF THE YEAR*

### **2026 Ann Johnson Senior Center of the Year**

The North Carolina Senior Center Alliance is proud to announce that the Fair Bluff Senior Center has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Ann Johnson Senior Center Award for Excellence in the Field of Aging, marking the tenth anniversary of this prestigious honor.

Each year, this award recognizes a North Carolina senior center that demonstrates outstanding leadership, innovation, and a strong commitment to serving older adults. This year's judges were especially impressed by the Fair Bluff Senior Center's creative programming and its success in engaging and attracting more seniors to participate in center activities. As one judge noted, "This center is advocating for their seniors by showing them there is so much more to life!"



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(Summer Britt- Fair Bluff Senior Center Program Coordinator, not pictured Mildred Vereen, Nutrition Site Manager)

Named in honor of Ann Johnson, a visionary advocate for aging services in North Carolina, the award celebrates senior centers that go above and beyond to meet their communities' needs with creativity, compassion, and integrity.

(The Fair Bluff Submission is on the following page).

Congratulations to the Fair Bluff Senior Center from the North Carolina Senior Center Alliance and the Special Projects Committee!



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## **From Forgotten to Flourishing:**

### **How the Fair Bluff Senior Center Became a Beacon of Hope**

In the small town of Fair Bluff, North Carolina—a community still carrying the scars of Hurricanes Matthew and Florence—something remarkable has taken root.

What was once known as “the forgotten center” has become a place where laughter echoes daily, friendships are rebuilt, and older adults are rediscovering joy, purpose, and belonging.

The Fair Bluff Senior Center, now named the 2026 Ann Johnson Senior Center of the Year, tells a story far greater than growth—it tells a story of resilience.

Just a short time ago, the center struggled to stay alive. Attendance was minimal. Many seniors had been displaced, disconnected, or simply stopped coming.

The building stood, but the sense of community had faded.

But slowly, with intention, compassion, and an unwavering belief in the value of every individual, something began to change. Relationships were rebuilt—one conversation at a time. Programs were created not just to fill a calendar, but to fill a need. Seniors were not just invited back—they were welcomed home.

Today, the center is alive in every sense of the word.

Each day, older adults walk through the doors not just for activities, but for connection. They come for movement, creativity, learning—but most importantly, they come for each other. Whether it’s worshipping in the daily Bible Study class, sharing stories during Morning Mingle, crafting something beautiful with their hands, or simply sitting together in fellowship—there is a renewed sense of life within these walls.

For many, this center has become more than a place—it has become a lifeline.

In a town of just over 700 residents, where many are still rebuilding what was lost, the impact is deeply personal. It’s seen in the smiles of seniors who once felt forgotten. It’s heard in the laughter that now fills the rooms. It’s felt in the quiet but powerful understanding that they are not alone.

Signature events like the “Watermelon Social” have reconnected seniors to traditions they once loved but could no longer safely access—bringing celebration back into their lives in a way that is inclusive, thoughtful, and rooted in community pride.

But perhaps the most meaningful transformation cannot be measured in numbers or programs.

It is the restoration of dignity.

It is the rebuilding of confidence.

It is the simple, powerful reminder that aging does not mean being left behind.

The Fair Bluff Senior Center stands today as a beacon of what is possible—even in the smallest of towns—when compassion leads, and community follows.

And at the heart of it all are the seniors themselves—their strength, their stories, and their unwavering spirit.

This award is not just a recognition of a center.

It is a celebration of a community that refused to be forgotten—and chose, instead, to rise.



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*2024-2025*

## *NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR CENTER DIRECTORY*

Being a member of NCSCA means staying connected to other in the senior center community.

If you are interested in having access to the NC Senior Center Directory (listed by region) please follow the link:

[HTTPS://WWW.NCSCALLIANCE.ORG/ABOUT](https://www.ncscalliance.org/about)

You may download the document to your computer or print, as you wish.

If you see inconsistencies, please report them to

[leslee.breen@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:leslee.breen@dhhs.nc.gov)



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## 2026-27 NCSCA COMMITTEE

Your NCSCA Committee Members are here to help YOU thrive. Please feel free to contact any of the members listed in the chart below for any questions you may have or to just to introduce yourself.

### North Carolina Senior Center Alliance Committee

#### Membership Roster



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EDITOR'S NOTE: North Carolina Senior Center news matters to us. NCSCA newsletters will be sent to the email address that we have on file.

Please submit your news article or other content you would like to share to: Katherine Irby via [katherine.irby@darenc.gov](mailto:katherine.irby@darenc.gov) Microsoft Word is the preferred platform for text, please do not use PDF. Please DO include photographs (.gif .jpeg or .png) when possible--everyone loves pictures!

The next deadline is **September 11, 2026 at 5 p.m.** in order to be included in the Summer 2026 Edition. Late submissions will not be accepted.

When lacking content supplied by our members; we will utilize outside sources to ensure that we continue to build and grow healthy seniors together while nurturing our own NCSCA network through idea sharing, personal and professional updates and any other pertinent news! Thank you!

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