



## Note from the President

Our brief break for spring is over and our thoughts turn to the final weeks of the 2008-2009 school year. Important legislation concerning public education is being debated by our elected officials in Raleigh. You are encouraged to contact your Representative and Senator to voice your opinion about proposed budget cuts that will impact our schools and health care. Educator Wednesdays are April 29 and each Wednesday in May, but if you are unable to travel to Raleigh, send an email or call your legislator and express your opinion. The NCAE website will provide current information on legislation and who to contact. Get involved and make a difference!

May 4--May 8, 2009 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. The AR at each school will present a very useful gift to ISAE members to express our appreciation for all your hard work and dedication to the teaching profession.

Are you retiring at the end of this school year? If so, you and a guest are invited to a Retirement Celebration at the Statesville Woman's Club on May 21 at 4:00 PM. Please let your AR know about your retirement plans no later than mid-May. This annual event is a wonderful way to honor and celebrate those who have given many years of service to children and education.

Have an enjoyable reminder of the year and a relaxing summer vacation.

- Kaye Taliana, ISAE President

## Read Across America Week in ISS



In picture above: from left to right is Nettie Gambill (LNE AR), Lia Marino, Gabby Marino, Amelia Marino

Iredell-Statesville students celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday in style this year. Focused activities were planned at schools across the county. During Read Across America Week fourth grade teacher Nettie Gambill at Lake Norman Elementary School was presented the book, *Amelia and Gabby, Here We Go* at an assembly by author Lia Marino. Mrs. Gambill taught Mrs. Marino's daughters in the fourth grade and one of the stories was about Amelia being in her fourth grade class. This is the second book in the series. After the author read the book to the students, Mrs. Gambill was presented with an autographed copy. Ms. Gambill said, "This was a special day in my career. One I will always cherish." At Lake Norman High School, the Interact Club sponsored a children's book fundraiser drive in honor of Read Across America Week. The students raised funds to purchase over 100 new books for the YMCA Starfish Academy. All in all, it was a successful week of reading-related celebrations! Thank you for your efforts to make this a special time for all of our students!

# ISAE Recognized at NCAE State Convention in Raleigh



Pictured above: Rodney Ellis (NCAE VP) and Kaye Taliana (ISAE President)

At the NCAE yearly Representative Assembly, in Raleigh, your local ISAE was presented with two awards. We were first recognized for being the only local in the state to earn the Blue Ribbon Local Award for four consecutive years. Secondly, ISAE was presented with a "Leader of the PAC" certificate for having 56% participation in the yearly PAC campaign. We are very proud of both these awards that recognize all the hard work and dedication of ISAE's membership.

## Welcome to our new UniServ Director – Pamela Stowell

During almost 20 years as a member of The South Carolina Education Association, Pamela W. Stowell served as association representative in Cherokee County, then vice president and president in Spartanburg County, the state's fourth largest local association. Pam was elected twice to The SCEA's Executive Board and worked on the SCEA's Membership and Budget Committees. At the same time, Pam taught biology, physical science, and anatomy. She was also a master teacher for applied biology at the University of South Carolina-Upstate and Converse College. She joined NCAE's staff as UniServ Director for Area F (Iredell and Rowan counties) in March. Pam has a son, Jonathan, who is a senior at Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach.

### 2009-2010 Commission and Committee Vacancies for Cluster 2

Government Relations Commission  
Instructional and Professional Development Commission  
Advisory Committee to the NCAE Student Program  
Communication Committee  
Elections Committee (former Canvassing Committee)  
Membership Committee

Each vacancy has a three-year term of service. If you are interested in being recommended for a state commission or committee, please inform an Executive Board member by May 31, 2009.

### REMINDER: NCAE Future Teacher's Scholarship Applications Due April 30, 2009!

NCAE will award one scholarship of \$1000 to a graduating senior who aspires to become a teacher and one \$500 scholarship to a teacher's assistant currently pursuing his or her certification. Please see your AR for application materials and information or visit <http://iss.schoolwires.com/ncae>.

Please turn in all applications to Kaye Taliana at Lake Norman High School by April 30.