



**Your Local Area
Representatives:**

- Admin** - Barb Thorson
 - Brawley** – Joan Pavao
 - CCTL (Early College)** – David Blattner
 - Celeste** - Tracy Patterson
 - Central** - Leona Dixon
 - Cool Spring** – Vicky Coffey
 - East Elementary** – Kenitra Waddell
 - East Middle** – Rick Money
 - Ebenezer** - Anne Dowis
 - Harmony** - Brenda Poole
 - Lake Norman Elementary** - Nettie Gambill
 - Lake Norman High** - Victoria Schmidt
 - Lakeshore Elementary** - Lisa Dagenhart
 - Lakeshore Middle** - Pamela Klaene
 - Monticello** – Paula Roberts
 - Mt. Mourne** – Jayne Chester
 - NB Mills** – Chris Rennolds
 - North Iredell High** - Shelly Bailey-Hancock and Larry Gambill
 - North Middle** – Vivian Souther
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Note from the President

On May 22, 2008, twelve ISAE educators were honored at a lovely retirement celebration at Statesville Woman’s Club. We hope all of them are enjoying their retirement. At the same event, we honored Anna Wells as our winner of the NCAE Future Teacher’s Scholarship. Anna is the daughter of Denise Wells at Central Elementary and Billy Wells at North Iredell High School. Anna is attending ASU to become a teacher.

I hope your new school year has gotten off to a great beginning and that all is going well. Thank you for joining NCAE/ISAE and helping to make your professional organization stronger and better than ever. Together we can make a difference in the lives of students and in the working conditions of educators. The ISAE Executive Board is planning some exciting events for its members. With a Presidential election in November, our most urgent duty is to inform our members about “education friendly” candidates. Our Government Relations Department at the state and local level will provide information about candidates campaigning to improve public education. I also want to encourage everyone to take advantage of the right to vote. The voter registration deadline is fast approaching (see related article). Don’t miss out on the opportunity to make a difference! Please feel free to contact me or your Association Rep (AR) when you need assistance.

- Kaye Taliana,
ISAE President

Let Your Voice Be Heard

NCAE advocates for its members in a variety of ways. A major aspect of that advocacy is lobbying on behalf of all educators for better salary, wages and working conditions.

One of the reasons our lobbyists are so successful is they have the backing of more than 65,000 voting educators. Although some educators assert an unwillingness to get involved in the political arena, it is vital to realize that elected officials including County Commissioners, School Board Officials, State Representatives, U.S. Representatives and Executive Officers determine every public educator’s salary and set educational policy. As the next eight weeks ensue and the political debates escalate, please make sure educators have a voice in this discussion.

How can you as a teacher, administrator, bus driver, secretary or other educational professional ensure your voice is heard? Vote in the local, state and national elections in November. Before you can vote you must be registered by October 10, 2008. As your local association UniServ it is my hope that educators turn out in record numbers to vote and the first step is registering. If you have relocated recently or you are unsure of your voter registration status, you can check your status online at the North Carolina State Board of Elections website www.sboe.state.nc.us or call them at 1-866-522-4723 for more information.

April Hubbard Kuhn 704-633-6466



**Your Local Area
Representatives
(cont):**

Northview – Brenda
Tab

Pressly - Alison
Whitaker

Sharon – NEED AR

Shepherd - Karen
Freeman and Millie
Foster

South Iredell HS –
Amy Henderson

Statesville HS –
Katherine Hathcock

Statesville Middle -
Jennifer DiFiore

Third Creek -
Christina Irby and
Barbara
Fleckenstein

Troutman

Elementary- Brenda
Howell and Trena
Melvin

Troutman Middle –
Susan Brizzee

Union Grove -
Genevieve Kiser

West Iredell HS -
Leanne Hall

West Middle – Olivia
Atchley and Sue
Schultze

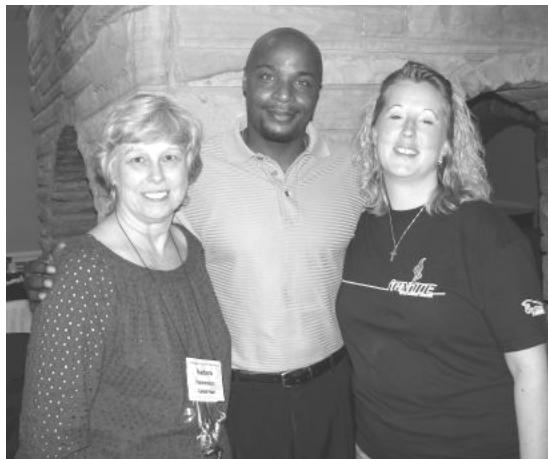
**Woodland Heights
Elementary** - April
Davis

Uniserv – April
Hubbard Kuhn

Summer Leaders

This summer Barbara Fleckenstein and Chris Rennolds participated in NCAE's Summer Leaders Conference in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. The event centered around member recruitment and retention through member benefits as well as the new McRel Teacher Evaluation Instrument.

Barbara and Chris took some time to make connections with other state and local officers. They are pictured here with NCAE's new Vice President, Rodney Ellis.



Association Representatives

As North Carolina public educators are confronted with higher standards, increased accountability, funding shortages, and other challenges that arise in the profession, your Association Representative (AR) is more important than ever. The ARs at your school are listed on the left column of this newsletter. These educators serve your worksites in an effort to help advocate for your professional interests. As ARs, they work to communicate with all members – ensuring that you know what is going on at the local, state, and national level regarding education and addressing any member needs. In an effort to be as well-informed as possible, ARs attend monthly meetings at Gardner Webb in Statesville.

The ARs and the Executive Board Officers would like to invite all members to the ISAE AR meetings. Meetings run from 4 – 5 PM on the third Thursday of each month. At these meetings, we discuss issues relevant to our district, North Carolina, and the nation, and we plan events to address those needs and concerns. We also have discussions with NCAE representatives and political candidates. For more information about attending the AR meetings, please contact ISAE Secretary Victoria Schmidt at vschmidt@iss.k12.nc.us.

**ISAE
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2008-2009**

President – Kaye Taliana

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Membership – Barbara
Fleckenstein

Webmaster – Barb Thorson

Secretary – Victoria Schmidt

Member Benefits Highlight – New Web Site!

The school year has just begun, and I already feel overwhelmed. I have so much to do, and I often don't have enough time to get everything done. With everything school related, I also need to make sure the oil gets changed in my car, get all my shopping done, and ensure I have time for myself, my family, and my friends!

Is this how you have been feeling lately? If so, make sure you remember that NCAE can help you get all of it done **at the right price**. While it might not create more hours in a day, NCAE's **NEW membership benefits web site** will make sure more dollars stay in your wallet! The new site is EASY to use. Simply go to www.ncae.org. Click on Member Benefits, and enter the number on your new membership/access card. With the new image and easy browsing, NCAE has made using the member benefits offers just a click away.