

Welcome to the newly revised Council on Aging newsletter.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome as we want to continually improve the format and content.



BOARD MEETING/ TRAINING SEMINAR

COA held the annual Board Retreat on August 24 at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Center (COA's new home). This was a combination training workshop and board meeting with the training segment conducted by **Tom Haselden**, COA's interim director. County Commissioner **Norman Mitchell** also attended the Retreat.

We appreciate Commissioner Mitchell's input into COA's planning process as well as his passionate support of seniors in Mecklenburg County.

The first segment of the retreat featured a discussion of COA's goals for the upcoming fiscal year after which the COA committees – Advocacy, Education and Development, went into separate sessions to discuss their respective goals and events for the year.



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Millard McCluney is Chair of the Advocacy Committee for the 2004-05 year. This committee has several events scheduled. A "Working Together for a Senior Friendly Community" program was held on September 14 featuring Debra Campbell, Charlotte City Planner. Other events scheduled are a Candidates Forum to which all local and state candidates for election and re-election are invited on October 13; and a Service

Providers Forum on November 17. The 2005 Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for February 7. Service Providers Forums will be held quarterly.

The Advocacy Committee has scheduled the Program for Senior Advocates at the following locations for 2004: Veteran's Park Nutrition Site and West Charlotte Nutrition Site. There will be one session a week at each site for eight weeks. Two more sites are slated for the beginning of 2005.

Becky Lindamood, a graduate student in the UNC-C Gerontology Program, is working with COA in facilitating the PSA sessions.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The COA Education Committee, chaired by **Karen Ann Johnson**, has jurisdiction over the COA newsletter, website and Successful Aging Forum.

The 2005 Successful Aging Forum will be held on Thursday, May 26. The location will be announced at a later date.

The COA Website is being completely revamped and will be up and running again very shortly.



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The COA Development Committee, chaired by **Bette J. Kroh, Ph.D.**, is working on plans for fund development and also is creating a brochure for the agency.

The committee is planning several events for fall, winter and spring.



FROM THE DESK OF EVELYN NEWMAN, COA CHAIR

When have we taken on the responsibilities of aging beyond our regular jobs and our family lives?

We are truly helping to identify pressing issues and apparent gaps in the aging arena. COA continues to research, educate and advocate.

COA's Board of Directors has direct input into the direction of the agency. The members continue to be a group of volunteers who have a great spirit of cooperation and desire to work closely with the Interim Director and a commitment to improve the lives of our senior community.

The Council on Aging couldn't do it without all of you.

Evelyn Newman

Chair

Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Council on Aging, Inc.



NEWS OF NOTE

Council on Aging moved its offices to the Senior Center Building at 2225 Tyvola Road the end of July. Our phone number (704-527-8807) and fax number (704-527-8749) are still the same

The new e-mail addresses are as follows:

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COA Board member **Bette Tweten** married **Doug Kroh** on July 17.

Lydia Batson, a former COA graduate assistant, is recuperating from an automobile accident. Lydia worked with COA's Program for Senior Advocates and received her Master's Degree in Gerontology from UNC-Charlotte this past summer. We all wish her a speedy recovery.