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From the President

When I was MUCH younger, I was probably considered a hard worker, because that was what my Mama and Daddy taught me to be. I don't know if I was that smart....you know, you think you know everything, but you know nothing!

I had and drove an old Volkswagen which was three colors. Most of it was grey primer, with an orange fender and a neon green hood (which if you know Volkswagen would be in the back). The key had been lost so the starter was straight wired and you pushed a button under the dash to start it. I needed transportation back and forth to work and to get my daughter to school and back. So I drove my little, old three colored Volkswagen with the straight wired starter.

It did not have a heater in it and on winter nights after work when I would pick up my daughter, I would have to cover her in blankets. I knew I needed to make the situation better for her and for myself, but I didn't know how exactly.

I didn't realize at the time that I had what I needed inside. That it had to come from within me. But what I did have was a most valuable support system. My Mama and Daddy, my family, my friends and co-workers, and most of all, my daughter. She just looked at me one day and said, "Mama, I think you need to get a better job so we can get a better car." Words of wisdom from one so young!!

The message sank in. I needed to believe in myself. I needed to not only work hard, but know and be dedicated to my work. I had to apply myself, so that I could make life better for my daughter, myself, my parents, my family, friends and co-workers.

Apply this to your job as a notary. You might be a Notary Public who performs General Notary Work or you might be a Notary Signing Agent. We all live and work in the same world as Notaries Public of the state of North Carolina. Let us be tolerant of each other and not become anxious when questions are asked that do not directly apply to our interests. Let us be that support system that we all need and can rely upon. We all have something to share and something to learn.

We all need to know our jobs! This is the area where [North Carolina Notary Association](#) can help you "Shine." We are available to help you through problems and situations by providing you with information, education and networking. Know that we are here as your support system. We want to see you learn, grow, and prosper.

Like me, you might not know how to do better. You might want it, but not know how to get it. You've got to reach down inside yourself and find the strength to move forward, and you need that support system to help carry you forward. That is exactly why we are here for you, the [North Carolina Notary Association](#). If you are not a member, join us today and be a part of this. Feel the momentum as we move forward and elevate the office of Notary Public. We can only do this with your help and your strength. Join us today and become a part of the leadership of this organization in order to help notaries across our great State.



Judy Chapman, President

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Meet Our NENA Officers 2022—2024



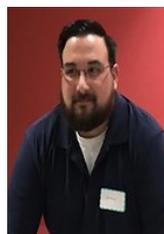
Judy Chapman,
President



Crystal Gilliard,
Vice President



Andrea Betaudier,
Secretary



Jonathan L.
Brown Guerrero
Treasurer &
Legislative Envoy



Alma Wynn Jones,
Historian

NEW COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED

1. Audit Committee

Oversee all financial operations of the Association, develop long-range fiscal plans, procure and review any and all external audits and may prepare and recommend an annual operating budget to the Board.

2. Planning Committee

Responsible for the Association's fundraising activities and shall coordinate its fundraising goals with the Audit Committee and Publicity Committee.

3. Nominating Committee

Recommend candidates to fill Officer positions and shall present a slate of candidates for Officer and Board member positions to the Board before regular annual general meeting at which approval of recommended candidates will be sought.

4. Publicity Committee

Shall focus on raising overall awareness about the Association in the North Carolina community as well as supporting the Planning Committee in furtherance of visibility and development goals.

5. Legislative Committee

Shall be responsible for monitoring legislative activity and recommending legislative action for the good of the Association and notaries public statewide.

6. Membership Committee

Shall promote membership in the Association, maintain all membership records, transmit membership packets to all new members and shall recommend to the Board ways that this might be accomplished.

7. Scholarship Committee

Shall recommend the best overall applicant(s) for the Association's Educational Scholarship Award before the regular annual meetings at which approval of recommended applications will be sought.

Please contact info@ncnotary if you are interested in any of the above positions.

Swearing in of Officers—2022-2024



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2022 Annual NC Notary Association Professional Development Conference
Saturday, March 19, 2022, Village Inn and Event Center in Clemmons, NC.

Mr. Dave Hogsd from The Gideons International addressed the conference with information about the Gideons and their community outreach. Gideons New Testament Bibles were distributed to everyone at the conference.

President Gilliard announced the business session of the conference with the naming of the new officers for 2022–2024: Judy Chapman, President; Crystal Gilliard, Vice President; Andrea Betaudier, Secretary; Alma Wynn Jones, Historian; Jonathan L. Brown Guerrero, Treasurer and Legislative Envoy. Judy Chapman delivered her President's acceptance speech and outlined her vision.



Conference Highlights

Laura Biewer, NNA Ambassador shared valuable information on Electronic Notarizations/Remote On-Line Notarizations from a national perspective and a presentation on Notary 101 for North Carolina 2022.

Special Agent Emmanuel J. Moore, Notary Investigator, NC Department of the Secretary of State, Raleigh, NC provided us with information on the NC Notary Act Enforcement and Penalties. He provided us with how important the integrity of notary public office is to the community of North Carolina. There are profound consequences when that integrity is questionable.

A very lively panel discussion on Code of Ethics, Witnesses, Vehicle Title Document Notarizations, Powers of Attorney, Conveyance of Real Property, Journals, signatures including "AKA, FKA" and Absentee Ballots, moderated by Laura Biewer, Karen Gordon, NC Notary Instructor, Forsythe County, Judy Chapman, NNA Ambassador for NC, assisted by Crystal Gilliard, Union County Register of Deeds and comments from Signing Agents.

April 22, 2023

**Annual Conference
of the**

North Carolina Notary Association

Wilmington, North Carolina

More Info
COMING SOON



**SCHOLARSHIP
WINNER**

LIAM WHALEN
Gastonia, NC

I am a senior in high school with concurrent enrollment at Gaston Community College. I have completed sixteen college credits and I am currently enrolled in nine more credit hours in my last semester in high school. I have been admitted to Appalachian State University and I am extremely excited to begin this fall. I love winter sports and Appalachian is a perfect fit for me to thrive educationally while enjoying the winter weather and snowboarding. My family has six children with college dreams. One of us has graduated from UNCA, one is a senior at NC State, one is a Sophomore at UNCC, I will be in college in the fall, and my twin brothers are juniors in high school. My parents often wonder if any of us will go to the same college, but they also stress that we need to choose a college that fits us best. As you can see any scholarship funds received will help my family put us all through college. I have been accepted into the Business Construction Management program at Appalachian. Our family owns a commercial plumbing business and I hope to follow in my grandfather and father's footsteps. I want to complete my college degree, train in the family business, and eventually become an owner with my other brothers. Our family business has been in operation over seventy years and is well connected to our community. We are very committed to community involvement and help in any way we can. I am one of four siblings to become an Eagle Scout. Being an Eagle Scout has put me in many situations to help those in need and I have spent numerous hours of my time bettering the lives of many others. I am hoping that you will invest in my future and consider me for a scholarship award.

