

The Chatter Box

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Greetings from Marie ...

Happy Fall! The leaves are turning and the air is cooling. The Holidays are on the way!

There were 5 members from Virginia in attendance at the SERC Conference in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Susan, Mindy and I flew together with good flights there and back. Jenny and Priscilla joined us later after missing their connection in NYC. They finally arrived and we had a nice time together.

Arkansas planned a great Conference. There were nine members from Florida affected by the recent hurricanes and flooding. One of those victims, Rhonda Coy, from a suburb of Tampa, related her experiences with us which were horrific. A collection was taken up for the IC Disaster Fund by SERC Disaster Fund Chair Theda Hall and donations of \$10 gift cards were distributed evenly to the Florida members who were devastated helping with their recovery.

The theme of the Conference in North Little Rock was "Shine Like a Diamond" and there was a lot of bling being worn over the weekend by everyone. Here is a photo of the Virginia attendees with their tiaras and sparkling jewels on Saturday Night before the Installation and Banquet.

In 2025, the SERC Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 24th -25th. The registration form will be on the website soon and the fee will be \$155.

Virginia did very well at the Awards Luncheon. We should be very proud of what we accomplished. This information will be shared with you later.



In Remembrance ...

You may remember Tammy Gregg from South Carolina who was installed as SERC 2nd Vice President last year and also was the SERC Rep at our State Convention in Roanoke. Tammy passed away a few months ago leaving two sons. It was suggested in Little Rock that contributions could be made to the 529 Accounts for them. If you would like to donate to the Educational Funds for her boys, make your checks payable to State Farm 529 Savings Plan and please send your contributions to:

Amanda Cartagine
711 Plantation Drive
Simpsonville, SC 24681

Amanda will send a certified check to State Farm 529 Savings Plan Department with instructions to split the checks 50/50 between the accounts for Bates and Wallace.

From Elaine ...

I have only gotten one report and loved the trip they took me on, so please send me some more. I would love to go on another trip with you girls and boys....It is almost as good as being there, but better than not getting to physically go with you.

Please send me those EDUCATIONALS reports.

Elaine Prillaman
Educational Director

Chaplin News ...

Please send your news for the Chaplin to Sue Foy at suefoy1012@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!



VSC Convention
The Hotel Madison
Harrisonburg, VA
May 30 - June 1, 2025

"Don't Worry, Beach Happy"

From IC 1st Vice President ...

IC 1st Vice President Celeste Webb is looking for members to fill positions on her Boards. If you believe that a member would like to do so, are encouraging someone to do so, or you are interested in doing so, the deadline for submitting a Willing to Serve Form is fast approaching. Her contact info is:

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from Katrina ...

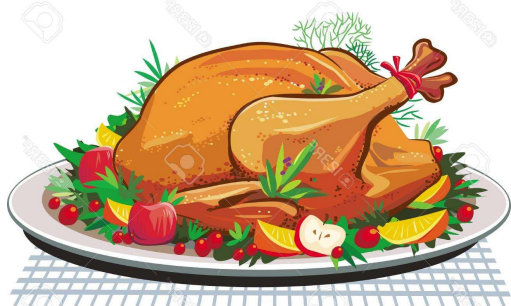
Typically the leaves fall off the trees in Autumn, but this Autumn our VSC tree is growing new leaves (members)! Congrats to Alpha Chi for pledging three new members and to Beta Kappa for pledging two new members. I am currently reviewing the Chapter Status report from Headquarters to search out any collegiate graduates. As soon as I have my questions answered, I'll be sending a list of potential chapter members to Chapter Presidents so be on the lookout for an email soon.

The list of Appointed Board position openings continues to shrink. I have sent out that list to Chapter Presidents asking they discuss this at each chapter's upcoming meeting. Please consider raising your hand to serve as we know "many hands make light work".

The most pressing needs are for a Social Director and an Awards Director.

Please reach out to me with any questions or a volunteer to fill an Appointed Board position. I'm also looking forward to hearing about more new pledges! Enjoy this Fall weather and the upcoming holidays.

Katrina Saunders
VSC Vice President



Events You Can Support ...

Beta Delta is having a Pampered Chef Party to benefit St. Jude on November 16th at 3 pm. If you want to participate by ordering items, let them know. Julie Hylton has been posting about the event on Facebook. Pampered Chef items make perfect Christmas presents.

Beta Sigma is having a Trivia Night benefiting the VSC State Project via Zoom on January 11th at 7 pm. A registration of \$20 may be sent by January 1st to:

Marie LaDuke
2201 Cardiff Court
North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

New Member Update

Congratulations to these chapters for their successful recruiting efforts. I am very happy to let you know that Virginia has gained six new members since July. Listed below are their names and contact information. Please drop them an email or a note to welcome them.

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From Mindy ...

2025 IC Convention update!

July 13 -20, 2025

We need you to come and participate in the 2025 IC Convention in Cary, NC as SERC will be hosting the convention and Virginia is a part of SERC! This will also be a time to see how an IC Convention is run and how to be organized as Virginia will be hosting in 2026 in Norfolk, VA.

Cary, N.C. is just a hop, skip and jump from VA! (173 miles from central, VA; 211 miles from VA beach, and 150 miles from Roanoke). So please, please register and come to Cary! We need help with not only providing decorations for Saturday's banquet but we need help with pages (helping to set up meeting rooms and see that flow is directed for each event).

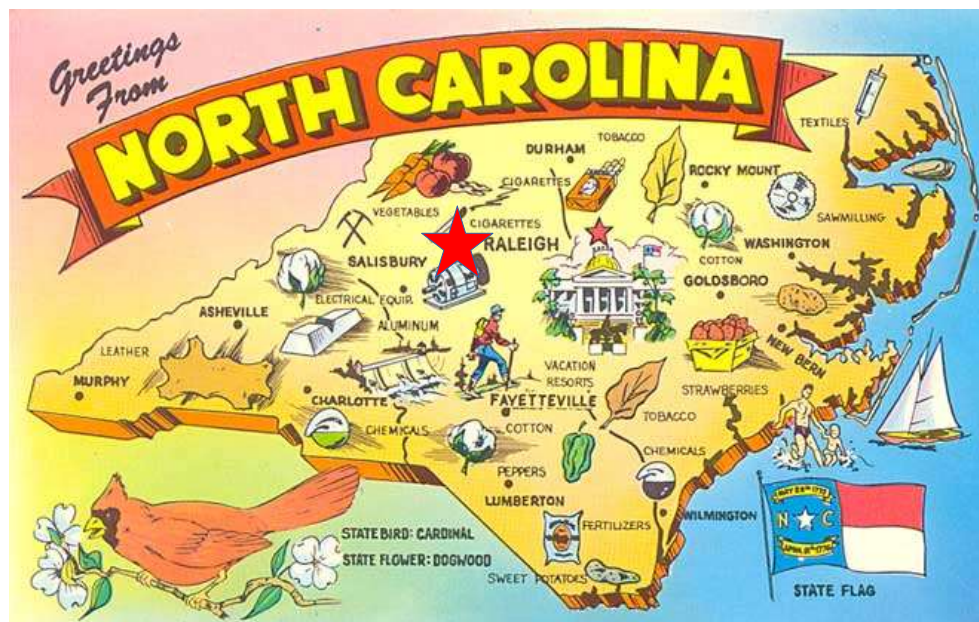
Many fun tours have been secure, (Visit to Sarah Duke gardens as well as Duke chapel; two escape houses; pub crawl with games such as putt putt and corn hole;

Visit to Zebulin, NC for a Bee keeping class and lunch at Howling Cow Dairy Educational Center and Creamery). WOW what a great trip!!!!

To keep cost down it's imperative to have a minimum of 285 members and non-members to attend. Wouldn't it be nice to exceed those numbers!! Virginia I'm sure can help achieve that, John and I will both be there for the fun.

In order to protect ourselves and our identity they will be providing online registration through "Zeffy", (a non-profit pay pal purchasing software), but for those who like to write checks and mail your registration you certainly can! This is being provided as a \$10,000 check to St Jude's has been lost in the mail!!! Scams are happening everywhere these days and we are trying to protect our members and family.

Below is a flyer passed out at SERC!
Registration should be available soon on the IC website.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**JULY 13-20, 2025
EMBASSY SUITES
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA**

Host: SERC



ESA IC CONVENTION 2025

Convention Dates: July 16-20, 2025

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Raleigh-Durham Research Triangle
201 Harrison Boulevard, Cary, North Carolina 27513**

**Room Booking Dates: July 13-20, 2025
Room Block Must Be Reserved by June 23, 2025**

**Room Rates: Single/Double \$175; Triple \$185; Quad \$195
Self-Parking \$5.00 Daily**

Daily Free Breakfast, Happy Hour, & Internet

FOOD - FUN - FRIENDSHIP

**Cary offers lots of great restaurants, shopping, fun activities,
Local Breweries, Wineries, & Interactive Sports Bars**

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