



Historic Tryon Palace
New Bern

All Roads Lead to New Bern for AAUW NC Convention

(Planes and Boats will also bring you here)

JoAnn Hall and Mary Peterson, AAUW NC Convention Co-Chairs

The Southeastern Cluster branches are all involved with planning for you to have a fun and informative time in New Bern, March 31-April 2. The Twin Rivers/New Bern Branch and the Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina look forward to making your time here as comfortable as possible. See page 7 for complete registration and lodging information, as well as directions. **Deadline to reserve rooms at the AAUW special rate is March 1. Deadline to register for the convention is March 17.**

Craven County Community College and Pepsi are doing their part to help you enjoy and learn in New Bern. Jacksonville Regional Branch will receive your registration and money. Kinston and Wilmington will be involved with the hospitality suite and being table hostesses. Judy Atkinson, program vice-president, and her committee, have put together an informative, interesting and fun program around the theme: **Education: Pathway to the Future for Women and Girls.** Come and help us celebrate AAUW successes as we learn and have fun together. We want to see YOU in New Bern.

Convention packets were being mailed to branch presidents as Tar Heel News went to press. They include:

- Tour details for Tryon Palace and the Trolley Tour of the Historic District (New Bern is the second oldest town in North Carolina)
- A list of restaurants in town within walking distance of the hotel
- A letter giving you the number of voting delegates for your branch
- A branch delegation form for you to return to us
- Much more information about local sites and events
- A press release for you to share with the media in your community
- And more!

Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson

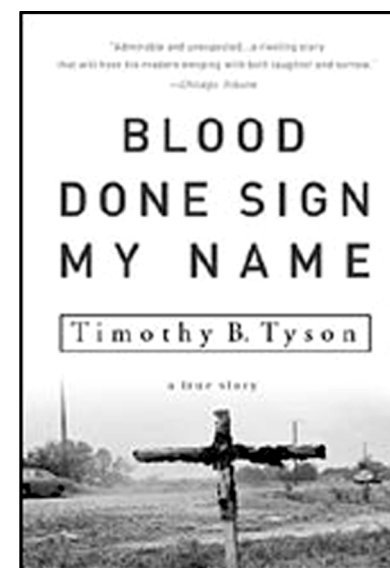
- Dr. Atkinson was elected superintendent of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction in 2004, in a race that was decided by the N.C. General Assembly on Aug. 23, 2005. She is the first woman elected to this post, which also is a Council of State member.
- From 1976-2004, Dr. Atkinson served the N.C. Department of Public Instruction as a chief consultant and director in the areas of business education, career and technical education, and instructional services.
- A former business education teacher, Dr. Atkinson has been involved in instruction and curriculum development throughout her career. Improving instructional quality and student learning, creating environments that enable teachers' and students' success and ensuring that education is modern and relevant are key priorities.
- Dr. Atkinson has made presentations to business and other educational groups in 43 states and throughout North Carolina. She is past president of the National Business Education Association, and past president of the Southern Regional Education Board's High Schools that Work in 1995-96/1996-97.
- Elected by her colleagues as president of the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium for 2001-2003, she has received numerous state and national awards for her contributions and service to education.
- Articles Dr. Atkinson has written have been published in numerous magazines and professional organization yearbooks.
- Bachelor of science degree in business education, Radford University, 1969.
- Master of science degree in vocational and technical education, Virginia Tech and State University, 1974.
- Doctorate in educational leadership and policy, N.C. State University, 1996.
- Dr. Atkinson taught high school in Roanoke, Virginia and Charlotte. In Charlotte, her assignment required that she work with business people to find meaningful employment for her students. Seeing that her students were prepared for both further education and work became her passion that she has carried forward in her work for North Carolina's 1.3 million public school students.

Dr. Delores A. Parker

- Dr. Delores A. Parker is vice-president for academic and student services for the N.C. Community College System, the nation's third largest community college system. She leads the division charged with overseeing development, approval and quality control of for-credit (curriculum) programs and basic skills in institutions across the system; financial aid, counseling and other student support services; and resource development.
- Since 1999, Dr. Parker has worked with members of the State Board of Community Colleges and senior leadership at all 59 institutions in the Community College System to create programs of study to match the economic needs of North Carolina with students' educational goals. She especially focuses on delivering distance education through the integration of technology across the community college curriculum; strengthening the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement between the Community College System and the UNC system and expanding the role of community colleges in teacher preparation. She has played a major role in attracting millions of dollars in new money for professional development, scholarships, global education and other efforts from federal grants and foundations.
- Before she came to the System Office, Dr. Parker worked at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation as Associate Director of the Kellogg National Fellowship Program, and Program Director at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.
- She has headed her own consulting firm and served as adjunct faculty in the graduate school at N.C. A&T State University.
- Dr. Parker has many years of experience on North Carolina's community college campuses, serving a variety of posts as vice-president or dean.
- Dr. Parker holds degrees from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University), N.C. A&T State University, and N.C. State University.
- In 2002, she participated in Leadership N.C. and was voted by her classmates to receive the Stanley Frank Class Award, and has received other coveted awards for outstanding community and professional service.
- Dr. Parker is a published author.

Richard Moore

- As a long-time public servant and Granville County native, Richard Moore has built a career helping North Carolinians improve their lives. His work is founded on the ideals of government accountability, fiscal integrity and an enduring concern for North Carolina's children and families.
- Moore has served as a federal prosecutor, a member of the N.C. House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, where he led North Carolina's extraordinary response and recovery from the state's most devastating and destructive storms ever, Hurricanes Fran and Floyd. Moore is also co-author of *Faces from the Flood: Hurricane Floyd Remembered*.
- Now in his second term as State Treasurer, Moore is sole fiduciary for over \$70 billion in public monies and state investments, oversees the pension funds for nearly 700,000 public sector employees, and manages the debt of state and local governments. The Treasurer serves on many boards and commissions, including the State Banking Commission (which he chairs) and the state boards of Education and Community Colleges.
- Treasurer Moore championed a national movement to protect shareholder rights against Wall Street corporate abuses. He authored investment and mutual fund protection principles which have been adopted by pension fund managers across the country. His efforts led to his appointment on the executive board of the New York Stock Exchange as the only public sector member, and he was recently named the country's Top Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine.
- Moore is committed to increasing financial literacy and helping North Carolinians build wealth. Through partnerships with groups such as AARP, 4-H and the N.C. Council on Economic Education, he works with citizens of all ages to help them make smart financial decisions for themselves and their families.
- Moore is an honors graduate of Wake Forest University and the School of Law with a graduate degree in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics.



Tim Tyson

- Tim Tyson teaches and writes the history of African American freedom movements in the 20th century South. His most recent book, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, appeared in May 2004. It tells the story of a racial murder and black uprising in his hometown of Oxford, North Carolina, when Tyson was eleven and the father of one of his friends murdered a young black man and Black Power radicals fought back with fire.
- His first book, *Democracy Betrayed: the Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and its Legacy*, co-edited with David S. Cecelski, won the 1999 Outstanding Book Award from the The Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America.
- His second book, *Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power*, won the James Rawley Prize and the Frederick Jackson Turner Award both from the Organization of American Historians.
- "Freedom Ride 2001: Sites and Sounds of the Freedom Struggle" won the Best Summer School Course from the National Association of Summer School Sessions. He has been selected as Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians.
- A North Carolina native, Tyson is a founding member of the Harmony Bar Writers Collective.
- Bachelor of arts degree, Emory University, 1987.
- Doctorate, Duke University, 1994.