

this digital divide is negatively impacting communities across the state. Many existing depictions of internet coverage used by the federal government to allocate infrastructure investments are overstated and inaccurate. (Written by Jessica Kozma Proctor, a lobbyist for NCRGEA)

How important is having broadband internet to you? What would it mean for you and to you and your family to have reliable internet services available in your area? If you have comments about this issue, email me at deryl@ncrgea.com. This is a topic of importance and we are committed to advocating for reliable and accessible internet across the state of North Carolina and to close the digital divide! Stay tuned!

Regarding the Surveys that you are receiving...

I know that many of you are wondering about the number of surveys that are coming to you from the NCRGEA. As part of our member engagement initiative, it is important to hear from you. One way is through surveying. Your responses are helping us to know your concerns, your preference(s) for how we contact you and how you want to engage with the NCRGEA. We do not want to over-survey you, however, your responses are very important as we are embracing this new world of technology, along with Identifying more way to connect and keep you informed. Thank you for your participation in all of our efforts.

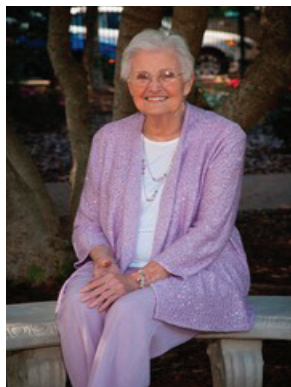
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Your Retiree Buddy Deryl

Meet Our First Quarter Trivia Winner

I am Ruth Bishop and I'm happy and surprised to win the \$100 gift card. I retired from Forsyth County Schools in 1986 after being there 13 years. I was a teacher's aide, most of the time in kindergarten. I liked working with the children and it was nice in later years to meet grown-up students or their parents and reminisce. After this retirement I had two other jobs which I also enjoyed. I worked several years in reservations for Piedmont Airlines/USAirways and then at Beth's Hallmark in Clemmons. During these years I also volunteered at Samaritan Ministries soup kitchen in Winston-Salem and for Meals-on-Wheels. About two years ago I moved to an independent living community in Winston-Salem. This was a good move for me as I no longer have the responsibility of home maintenance and I have new friends to enjoy planned activities, outings and three meals a day or just sit and rock on the porch and relax! We were somewhat restricted during the pandemic but things are getting better now.

Being a member of NCRGEA and receiving the newsletter keeps me informed about current events that

affect seniors; and having reached the ripe old age of 90, my dues are paid. Retirement life is good!



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