

# ABCconnections

*an e-newsletter for ABC Boards in NC*

## A.D. "Zander" Guy Takes Oath as Chairman of the NC ABC Commission

The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has a new chairman. A.D. "Zander" Guy was sworn in as Chairman of the NC ABC Commission on Feb. 15, 2012. Administrative Law Judge Fred G. Morrison, Jr., delivered the oath to Chairman Guy in a short ceremony at the ABC Commission offices.

Chairman Guy was appointed to the Commission as a member in October 2009. He has served as acting chairman since November 2011.

"Zander Guy has served his community as mayor and has served the state as a member of the ABC Commission. I am grateful he has agreed to assume the role of chairman of this important agency," said Gov. Bev Perdue in announcing the appointment of Guy as chairman.

Guy is a native North Carolinian who has always lived and worked in the southeastern part of the state. He attended Campbell University and is a graduate of the Realtors Institute.

Chairman Guy currently serves as Mayor of the Town of Surf City and is a member of the Cape Fear Community College Trustee

Board. He previously served on the N.C. Banking Commission under Governors Hunt, Martin, Easley and Perdue. He is past President of the Neuse River Council of Governments, past member of the Local Government Advocacy Council, and former Mayor and Councilman of the City of Jacksonville. For more than 20 years he has held elected office in municipal government.

Chairman Guy is married to Sabrina M. Guy. They have three children and one grandchild. 🍷



A.D. "Zander" Guy (right) was sworn in as the new Chairman of the NC ABC Commission on February 15, 2012.

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## Three Employees Retire from the NC ABC System

### Mike Deaton | Mooresville ABC Board

Prior to serving as the general manager for the Mooresville ABC Board beginning in 2001, Mike Deaton served as a board member for Mooresville ABC for 14 years, 10 of those as the chairman. Although Mike retired in January, he will continue to serve as a part-time finance officer for the board.

During his tenure, two additional stores have opened — one in 1995 and one in 2006 — and sales have continued to increase, putting Mooresville in the top 20 of NC ABC boards for profit percentage.

Mike attended Gardner-

Webb College and

worked with Burlington Industries for 28 years. He served as Staff Administrative Manager handling duties related to payroll, accounts payable, billing, receiving and preventive maintenance.

Mike is a member of the Mooresville High School Hall of Fame. As the school's quarterback, he completed 48 touchdown passes in one year, a record that has not been challenged to date. He also excelled in basketball scoring 47 points in one game. He won tennis tournaments for a number of years. Mike has also been a volunteer with the fire department for 20 years and has been recognized as Fireman of the Year several times during the course of his work.

Mike's hobbies include tennis and fly fishing, and he plans to remain active in these areas during his retirement. He and his wife of 39 years have one daughter.

### Beverly Ramey | Franklinton ABC Board

Beverly started at the Franklinton ABC store in 1996 as a part-time employee; later, when Manager Mary

Kearney retired in 1999, Beverly was promoted to the general manager position. She retired January 1, 2012 and remains in a part-time capacity as finance officer. She plans to stay on indefinitely while training personnel to assume her duties.

Prior to joining the ABC System, Beverly worked for 20 years as a teller with First Citizens Bank in Franklinton. She also owned two "Big Duke Western Wear" stores — one in Raleigh and Durham — with her husband.

Beverly and her husband enjoy traveling. After her granddaughter and grandson's weddings later this year, they plan to travel to the New England states, in addition to making day trips to eastern North Carolina. They also plan to visit family in Arizona and San Diego. Beverly and her husband have two children and five grandchildren.

### Diane Watson | Maxton ABC Board

In May, 1997, Diane joined the Maxton ABC Board as the general manager; she served in this role for 14 years until she retired in June. Diane enjoyed her time working within the ABC system, and is especially grateful to have worked with longtime Maxton ABC Chairman, George Zeigler, who was very active in the community until he passed away in 2010.

Prior to joining the ABC System, she worked at Sarah Lee in Maxton and Burlington Industries in St. Pauls.

Diane has two sons and three grandchildren, and she hopes to stay busy spending time with her family. 🍷



Mike Deaton



Diane Watson

If you have retirement announcements, article suggestions or other questions about the newsletter, contact Guy Potts at 919-218-0748 or [Guy.Potts@abc.nc.gov](mailto:Guy.Potts@abc.nc.gov).

# New Educational Materials Available for ABC Boards

The ABC Commission's Education & Training Division has developed several new educational materials for display in ABC Stores across the state. The Division has also established partnerships with various public health groups to provide display materials.

If you are interested in receiving any of the following **free** materials for your store(s), you

can pick some up at the General Managers' Meeting next month. If you can't make it to that meeting, please feel free to contact Kristin Milam, the Director of Education and Training, at 919-779-0700, ext. 249 or Kristin.Milam@abc.nc.gov.



**Treatment Cards** provide information about where to find help when dealing with problem drinking or alcoholism. Each display is 5" x 7" and is adhered to a wall or door; takeaway cards are refillable.



**Underage & "Over-Age" Prevention Brochures** provide customers with information about the risks associated with alcohol use by minors and older adults. Each brochure is two-sided; one side addresses underage drinking and the other "over-age" risks. Size: 3.66" x 8.5"

**ACTnowNC flyers** provide customers with quick facts about alcohol and directs them to the NC ABC's educational website, [www.ACTnowNC.org](http://www.ACTnowNC.org).



**Born-by Table Tents** provide customers and employees information about when someone is eligible to purchase alcohol. Customers see the warning message shown here; employees see ID-checking steps with the reminder of what year customers must be born in to purchase alcohol.



**Pregnancy Exposure Riskline brochures** provide customers with a hotline to call with questions about alcohol or drug interactions during pregnancy. The brochure also directs customers to a website that has information about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders



**We Don't Serve Teens Window Clings** list the legal drinking age and encourages adults to avoid enabling underage drinking. Also available in Spanish.



## New Hanover County Partnerships Work to Curb Alcohol-related Problems in Downtown Wilmington

On Feb. 21, the New Hanover County ABC Board held a regular meeting that included some positive news. Near the beginning of the meeting, the New Hanover Board Chair Thomas Wolfe recognized New Hanover County Sheriff Ed McMahon, Wilmington Police Chief Ralph Evangelous, and New Hanover and Pender County District Attorney Ben David for their combined efforts in targeting downtown Wilmington to curtail alcohol-related issues.

Chairman Wolfe praised the officials for their teamwork and achievement of positive results in a relatively short period of time. After Chairman Wolfe's presentation, each official spoke, and in turn, recognized the leadership and monetary considerations of the New Hanover County ABC Board. John Hinnant, president and chief executive office of Wilmington Downtown, Inc., also attended and expressed his appreciation of law enforcement, the district attorney's office and the New Hanover County ABC Board.

During the past year, the New Hanover County ABC Board expanded its alcohol law enforcement contract beyond the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department and added a contract with the Wilmington Police Department. Two police officers were trained and authorized by the Board as local alcohol law enforcement officers. The Board also increased its distributions for alcohol law enforcement to \$300,000 and provided an additional one-time distribution of \$180,000 specifically aimed at curtailing illegal alcohol-related activities in downtown Wilmington. The additional alcohol law enforcement officers and related funds provided manpower, equipment and authority to better enforce ABC and related laws in downtown Wilmington. 🍷



Pictured left to right: New Hanover ABC Board Member David Matthews, New Hanover County Sheriff Ed McMahon, Wilmington Police Chief Ralph Evangelous, District Attorney Ben David, New Hanover County ABC Board Chairman Thomas Wolfe, New Hanover County ABC Board Vice Chairman Cedric Dickerson, New Hanover County ABC Board Member Robert Martenis, and New Hanover County ABC Board CEO Dan Sykes. Note: New Hanover County ABC Board Member Augustus Everett was unable to attend the meeting.