

CONCEAL NOT THE "TRUTH" FROM VOTERS OF N.C. HOUSE DISTRICT 48, FORMER NC HOUSE DISTRICT 87

To The Editor:

I am Yvonne Maria Leow who desires "Truth" to be published in The Robesonian. The "TRUTH" should not be concealed from Voters of NC House District 48, former NC House District 87.

Sunday, March 3, 2002 Headlines: "Local Lawmakers have Clear Shot in Primary" page 2A stated, "Bonner and Yongue will face Republican challengers in November. Bonner will be challenged by James A. Leach of Hoke County."

Voters are to KNOW the "TRUTH" and not be "MISLED" by The Robesonian or any other Election Campaign Strategy. James A. Leach is a "Wiser" Democrat Candidate; not a Republican. When James A. Leach is elected during the Democratic May Primary, Tuesday, May 7, 2002 for the NC House of Representatives, he will surely do Better for the NC House District 48, former NC House District 87. The correction should be published as early as possible.

The Honorable Frances McArthur Cummings was the State Representative for NC House District 87. Frances is presently enjoying the "Beauty of Life." Presently, Frances M. Cummings is not affiliated with any Political Party. In 1996, the Democrat Straight-Ticket Voting carried Donald Bonner to the NC General Assembly. Cummings' Successful Legislative Achievements were not Surpassed by Democrat Donald Bonner.

I always believed Donald Bonner carried to the General Assembly a "Blank Book and Pen" to learn but was unwilling to learn. Bonner did not even copy from his friend Ron Sutton or his declared "Best White Friend" Doug Yongue. Therefore, Bonner "FAILED" his people. Yet, he is happy to receive Taxpayers money without satisfactory representation. "Very Sad."

James A. Leach, a Wiser Democrat, when elected Tuesday, May 7, 2002, will ascend the NC Stairway with an agenda for People's Progressive Prosperity, as Frances M. Cummings, our Beloved Senator David Weinstein, and State Representative Ron Sutton.

Let us always speak the "TRUTH and Be Blessed."

Peace Be Unto You. AMEN.,
Yvonne Maria Leow
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Gala in White Raises \$51,500 for Medical Scholarships



Gala co-chairs, from left, Kenneth and Lisa Rust, SRMC Foundation Chair Faye Caton and Husband Bob, and Gala co-charis Earle and Dr. Boyd B. Gasque, Jr.

Southeastern Regional Medical Center foundation hosted its 10th annual gala on Friday, Feb. 22 at the Pinecrest Country Club. About 400 guests danced the night away at the Gala in White to support scholarships for local residents who will train for careers in health care.

Proceeds from this year's event will fund at least 13 additional scholarships for local students studying medicine, nursing and allied health, who plan to return to Robeson County to practice or work, according to Faye Caton, chair of the SRMC Foundation. To date, proceeds from the 2002 gala for these scholarships have reached over \$51,500.

Event co-chairs, Dr. Boyd and Earle Gasque and Kenneth and Lisa Rust, along with SRMC President Luckey Welsh and his wife Libby, and foundation Chair Faye Caton and husband Bob, were on hand to greet guests as they arrived for an elegant evening of dancing to the music of the Bill Bolen Band of Chapel Hill.

During the recognition program, Mr. Welsh reflected on the events of the past year including the expansion of the Cancer Center and Emergency Services, Construction of the Patient Bed Tower and efforts to bring open-heart surgery services to Robeson County.

"We are looking forward and trying to prepare for the future as we improve our facilities and secure the best possible medical staff," Welsh said. "As we consider this, it is appropriate that the proceeds of this event be directed toward providing financial assistance to deserving students in the health care field

so that they can receive the best education possible and share that knowledge as they return to this community to serve."

Chairman of the SRMC Board of Trustees Randy Rust thanked the guests for helping to support the training of those employees who will be "the faces, heart and hands" for providing care in the new Patient Bed Tower. Caton expressed the foundation's appreciation for the gala's 31 benefactors, who had given \$1,000 each; 10 sponsors, who donated \$500 each; and nine patrons who each contributed \$250. Guests paid \$125 per couple to attend.

Sissy Grantham, executive director of the SRMC Foundation, thanked the gala co-chairs and volunteer committees for their efforts. Grantham also recognized past gala chairpersons from the previous nine years.

A patriotic ribbon pin, set in gold and enhanced with diamonds, rubies and sapphires and handmade by Matt Grimm, was donated by McNeill Jewelers of Lumberton to raise additional money through a silent auction during the evening. Wanda Ouzts of Lumberton made the winning bid.

The theme of the gala was carried out with white roses, tulips, lilies, daisies and snapdragons set against greenery of ferns, palm and ivy. A white castle was placed at the entrance of the club as guests entered into a fantasy wonderland of white, light, reflections and new beginnings. Throughout the ballroom, sunroom, tent and outside enclosed porch, chairs were wrapped in white gossamer bows and tables were draped in solid white tablecloths with tone-on-tone shimmering white overlays. Florists who assisted with the

gala theme design and decorations were Billy Davis of Flowers by Billy, Monika Kinlaw of Monika's Flowers and Kandy Kinlaw of Leviner's Florist.

Davis decorated the tent and outside enclosed porch. Monika Kinlaw designed the sunroom and Kandy Kinlaw decorated the foyer and ballroom. Gala volunteers Jeannie Johnson, Earle Gasque, Janice Helms and Karen Granger designed the castle at the entrance to the club. Other gala volunteers included bunny baker, Cherry Beasley, Fordham Britt, Katie Butler, Kim Cherichella, Meredith Clifton, Teresa Cummings, Billie Dail, Katie Davis, Cheryl Ermini, Marlene Evans, Jan Gane, Dianne Jones, Stephanie McLellan, Jonnie Nance, Pattie Ramsaur, Mary Anne Rust, Kristin Smith, Becky Thompson, Maureen Thompson and Barbara Walters.

In addition to the florists listed above, gala benefactors include: Allen Orthopedics, PA; Dr. and Mrs. Bob Andrews; BB&T; Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Baker III; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caton; Emergency Physician Associates; First South Bank; Mr. and Mrs. John Grantham; Jerry Johnson Chevrolet; Knit Ideas; Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Locklear; Lumberton Radiological associates; McDonald's; Ms. Doris McLean; McNeill Jewelers; Peterson Associates; Southeastern Cardiology, PA; Southeastern Radiation Oncology; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stacy Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Thompson; Triangle Ice Co.; The University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Walters; Mr. and Mrs. Luckey Welsh; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Werner; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitman; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilkinson.



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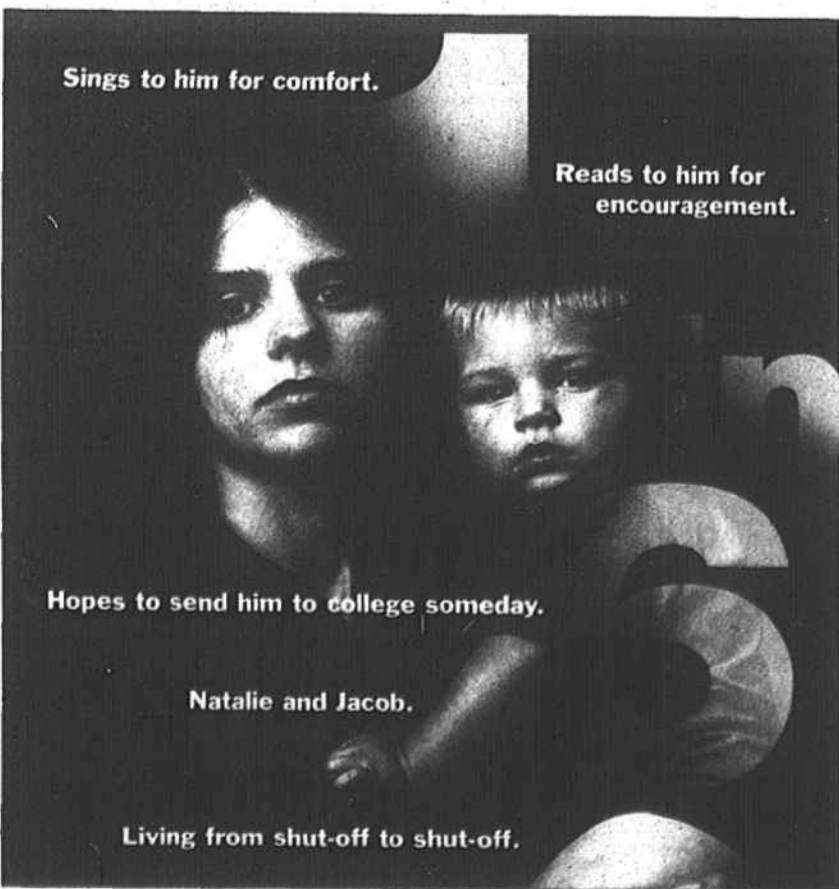
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