

Senator Preston,

I have attached a *Word Document* called – “**Anne Salter Email Overview**”, **please review this document first. This document includes some possible talking points and background information** for Mrs. Anne Salter.

After we discuss and celebrate Mrs. Salter, you are on the Agenda to present “The Order of the Long Leaf Pine” Award – this will be at the front-end of the meeting. Shortly after, you are on the agenda to present the *Accommodation Award* for the “**Women Basketball Teams Impact**” had on the school spirit and the competitive nature of both men’s and women’s sports.

If you need additional information or clarification, please let me know.

Thank you,

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The following are some key *talking points* that you could cover the appropriate parts. I will have slides for these, and if you don’t cover it, I will cover throughout the day:

A. Mrs. ANNIE ELIZABETH COWARD SALTER – 32 Years of Teaching and Mentoring!



Picture from 1963 High School Annual

Schools	Years
<i>Smyrna High School</i>	16
Beaufort High School	7
East Carteret High School	
➤ Taught	3
➤ School Librarian	5
Down-East School	
➤ Speech-and-Hearing Instructor (traveling among the Down-East schools)	1

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- A native of Goldsboro, NC, until coming to Carteret County to teach at Smyrna in the fall of 1939.
- Her mother was Lula Ipock, her Swiss family having come to New Bern in 1710 with Baron De Graffenried, the city's founder. To this day there are many of this name in the New Bern area, though the name is scarce in the U.S. general population.

- Her father, Allen Coward, a native of Lenoir County, was of English ancestry. As very early names usually indicated the geographical area or trade name of the family, this name originally came from "cow herder." In French, the same name was "Bouvier," as with Jackie Bouvier Kennedy!
- Her father was a railroad man for over fifty years, on a run usually from Goldsboro to Beaufort. He was a crewmember on the first train to Beaufort in 1907, and he was the conductor on the last passenger train to leave Morehead, March 31, 1950. His conductor's uniform is on display at The History Place, in Morehead.
- Mrs. Salter was educated in the Goldsboro Public Schools, in the years when we had only eleven grades. In high school, she was involved with publication of the school paper and with debating. Debating was an activity as popular in those days as are some sports today.
- Mrs. Salter graduated from Meredith College, an all-girl Baptist School in Raleigh, NC. There she majored in English and history, both subjects which she taught for most of 32 years.
- While at Meredith, for all four years, she was active in dramatics. Upon her graduation, my college drama teacher, Frances Bailey, recommended her for a summer spent at Trask Barn Theater in Plymouth, Mass. She didn't make Broadway, but she said, "I did have a rewarding experience!"
- In the fall of 1939, Mrs. Salter stepmother's sister, then matron of the Smyrna teacherage, got me an interview with Principal Eugene Gaskill, who hired her. She lived in the old teacherage. The county superintendent, Mr. Allen, assigned her to the Glee Club. She said, "He knew that I played piano, but he had no idea whether or not I could carry a tune!"
- Her first check was for \$96.00 a month. From this, I had to repay some college debt.
- Since the school term was for only nine months, she worked in summer of 1940 at Ted Hilton's Hide-A-Way on the Salmon River in Moodus, Conn. There she played piano, called Bingo games, planned treasure hunts and other recreation. This was a favorite vacation spot for "Yankees."
- The summer of 1942, she worked as a waitress in the old Atlantic Beach Hotel, and lived on the beach. By the summer of '43, she had married Lionel Salter of Marshallberg. This courtship was a matter of instant attraction on the part of both.
- They were married about a year later — a marriage that lasted 44 1/2 years until his death in 1987. They had two daughters, Carolyn S. Mason and Barbara S. Gates. They have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.
- After her retirement, she said, "I have been privileged to travel in Europe several times. I got to see all the famous places and monuments that I had so often talked about in my world history classes: the Parthenon, in Athens; the Louvre, in Paris; the Swiss Alps; Buckingham and Windsor Palaces (I saw Queen Elizabeth ride by); the Anne Frank house, in Amsterdam; the Kremlin, in Moscow, and so on..."
- Since retirement, she has volunteered at The History Place for several years. Her interest in history led her to years of research into family history; she keeps the Marshallberg Cemetery records up-to-date. She is a member of Marshallberg Baptist Church, where she has been the organist for forty years.
- As for her profession, she said, "I have never regretted my choice. I have always enjoyed working with high school students, as I remember my own high school years so very well. I felt enthusiastic about the subjects that I taught."

"On the whole, I can say that I have had good, respectful students. Once in a while, I would see the general love of learning shine in someone's eyes! To a teacher, this is a real reward. The rewards of teaching continue over the years as you again meet students in the grocery store, see them at class reunions, or read about their achievements in the paper."

"Though I have spent several "all-nighters" grading exams, read and marked hundreds of papers, played for many graduation marchers, and toiled over many a Junior-Senior banquet, *I would not have had it otherwise.*"