



CAROTEL CLUB/TAR HEEL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

YOU ARE INVITED FAYETTEVILLE AREA LUNCHEON

Former CT&T employees and guests are invited to attend the next Fayetteville area luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, September 13th, at Paradise Acres of Grays Creek from 12 noon until 3 PM. The cost is \$18 per person and includes a buffet lunch, tea, lemonade, and dessert. The restaurant is located at 1965 John McMillan Road, Hope Mills, NC.

Paradise Acres has been a family-owned and operated business since 1985, dedicated to providing exceptional catering services and creating memorable experiences for their guests.

We promise the food will be delicious and the company will be outstanding! If you plan to attend, please contact Doug Sibbett at 910-818-9346.



SAVE THE DATES



Last Tuesday of each Month Wake Forest Retiree Breakfast

Briggs Restaurant, Wake Forest, NC

September 13, 2025

CT&T Fayetteville Area Retiree Luncheon
Paradise Acres of Grays Creek
Hope Mills, NC

October 10-11, 2025

Carotel Convention

Crystal Coast Ocean Front Hotel
Pine Knoll Shores, NC

November 21-23, 2025

National ITPA Assembly

Oaks on the River
Darien, Georgia

November 27, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving Pioneers!

December 25, 2025

Merry Christmas Pioneers!

January 1, 2026

Happy New Year!

February 6-8, 2026

Tar Heel Chapter Mid Winter Gathering and
Super Bowl LX Party
Myrtle Beach, SC

August 2026

Tar Heel Chapter Annual Assembly
Aberdeen, NC

BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE AT CAROTEL'S ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION

There are a few hotel rooms remaining under the great group rate for the upcoming Carotel "Boot, Scootin' Boogie" Fall Convention.

This year's country western-themed convention will be held on October 10-11 at the beautiful Crystal Coast Oceanfront Hotel (formerly known as The Inn at Pine Knoll Shores). The hotel is located at 511 Salter Path Road in Pine Knoll Shores, NC.



The group room rate is just \$125 plus tax per night, a rate only slightly higher than we've enjoyed for many years, and still a great deal for these beautiful waterfront rooms. Every room features an ocean view.

Please call soon to ensure you are able to take advantage of this great room rate! The hotel telephone number is 252-247-4155. Ask for the Carotel Club or ITPA Carotel Club group rate. (Room includes two double beds. If you prefer a room with one king-size bed, the per night rate is \$135.)

Fat Fellas BBQ and Grill in Newport will again cater our meals, which are included with your registration fee. The registration fee will be finalized in August or September, closer to the date of our convention, and our planning committee will work hard to keep the registration fee as low as possible.

Registration fees cover the cost of our meeting room, meals, snacks, and entertainment. For your planning purposes, last year's registration fee was \$75. In the meantime, you can get your oceanfront hotel reservation made and dust off your dancin' boots for our country western themed event!



Tar Heel Chapter's Casino Nights



ITPA National Mascot Honey Bunny attended the 2025 Tar Heel Chapter's Annual Assembly, which was held on August 22-23 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, NC. The Tar Heel Chapter gathering was also attended by special guests from South Carolina, Tennessee, and Ohio.

Attendees brought well over 300 pounds of non-perishable foods that were donated to Salem Methodist Church in memory of Mike Outlaw. Mike was a long-time member of Salem Methodist Church. The food donated in his memory will be used by the church to help needy families in the community where Mike's wife, Jean, still resides.



Assembly attendees also donated more than 200 toiletry and personal items that were delivered to The Life Center of Davidson County. This organization provides high-quality daytime care to older and impaired adults and helps improve the quality of life for those individuals and their caregivers by offering support, relief, respite, and counsel.

The Chapter's 2024-25 officers and directors met on Friday, and on Saturday the Chapter's annual general membership business meeting was held, during which 2025-26 officers and directors were elected.

The casino themed event included lots of games and prizes. Of all the scratch-off lottery tickets that were awarded to our "Cash or Craps" winners, there were no big winners. However, five lucky Bingo players won \$25 gift cards during our Saturday afternoon Bingo games!

We were honored to have seven past national ITPA presidents attend our gathering. These distinguished individuals, pictured below left to right are: Daniel Barnhardt (SC), Hannah Lancaster (SC), Ronnie Cashwell (NC), Nancy Hyatt (TN), Harold Hayes (OH), Jim Jolly (NC) and Darlene Roll (OH).



Tar Heel Chapter Casino Night Photo Fun



Takin' Care of Business: Board members Hannah Lancaster, Ronnie Cashwell, Janet Cashwell, Bill Twyman, Jim Jolly, Carolyn Thompson and Brenda Smith converse with ITPA Mascot Honey Bunny while waiting for fellow board members.



Honey Bunny poses with past ITPA National Presidents. Left to right: Daniel Barnhardt, Hannah Lancaster, Ronnie Cashwell, Nancy Hyatt, Harold Hayes, Jim Jolly, Darlene Roll



Laughter is the best medicine! Left to right: Hannah Lancaster, Nancy Hyatt, Darlene Roll and Pat Whalen



Above, left to right, front: Tom Lehmkuhle, Sue Lehmkuhle cBack: Hannah Lancaster, Paige Vencvel, Jim Vencvel, Curty Lanaster



Buckeye Chapter Pioneers Tom and Sue Lehmkuhle



Darlene Terry, 2025 Tar Heel Chapter President and Brenda Smith, 2026 Tar Heel Chapter President

***Tar Heel Chapter
Casino Night Photo Fun (Cont'd)***



Sandi and Harold Hayes



Daniel and Lou Barnhardt



Janet and Ronnie Cashwell



Paige and Jim Venczel



Curty and Prince Lancaster



Vicky and Jim Jolly

Tar Heel Chapter Casino Night Photo Fun (Cont'd)



So many auction items! We raised nearly \$1,000!



Janet confirms Vicky's Bingo win while Jean Outlaw observes.



Show me the money!



Tar Heel Chapter Casino Night Photo Fun (Cont'd)



Janet Cashwell led a memorial tribute for recently deceased Tar Heel Pioneers



Mykenzi Cashwell, 2025 Scholarship recipient, attended the Scholarship recognition ceremony. Pictured above with proud grandpa Ronnie Cashwell.



The catered meals were DELICIOUS!



Tar Heel Chapter Casino Night Photo Fun (Cont'd)



*Jim Venczel, Curty Lancaster, Brenda Smith,
and Carolyn Thompson*



*Carolyn Thompson read a letter
from her grandson Joey Howard,
who is a 2025 Scholarship recipient.*

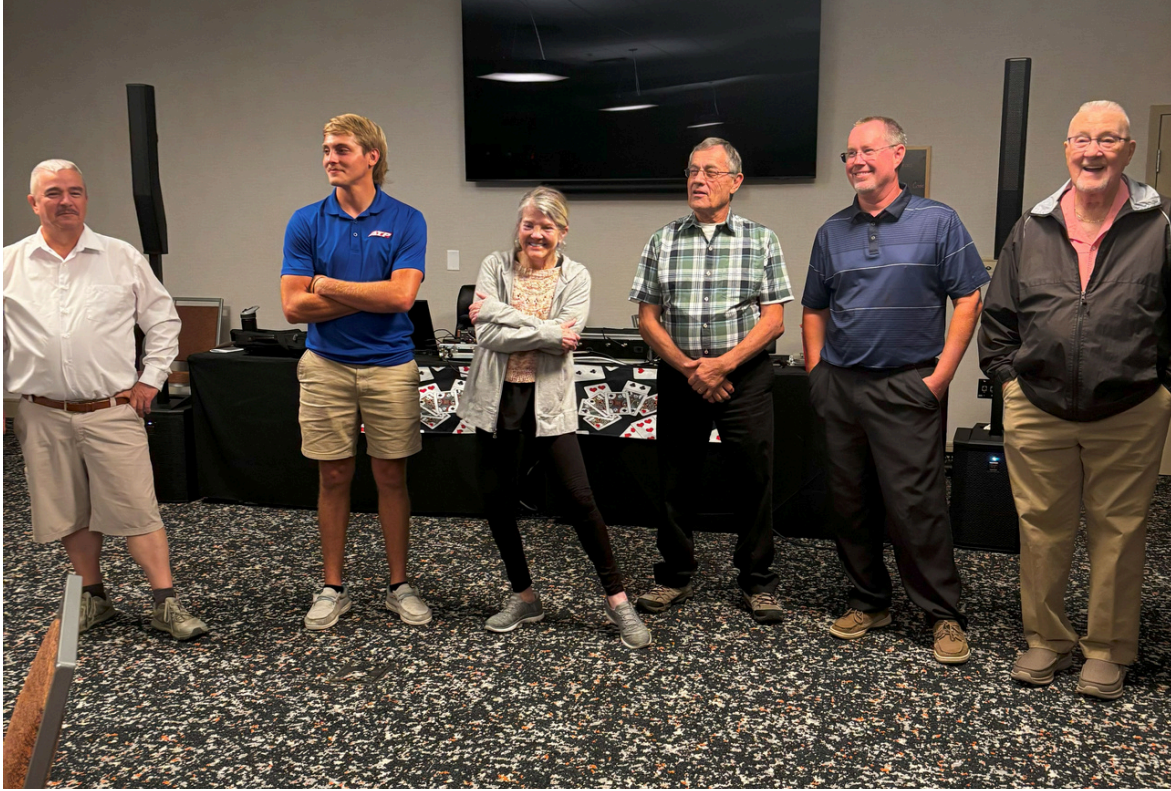


*Janet Cashwell read a letter from 2025
scholarship recipient Kassie Davis*



*2025 scholarship recipient Mykenzi
Cashwell addressed the group*

Tar Heel Chapter Casino Night Photo Fun (Cont'd)



These brave souls allowed themselves to be drafted for a game before knowing the rules of play. We have some great videos and photos that we won't post because this newsletter is G-rated. Thanks, Daniel, Tyler, Lou, Tom, Steve and Harold for being such good sports!



The Friday afternoon board meeting was serious business for Tar Heel Chapter Auditor Bill Twyman, Jim Jolly and Carolyn Thompson!



Entertainment Chairman Ronnie Cashwell also serves as emcee, bingo caller, auctioneer, and the list goes on!

CAROTEL/TAR HEEL CHAPTER PIONEERS ARE INVITED TO THE NATIONAL ITPA ASSEMBLY



You're Invited!
ITPA Assembly
Oaks on the River in Darien, GA



<https://oaksontheriverresort.com/>

November 21st-23rd, 2025

Friday Evening - Meet and Greet

Saturday Morning - Assembly

Saturday Afternoon - On your own

Sunday Morning - Devotional & Awards

Afternoon - Hall of Fame Luncheon

Rooms available Thursday-Monday at reserved prices

Oaks/City View \$159 & River View \$189

Registration \$50 per person



More details coming soon!



August

- 10 Alissa Moss
- 21 Addie Moss

September

- 14 Hannah Lancaster
- 24 Mike Outlaw

October

- 13 Caroll Giddens
- 15 Jim Jolly
- 21 Chris Moss

November

- 23 Bill Twyman

December

None



August

- 6 Vickie and Jim Jolly

September

- 1 Alissa and Chris Moss

October

- 17 Darlene and Ruben Terry
- 25 Mary and Chris McLamb

November

- 1 Lou and Daniel Barnhardt

December

None

If your birthday or anniversary hasn't been listed in our newsletters, it's because we don't know when to celebrate with you. Please let us know the date(s) so we can acknowledge your special occasions!

About Us



Carotel Pioneer Club is affiliated with the ITPA Tar Heel Chapter in Region 2. The National ITPA was founded in 1920 by members of the independent telecommunications industry as a way to serve the communities they lived and worked in. The Carotel Pioneer Club was formed on July 1, 1971 under the previously existing Tar Heel Chapter.

The Carotel Pioneer Club initially consisted of members who were employed by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company and required 15 years of service as a condition of membership. Over the years, the club's by-laws were revised, as companies were merged and acquired, to welcome Sprint and Embarq telecommunications associates, and the required length of service was reduced. In recent years, a new membership category was adopted by the ITPA to allow "Friends of Pioneers" to become Pioneers. And we need new members! Invite someone today. Membership application can be found at:

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?>

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About Us



2024-2025 Carotel Officers/Directors

President: Larry Newsome

Vice President: Vacant

Immediate Past President:
Brenda Smith

Treasurer: Carol Harrell

Secretary: Mary McLamb

Directors: Ray Brock, Andy Davis,
Wendy Davis, Chester Harrell,
Darlene House, Judy Satterwhite,
Doug Sibbett, Darlene Terry,
Edie Willis

Directors Emeritus: Ronnie
Cashwell, Carol Harrell

Committees:

Scholarships:

Carol Harrell, Chair
Janet Holliday-Cashwell,
Brenda Smith

By-Laws:

Ronnie Cashwell, Chair
Ray Brock, Carol Harrell,
Mike Outlaw, Doug Sibbett

Entertainment:

Ronnie Cashwell, Chair

Public Relations:

Darlene Terry, Chair

Nominating:

Brenda Smith, Chair

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Tar Heel Chapter

2025-2026

Officers/Directors

President: Brenda Smith

Vice President: Curty Lancaster

Immediate Past President:

Darlene Terry

Co-Secretaries/Treasurers:

Carol Harrell

Janet Holliday-Cashwell

Auditor: Bill Twyman

Directors:

Janet Holliday-Cashwell,

Danny Dennis,

Jim Jolly, Vicky Jolly,

Hannah Lancaster,

Alissa Moss, Jean Outlaw

Director Emeritus: Vacant

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Scholarships:

Carol Harrell, Chair

Entertainment:

Ronnie Cashwell, Chair

Nominating:

Darlene Terry, Chair

Historical:

Carolyn Thompson

Publicity:

Darlene Terry