



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

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Greetings Everyone:

I'm proud of our District VIII Successes over the last time period, I appreciate Your very cooperative support and kind spirits when I approach you about a new project we are venturing on to keep District VIII's members connected in this trying times. I will continue to do Tele conferences with the club presidents and officers as we find ways to stay connected to each other during this world wide Fragile Pandemic era. I tried reaching out to members using Calling Post but I think most folk saw the 800 number and thought it was a tele marker LOL and I truly understand! I ask for your continuous blessings and I will continually Keep you informed of all updates and initiative ideas to keep us united and Informed.

I wish you health and much Happiness and hope to meet and assemble as a group again in near future with God's help!

God Bless Everyone,

Belinda Grier

President of District VIII

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| Officers of District VIII Officers |
| Belinda Grier.....President |
| Archie Wooley.....Vice President |
| Alberenthious (Candy) Stover.....Treasurer |
| Deidra Brown.....Secretary |
| Beatrice Kiser.....Chaplain |
| Lena Lytle.....Parliamentarian |
| Doris B. Spears.....Ex Officio Officer of District VIII |
| District Advisor.....Ivan Jones |



District Creative Contributions Page

Please use this page to contribute creative ideas, poems, recipes to be shared with District VIII club members.

Send all contributions to me at belindagrier@aol.com or 704 363 8941

Thank You

Live Each Day

Live each day, yesterday has passed

Tomorrow is the Future

What will tomorrow bring

Live each day, never be afraid

You can't bring back yesterday

It has already passed

The tomorrow, What will it bring

Don't worry about the tomorrow

Things are never the same

Live each day, life is truly

Yours to live

Yesterday is gone forever

Tomorrow is the future

Oh! What will the future bring?

Author Anonymous

Unpredictable

Nothing stays the same

We can dream, hope, and wish

But nothing stays the same

Unpredictable is the thing

When nothing stays the same

All our dreams, hopes, and wishes

Can always make a change

Everyday, is a new dawn

For new dreams, hopes and wishes

Unpredictable is the thing

Nothing never remains the same

Hold on to those dreams, hopes and wishes

Never let go of those wondering thoughts

Maybe one day your unpredictable

Dreams, hopes, and wishes

Won't seem in vain

And please you just the same

Author Anonymous

Listening

Listen to the Sounds

Everywhere you go

Sounds are here,
Sounds are there

Faint, quiet, soft and
loud

Sounds will get your
attention

A thought well found

Listening to sounds

Will never go away

Sounds can be heard
near and far

It doesn't matter where
you are

Sounds are found all
around

Author Anonymous

NCASCC,INC State News
proposed Long and Short-range plans for District VIII
District VIII Financial Report

“IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO MOVE, REALIZING THAT THE THING YOU ARE SEEKING IS ALSO SEEKING YOU.” —

IYANLA VANZANT

State Update: Conference for 2021 hosted by District 5 was postponed because of COVID-19 -19 Virus

Larn Dillard was voted as State Advisor interim

NCASCC Website has been updated with current officers in each district

Shoutout to District VIII for submitting clubs dues in a timely manner!

NCASCC, INC Treasurer Report: April 01 thru June 30, 2020, was reported by State Treasurer has Balance of June 30,2020 **\$14,230.60**, submitted by Irene Allmond

Proposed Short- and Long-Range Plans for District VII

The following plans will be presented to the District 8 body in a meeting for approval:

1. Financial- Per By Laws a voucher was created and given to each club to hopefully use for check writing, all monies coming through each club should be deposited in a financial institution of their choice.
2. Scholarship: Please support the State efforts to raise funds through Raffle tickets to fund monies for yearly State HBCU Scholarship recipient
3. Committee: Sign-up sheet generated for members to hopefully join to share their knowledge and lift District VIII to greater heights of accomplishments.
4. Reclaim: I have tentatively reached out to Arbor Glen and reception was awesome and they were excited to sit down and speak to us about a rejoin to District VIII, the demographics of the group that was meeting there has deteriorated and this might be a golden opportunity for us to approach them to join us. I would like to put a package together with flyers, pictures from each club to submit to centers to detail what a great, productive group District VIII is. I will reach out to club presidents and District 8 members to join me in this long -range venture. I am excited about this challenge!
5. District Queen Contest (suggestion fund raiser to offset bus for annual State convention
6. District Community Outreach: dolls for senior care facilities, Kiplin Automotive Group on (they provide help for homeless people in transit and need donation of toothpaste, socks, underwear and etc.)
7. District Queen Fundraiser: select queen each club to compete to raise funds to offset cost of bus to convention

Financial Report for District VIII submitted by Alberenthus (Candy) Stover on March 4, 2021

Check # 1001 2/21/2020	\$575.00 to NCASCC,INC	Senior Clubs State /dues
Check # 1002 10/25/2020	\$100.00 to Belinda Grier	Stamps/office Supplies
Check # 1003	VOIDED	
Check # 1004 10/7/2020	\$173.00 to NCASCC,INC	State Raffle Tickets

Balance as of March 4, 2021 is \$1,269.00



News from Ivan Jones

Greetings Everyone:

The senior group's safety and health continues to be a priority and Fitness with Joe in the parking lot of Albemarle Road Recreation Center starting on 3/16, 10am to 11:30 am, every Tuesday

Alvin Jones

District VIII Advisor

News from President Archie Wooley/Shining Star

We still miss everyone and we will be glad when we all can get together and share our interest and have fun.

News from President Charlie Mae Shoat/Erwin Center-Gastonia

One of their club members Willie Mae Ward celebrated her 95th birthday on February 25th and her church gave her a parade. Hats off to Willie Mae Ward who still drives.

News from President Willie Mae Millsaps/West Charlotte

Our Youth after 55 still plan and organize for future community projects after COVID-19, we are well and vibrant and eager after COVID-19 to enrich lives of others in our community!

Desk of Past President of District VIII:

Greetings:

I would like for District VIII Clubs to know I miss them truly. Please have a Covid Vaccination Injection and continue to use all measures to protect yourself by wearing your masks

Sincerely,

Doris B. Spears,

ex-officio and State Recording Secretary

News from President Florence Walker/Sugaw Creek Club

Be safe and get your Covid Vaccination! The club is active in the Book Club offered through Sugar Creek Library, if anyone interested please contact April Jones at Sugar Creek Library.

News from President Candy Stover/Ivory Baker

Stay safe and Thank God for keeping us and hope we see each other soon, Peace !

“Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure.” – **Oprah Winfrey**

Memory Corner for our Deceased Members



We are taking a moment to remember members of District VIII, who have passed. we will remember them forever in our hearts. May they rest in peace.

MACIE BAGLEY/ERWIN CENTER GASTONIA

BOBBY MCDOWELL/ERWIN CENTER GASTONIA

GENEVA WALKER/SHINING STAR

REBECCA DAWKINS/SHINING STAR

Please let the District VIII president (Belinda Grier) know of all District VIII Senior Club member's death and I will prepare a "Resolution of Respect Certificate" in a nice frame to present to the family from the District VIII Senior Clubs. This resolution is normally read at the Home Going Service. .

Remember Me – Christine Currah

Remember me when I am gone
But not with sorrow, pain and grief
Think of me as a turning leaf
That in the winter falls from its branch
To be born again in spring
And live forever in your heart



Example of a
Resolution

Ten Fun facts About Aging

Believe or not, there's more to life for those 65 and older other than game night and golf courses. You feel wiser. You know yourself better. And you also become apart of a powerful demographic. To celebrate this special time in our lives, we are sharing some interesting facts about older adults that may surprise you.



1. Age doesn't determine success.

The founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, Harland David Sanders (.k.a. Colonel Sanders), started Kentucky Fried Chicken at the age of 65!

2. We lose a few bones along the way.

We are born with 350 bones in our skeleton. Over the course of time and during our aging process, our bones fuse together leaving us with 206 bones as adults.

3. Seniors hold the most voting power.

When it comes to voting in the United States, those 60 and over cast more ballots than any other age group.

3. Creativity doesn't diminish with age.

Laura Ingalls Wilder didn't publish Little House in the Big Woods until 65. Millard Kaufman didn't publish his first novel until 90!

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5. Seniors are living longer.

Due to advancements in health care and technology, people are living longer. By the year 2040 the population of seniors over 85 is expected to triple from 5.7 million to 14.1 million.

6. ...and growing faster.

According to the US Census Bureau, older adults make up the fastest growing age group within the United States.

7. You (mostly) have control over aging.



[Studies](#) argue that only 30% of the characteristics associated with aging are controlled by genetics. The remaining 70% is controlled by chosen lifestyle factors.

8. There's less stress after 65. DESPITE CITING OTHER HEALTH AND MONEY CONCERNS, THOSE 65 AND OLDER EXPERIENCE LESS STRESS.

9. Learning can save your brain. IN RESPONSE TO LEARNING, SENIOR CITIZENS CAN GROW NEW NEURONS OVER TIME WHICH CAN HELP FIGHT OFF DEMENTIA.

10. Sleeping habits alter over time! .OUR SLEEPING PATTERNS CHANGE AS WE AGE: WE GET TIRED EARLIER AND WAKE UP EARLIER.

This car dealership provides a safe place for homeless to park and sleep overnight

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/10/us/car-dealership-homeless-trnd>

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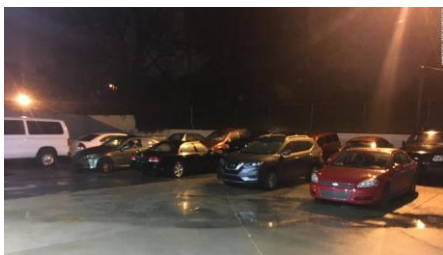
By Alicia Lee, CNN

Updated 8:10 AM ET, Tue March 10, 2020



(CNN) Just like any other used-car dealership, during the day, Kiplin Automotive Group sells cars. But as night falls and others return home, Kiplin Auto's manager James Charles turns on the lights and transforms the dealership into a haven for those who are homeless and living in their cars.

With its well-lit lot, security cameras and welcome invitation, the car dealership in Charlotte, North Carolina, offers homeless men, women and families a safe place to park and spend the night without worrying about whether they're breaking the law or trespassing.



A car dealership in Charlotte offers homeless people living in their cars a safe place to park overnight.

That peace of mind means everything to those living in their car, according to Davina Stephens, who has lived in her car on and off for the past eight months.

Stephens, 46, currently works at a bank call center, but when she accepted the job, she was let go at her previous job three weeks.

"Weeks of no income set me back," Stephens told CNN. "It's hard to dig yourself out of a hole when you don't have savings and things like that."

She was eventually evicted and although she tried to make some cash by giving people rides, she had no choice but to live in her 2012 Chevrolet Impala.

At night, Stephens would pull into the parking lots of fast-food restaurants, gas stations and apartment complexes that were under construction. She would try to sleep but would often be awakened by the blinding flashlights of security guards who told her to move along.

But a few weeks ago, Stephens was scrolling through Facebook and saw a post by Charles that said he was offering his dealership as a "safe place to park at night."

"We know that some families are struggling and in a tough situation. Yea whole families sleeping in the car... We will provide a safe place to park at night. As this service to the community develops we will look to help these families in other ways but right now a safe place is what we can offer," Charles' post read.

Stephens headed there immediately, mostly out of curiosity, she said. But when she saw that it was real, a huge burden was lifted off of her.

"It's soothing that you can close your eyes and not worry that you have to open them 15 minutes later. It takes your headache away," Stephens said.

Since Charles' post went up on January 23, about 20 families, men and women have parked their cars in his lot. Some stay for just one night, and others come back every night for weeks.



James Charles and his family were homeless for 90 days after they were forced out of their rental home. Now, they allow homeless people to park at his car dealership overnight.

But in each encounter Charles has with his guests, he said, his heart goes out to them because he also was in a similar situation with his wife and six children a few years ago.

"In 2015, we were homeless, I'd like to say displaced, for 90 days," Charles told CNN. "We didn't have a place to live because (the owner) sold the house we were renting and we were unaware that it was being sold."

"We were living in hotels. We were very close to staying at my own dealership a couple of nights because we could not find a hotel that was available... It was a tough time, a tough experience," Charles added.

As word spread about Kiplin Auto and the work Charles was doing, donations of hats, coats, blankets and even a port-a-potty came in.

People have donated warm hats, food, blankets and more for the homeless who park at Kiplin's Auto.

But when donations of money started arriving, Charles knew that he could offer these people more than just a place to park overnight.

So last month, he and his family started their own nonprofit organization called HALO Now and a GoFundMe, which has currently raised more than \$16,000. Charles will use the money to pay the security deposit and first month's rent to help those living in their car get back into apartments.

"As long as people are willing to give to the GoFundMe, we will use that money to help whoever stays with us to find a place," Charles said, noting that he will donate \$200 himself for every car his dealership sells. His goal is to help 100 homeless families this year.

Stephens, who will be one of the first to have her security deposit and first month's rent paid with Charles' help, said she cried when he first told her the good news.

"It means so much. It means I can be focused and be comfortable," Stephens said.

"When your own family turns their backs on you, you think there's nobody good out there," Stephens said. "But when Mr. James Charles and his family helped me, it was a god sent."

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." — **Maya Angelou**

Dear District VIII club members, when I read the above article I was touched because it really is a sad time in our great country that there are families who do not have the comforts of a warm place to raise their families and be safe. I applaud this dealership that is valiantly acting to do something to help the homeless plight. I believe what the bible says in Genesis 4-9, "Am I my brother's keeper?". I feel we all are children of God and must continue to do what we can to look after one another.

I do appreciate and applaud the donations from Shining Star, Erwin Center (Gastonia), West Charlotte and Ivory Baker for your generous donation (donations are pictured below). Kiplin Automotive Group extend a warm and grateful thank you for the generous and continuous donations from District VIII Senior Clubs. Kiplin Automotive group has expanded into providing housewares to help these families settle into their new homes. I have continuously taken clothing and household items to the automotive group and tell them it is a donation from District VIII. If you have any items, please donate to this awesome group of folk that ARE HELPING ONE FAMILY AT A TIME. Pictured below is Willie Mae Millsaps (West Charlotte), Alberenthiuous Stover (Ivory Baker), Geneva Walker (in heaven), /Shining Star, Haydee Charles (Kiplin Automotive) and Belinda Grier (Shining Star)



Prayer for Coronavirus and Racial Peace in this Global world

Almighty Father,

Worry and fear are not of Your heart. [1 John 4](#) reminds us that perfect love casts out all fear, and we pray Your perfect love upon the hearts of all those who are burdened with the fear of this virus. Lord, we know with no doubt that You are bigger than the threat of anything, especially illnesses. Please comfort those who are living in fear, please free them from the bondage that anxiety creates within.

In Jesus' name, Amen A Prayer for Racial Harmony Compassionate and Gracious God, all tribes and tongues will one day acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Alongside this, we know the truth proclaimed in Your Word that we are all created in Your image.

PLEASE help the different races to love and understand one another better. Increase among us sympathy, tolerance, and goodwill.

Amen



[Thanks to our Newspaper Committee](#)

Lizzie Meadows..... Shining Star

Doris Spears Sugaw Creek

Belinda Grier..... Shining Star

Willie Mae Millsap... West Charlotte