

NOVEMBER 2020

# LABOR N.C.

*For all NCDOL Employees*

## FROM THE COMMISSIONER

In these historically challenging times, we often find ourselves worried about the burdens that are being placed upon us. With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, it is a good time to shift our focus from our burdens and focus on the many blessings that we have as a state and as a nation. God bless America.

*Cherie*



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# EMPLOYEE NEWS

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- Congratulations to Gerald Miller, ASH, for completing the MESH certification.
- Congratulations to Chris Ray, OSH West, for receiving the Certified Safety Professional certification.
- Our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Richard Pearson, who died Oct. 14. Dr. Pearson was the longest serving member of the OSH Review Commission. [Link to obituary.](#)

## NEW HIRES

- Jordan Atamaniuk, OSH East, OSHA safety officer, Wilmington
- Betty Coles, Human Resources, HR consultant, Raleigh

## SEPARATIONS

- Belinda, Campbell, Financial Services, accounting technician, Raleigh
- Christine Pirotin, OSH West, OSHA safety officer, Charlotte
- William Matthews, OSH East, OSHA industrial hygienist, Wilmington
- Ira Griffith, OSH East, OSHA industrial hygienist, Wilmington

# November Birthdays!



2 Frank Clark  
2 Jim Zepede  
4 Ted Wall  
5 Barry Wilson  
7 David Bailey  
8 Rod Wilce  
9 Bruce Pearson  
10 Doreen Makaya

13 Bob Sinram  
15 Kevin Cosgrove  
17 Ernie Burgess  
19 Gary Franks  
19 Neal Godwin  
21 Hollis Yelverton  
22 Allison Jay  
24 Buddy Amerson

26 Alan NeeSmith  
27 Jiles Manning  
27 Chris Moore  
27 Jeff Pahulik  
28 Alan Fortner  
28 Ron Rankin  
28 Cecilia Williams



# HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

By Renathe Cotten, Human Resources Director

Do you struggle to remain positive or to recover from setbacks? That's normal. Positivity and resiliency often require work, and sometimes, outside help. The qualified staff of our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers confidential consultations to answer your mental health questions and to offer assistance—any time, every day.

**WHATEVER YOU NEED, EAP IS THERE TO HELP.**

Just call or log on to get started.

TOLL-FREE: 888-298-3907

WEBSITE: [www.mygroup.com](http://www.mygroup.com)>My Portal Login>Work-Life

USERNAME: nclabor

PASSWORD: guest

*Available any time, any day, your NC Employee Assistance Program is a free, confidential benefit to help you balance your work, family, and personal life.*

# INSIDE NC LABOR

Be sure to check out NCDOL's *Inside NC Labor*, a podcast designed to inform and educate North Carolina citizens on the role that the Department of Labor plays in state government.

*Inside NC Labor* is now available on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Anchor and Google Podcasts.

Podcasts are recorded over the phone as of March 31, 2020, in accordance with social distancing protocol.



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# Follow Us!

# THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE!

Donate to the *State Employees Combined Campaign* and be entered to win one of these prizes!



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## INCENTIVES

### CUP OF JOY

Personal Smoothie Blender,  
Portable USB Rechargeable  
Blender



OR

Yeti Rambler 14oz mug



### ON-THE-GO

Arctic Zone Titan Deep  
Freeze 30 Can Tote



OR

Cat/Dog Backpack Carrier  
Outdoor Hiking Travel



### HANDS & HEART

\$25 Amazon or Target Gift Card



OR

Charity Designation of Your  
Choice



\*If you select the gift  
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# What's New @ Your Library

## Online Resources

- **COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in Non-Healthcare Workplaces.** CDC document.
- **COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurants Resuming Dine-In Service.** OSHA alert.
- **The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Opioid Overdose Epidemic: A Perfect Storm for Workers?** NIOSH Science blog post.
- **COVID-19 Supplement for Planning Considerations: Evacuation and Shelter-In-Place.** FEMA document.
- **A Look At Workplace Safety In Agriculture.** BLS TED article.
- **Mass Care/Emergency Assistance Pandemic Planning Considerations.** FEMA document.
- **NIH News in Health.** October 2020 issue.
- **Optimizing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Supplies.** CDC webpage.
- **Safety + Health.** October 2020 issue. National Safety Council magazine.
- **Steps to Protect Cleaning Staff During COVID-19.** OSHA document.
- **Workers in Shared Housing: Additional Considerations for Workers Who Reside in Communal Living Arrangements.** OSHA webpage.

## New Books

- *All About OSHA* (OSHA 3302-2020) OSHA, 2020.
- *Preventing Skin Problems for Working with Portland Cement* (OSHA 3351-2008) OSHA, 2008.

## New Periodicals

- *Professional Safety.* February, March and September 2020 issues. ASSP, 2020. *Donated by Phil Hooper, Standards and Inspections.*
- *Safety + Health.* October 2020. National Safety Council, 2020. *Donated by Wanda Lagoe, ETTA.*