



NEWSLETTER

November, 2008

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Chapter No. 214 – Hendersonville, NC 28792

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OUR DECEMBER 19, 2008 MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE HOME OF OUR PRESIDENT
[Please see President's Message for directions/details]

{REMINDER: No school, due to snow, no meeting}

November 21, 2008 Program
Information and social meeting.

December 19, 2008 Program
Paul and Penny have invited us to their home. We will also have officer installation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Last month I spoke of the need to retain and expand our NARFE membership. This month I would like to address the subject of participation in attaining NARFE's goals. This is not just the responsibility of your elected NARFE officers, but each and every one of you as retired federal employees, regardless of membership in NARFE. Remember, it is the cost of YOUR annuity, YOUR health care, YOUR COLA and YOUR survivor rights that are at stake. These are real issues that congress will soon be looking at to help "pear down" the looming budget deficit. These are the real reasons why NARFE exists and why we all work so hard to preserve our earned retirement benefits. We should never forget this simple fact.

This brings me to the subject of our local chapter. As of October 2008, according to the NARFE M114 Report on Chapter Membership for Hendersonville Chapter 214, we have 180 voting members, 4 life non-voting members and 22 non-voting national-only members, bringing our ranks to 206 members and growing! With such a roster, you would think it would be a "breeze" to find sufficient volunteers to assume roles supporting the Chapter, but as you know this is not the case. After a through search by our Nominating Committee, there are no new names of members who have expressed an interest in seeking a leadership position in the chapter. Although I personally have expressed a wish to follow the NARFE guidelines for a two year term limit for any one office, I have agreed to stand for the position of President of Chapter 214 for the year 2009. All of our officers have done an exceptional job over the past year and I am quite proud of their dedicated actions to fill the gaps and support our membership.

As a reminder, the open season for the FEHBP selection of health care insurance has begun. Be sure to contact OPM toll free at 1-800-332-9798 if you have not received information about the selections for next year's health care plans. You will need your annuity claim number (CSA or CSF) and your social security number.

Once again, my wife and I would like to invite the membership to hold the Friday, December 19, NARFE meeting in our home at 312 Silent Rise Lane in Kenmure, Flat Rock, NC. We would like to offer a hosted lunch after the formal meeting. I would like to suggest a starting time for the meeting of 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Penny or me by telephone at (828) 697-2034 or by email: p.boudreaux@mchsi.com no later than Monday, December 15, 2008 if you and your spouse wish to attend. As we did last year, we need to indicate the NARFE attendance to the Kenmure Gatehouse. Parking is limited, so car pooling would help.

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As a final thought, I would offer a statement from Bruce Barton (1886 –1967, an American author, advertising executive, and politician) “When you are through changing, you are through.”

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Sunshine: Penny Boudreaux
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ATTN: MEMBERS, please let your officers and chairpersons know how much you appreciate their continuing to give leadership and support to you and Chapter 214.

Warning: Their volunteering cannot go on indefinitely. YOU must step forward.

FYI: Anyone with change of address or telephone, please call

1-800-456-8410 and let NARFE/Hqs know. Also please inform Lenelle Perry (696-9490).

2 Year Special:

Robbin L. Adams, P.O. Box 103, Bostic, NC 28782-0103

MEMBERS

Chapter 214 wishes to say a BIG “Thank You” for your continued support and continued support in regard to your membership retention. The larger our numbers (our own chapter membership and the membership of other chapters), the better we are able to carry more weight in swaying political opinion in Washington. So, again, thank you, and keep on keeping on!

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

It is that time again - "Open season" on / for Federal Folks.

Highly recommended is the:

“Guide To Health Plans” (For Federal Employees) available from

Checkbook
1625 K Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
Phone 202-347-7283

Price is \$12.95 (\$9.95 for the printed book + \$3 s/h)

An online interactive version is available at:

www.guidetohealthplans.org

Price is \$9.95

Online version allows you to enter some of your criteria and reduces the search to available plans.

AND A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL – ENJOY YOUR TURKEY DAY AND ABOVE ALL, DON’T FORGET



TO GIVE THANKS.

**VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK OFFICIAL VILLAGE HALL
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