



NEWSLETTER

December, 2007

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
Chapter No. 214 – Hendersonville, NC 28792

Paul J. Boudreaux President 697-2034	Frank Coperich VP/Membership 692-4566	VP/Program	Joyce Armstrong Treasurer 691-3244	Lenelle Perry Secretary Marlene Jimenez	Bill Hickling Service Officer 864-5263	George Butler Asst Svc Officer 890-5610
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OUR JANUARY 18, 2008 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK
{Meeting/Program 10:00 AM – Coffee }

December 21, 2007 Meeting:

Christmas Party and Meeting held at the home of our President and his wife, Penny.

January 18, 2008 Program:

SQUIRREL WARS (and how to win them). PBS Video-cassette Summary: Scenes of foolish battles people wage on the pests are followed by practical, safe and easy solutions for both people and squirrels. Running time: 40 Mins

February 15, 2008 Program:

To be announced.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008 BY PAST PRESIDENT: WALTER SMITH

President: Paul J. Boudreaux
VP/Membership:

Frank Coperich

Treasurer: Joyce Armstrong

Secretary: Vacant

(Lenelle Perry & Marlene Jimenez will half the position until the position is filled.)

Service Officer: George Butler

Asst Svc Officer: Bill Hickling

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

May the Joys of Christmas bring Peace and Happiness to you and yours! We hope the New Year will be full of the good tidings and bring all that you wish for in your lives. In our own limited way, our local Chapter 214 exists to help make these things happen. After all, this is why you joined NARFE in the first place. We exist to protect, defend and enhance your earned benefits as retired federal employees or dependent spouses as well as active employees. Next, we enjoy the comradeship of our neighbors and fellow members. As such, we have much to be thankful for this Christmas Season.

Although we have a long way to go before we achieve *Premium Conversion*, *WEP* and *GPO* repeal, we have made significant progress through your supported efforts in Congress. At the state level, we continue to push for tax relief for seniors through the proposed

Homestead Act and modifications to the *Bailey Amendment* to include all teachers, federal and state employees and recent retirees. Although this looks like an ambitious goal, it is well worth pursuing.

On this anniversary of my first year as your Chapter President, I want to thank the many people who made this year such a joy. It is a true pleasure to work with good and dedicated people who have the welfare of others as their motivation. As I look forward to another year as your President, I can only hope that you will continue to help others as you have helped this Chapter. It is my belief that Chapter 214 is one of the best in North Carolina. *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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Finally, we are often asked to make a Christmas toast during this holiday season. I am reminded by one made by one of our Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin – “Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person.”

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE:

"Happy New Year.

Put on your thinking cap. What ideas can you think of that would make NARFE - local Chapter and National organization stronger in 2008? What will YOU, resolve personally, DO to make NARFE stronger in 2008?"

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).

CALLERS: Please note below changes on your caller lists.

New Prospective Members:

Paul F. Bertelli, 103 Bollers Knob Ln, H'ville 28739-8810 (

Thomas Carpenter, 1090 Ransier Dr, H'ville 28739-3889 (

Archie A. Pearson, 615 Laurel Lake Dr Unit A306, Columbus 28722-7427 (

Leo J. Reuther, 332 Dawnbrook Dr, Flat Rock 28731-8578 (

John J. Simmons, 104 Rilandwell Dr, Fletcher 28732-7493 (

Charles B. Wagner, 629 Paisley Ct, H'ville 28739-3201 (

Jeanette Harris, 142 Trails Peak Ln, H'ville 28739-6514 (

Address/Phone Change:

Mark P. Carstens, PO Box 6004, H'ville 28793-6004 (329-9234)

Janet M. Jeffers, 101 Boyd Dr Apt 1A, Flat Rock 28731-8785

Kenneth W. Sutton, 600 Carolina Village Rd Unit 227, H'ville 28792-2825 (692-6380)

Margaret (Maggie) D. Wein, 904 Poxaway Dr, H'ville 28791 (698-7757)

Anthony Matthews, 8805 Edenrock Ln, Tallahassee, Fl 32312-5014

IN MEMORIAM

Michael A. Benedick

Died Friday

November 16, 2007-11-25

He retired October, 1969 with more than 35 years of government service.

His wife, Isla, of 56 years died October 29, 1994.

We extend our sympathy to family and sincerely mourn their passing.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald F. Stone

Died Monday

November 19, 2007-12-19

We extend our sympathy to his wife, Elie, and sincerely mourn his passing.

IN MEMORIAM

Herbert Alan McKean

Died Saturday

December 8, 2007

Alan held several offices with this Chapter for several years, among them, Legislative Chair and Chapter Auditor.

We extend our sympathy to family and sincerely mourn his passing.

**VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK OFFICIAL VILLAGE HALL
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