



# NEWSLETTER

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**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

**Chapter No. 214 – Hendersonville, NC 28792**

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**OUR JUNE 20, 2008 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK  
(Meeting/Program 10:00 AM – Coffee)**

## **May 16, 2008 Program:**

Michael Wiercinski, Financial Advisor with UBS Financial Services, Inc. Michael leverages his knowledge and experience as well as UBS's global resources to help his clients navigate today's complex financial landscape as they pursue their lifelong goals.

## **June 20, 2008 Program:**

Leah McGrath, Nutritionist from Ingles.

## **NC FEDERATION OFFICERS ELECTED DURING CONVENTION**

**April 29 – May 1, 2008**

**President, Elaine Hughes  
Vice President, Paul Sams  
Secretary, Gracie Couch  
Treasurer, Samuel Crain  
Area I VP, Freida Terrell**

**THE NEXT CONVENTION WILL  
BE HELD IN HICKORY, NC IN  
APRIL 2009**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

This has been a very busy spring for us all in Chapter 214. We are in the midst of planning the Chapter 214 hosted Area I Picnic for Friday, August 15, 2008 in Jackson Park along with a raffle and auction for Alzheimer's research. If you have an item that you would like to donate as an auction or as a raffle item, please contact Marlene Jimenez, Picnic Committee Chair (828-697-2112 or email: [marbj@juno.com](mailto:marbj@juno.com)) so that we can prepare the proper advertising. The Picnic Committee is responding to all of the inquiries from Area I chapters to ensure that we inform attendees of the activities planned.

We once again invited Rep. Schuler to attend the picnic, but unfortunately, he will be in Europe at that time, so he will be unable to attend. However, representatives from his staff will once again be there.

On April 23 I attended the Area I Legislative Working Group in

Clyde, NC, and took on new duties in relation to supporting a NC Homestead Act. With the recent NC primary elections completed, we can now address questions to the candidates for County Commissioner. The Association of NC County Commissioners has historically been opposed to any form of Homestead Act for NC to help the elderly to relieve their property tax burden out of fear of losing tax revenue for their counties. With the Legislature probably assigning a cap to any Homestead Bill, it is time we asked each of the candidates to explain their positions on this vital issue and why they should not support a NC Homestead Act. We can do this through letters to the editor in local newspapers, at candidate public debates, and in private letters to the candidates. My new task is to prepare a set of questions that are appropriate to ask of any Candidate for County Commissioner on this issue of a NC Homestead Act and to distribute them to Area I chapters.

*(See Message, page 2)*

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Last month's meeting in Columbus, NC, was a rewarding experience. All who attended enjoyed the visit and lunch at Tryon Estates. We owe Lisa Wehrheim and her friends there a debt of gratitude for arranging a great meeting. Thanks also to all who drove car pools to Columbus to make this a successful Chapter 214 meeting. Now that "Early Voting" is completed in Flat Rock, we will continue to meet at the Flat Rock Village Hall.

It has been about a year since we completed our survey of the Chapter 214 membership. Your opinions, needs and desires are still important to NARFE. If you have ideas on how to make our chapter better – or if we have neglected some aspect that is important to you, please let me know. I can be reached at my number listed above in the Newsletter or through email at [p.boudreaux@mchsi.com](mailto:p.boudreaux@mchsi.com) and I will do my best to see that we address it.

Stan Toler, the author/artist, editor, illustrator, and narrator once said: *"There are many things you can't control ... but there is one thing you can control - your attitude. You can't control the weather, but you can choose to sing in the rain. Choose to be a positive thinker. There's a 'partly sunny' in every single day. The sun is shining behind the clouds. Look for some rays. It's your life, take charge of it! What you think, you are."*

**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 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE:**  
(1 yr)

▪ **Ernest R. Morton, 112 Cannon Dr, H'ville 28792-1117 (693-7178)**

**(PARTICIPATE to have or take a part or share with others in some activity, enterprise – to have or take a part or share in).** The participation which we have in this Chapter is phenomenal. It is what we owe to the continued existence of our Chapter. As we have become members, we have participated in our continuation by becoming Secretary – Treasurer – Vice President – President. Each year the newly elected officers look to the previous officers for assistance, which is freely given. In addition to Chapter officers there are over 20 additional members who participate in various Committees year after year.

This Chapter looks forward with great anticipation to the participation/involvement of new members.

REMINDER: NARFE is the only organization which is looking after and is concerned about your benefits – the Federal Retiree.

**MEMEBERSHIP MESSAGE:**

▪ We've provided guest speakers and our great pamphlet concerning "being prepared for life's events". NARFE membership certainly is of value in protecting our present and future benefits. NARFE membership is not only about numbers but includes participation. This is an educational process.

▪ One way to make that process more effective is by spousal membership. In general, A spouse member is more likely to be involved in local and national NARFE issues and more likely to understand how NARFE works. NARFE service officers can help a surviving spouse in times of need. As the ultimate example, consider Margaret Baptiste – a surviving spouse NARFE member who became National President. See her editorial in the May 2008 NARFE magazine.

**VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK OFFICIAL VILLAGE HALL  
110 VILLAGE CENTER DR – JUNE 20, 2007**

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