



# NEWSLETTER

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

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**OUR DECEMBER 21, 2007 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HOME OF OUR PRESIDENT  
PAUL/PENNY BOUDREAUX  
{Meeting/Program 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM }**

### November 16, 2007 Program:

Leah McGrath, Nutritionist from Ingles.

### December 21, 2007 Meeting:

Will be at the home of our President and his wife, Penny. This one time meeting will start at 11am instead of the usual 10am. See information contained in his message this month.

### 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**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

There is more good news this month – Thanks in part to all of you who sent in and signed our post card blitz to Senator Dole's Hendersonville office, the Senator has agreed to become the 54th co-sponsor of the Senate version of Premium Conversion, S. 773. If you have the opportunity, please thank her through her office here in Hendersonville or use the telephone number listed (828-698-3747). By doing this courtesy you let her know we appreciate her actions and that we are paying very close attention to the workings of legislation that directly impact our lives as federal retirees. This success was a coordinated effort through

the state-wide cooperation of all NC chapters - in unity we have strength! We still have a long way to go in the House of Representatives, where all attention is directed toward moving the Premium Conversion Bill, HR 1110, successfully out of the Ways and Means Committee.

Meanwhile in the Senate, movement is also occurring on GPO and WEP repeal, thanks in part to Senator John Kerry's hearings in the Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy Subcommittee. It reported: *"Recent data indicates approximately 401,200 Social Security beneficiaries affected by the GPO, of whom about 75 percent were women, approximately 42 percent were widowed, and 85% had lost their entire Social Security benefit. The data also showed roughly 971,300 Social Security beneficiaries affected by the WEP. About two-thirds were men, and 20% of affected individuals had paid into Social Security for at least 21 years."* Even with such support, we need to keep up the pressure on Congress to make these legislative actions a reality. Remember, NARFE has a toll free telephone number ( **1-866-220-0044** ) that each of you can use to call the office of your representative to let them know that you want their support to rid the Social Security Law of the GPO and WEP provisions. Through your direct **ACTION**, we can make progress. That was clearly demonstrated by your help in convincing Congressman Schuler, and Senators Dole and Burr to support legislation we want enacted.

By now, all of you should have received from OPM the information on this year's open season for health insurance. If you want to make changes, you have until December 10 to decide. If you are satisfied with your present plan, there is no need to do anything - it will automatically renew. The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) is also available to eligible Federal and Postal employees, retirees, and their eligible family members on an enrollee-pay-all basis. If you need any information on any plan, you can call **(202) 606-1800** at OPM.

**Next month we will not be meeting at the Flat Rock Village Center for our December 21 meeting. Instead, my wife and I are inviting those attending to meet at our home in Kenmore in Flat Rock. This one time Holiday meeting will start at 11 AM, instead of the usual 10 AM, and last until 1 PM. Any one needing directions can call me at (828) 697-2034.**

Finally, from the English poet, John Grey, an excerpt from his "Youth!": *Young is a way of seeing the world through fresh and eager eyes, young is a way of meeting each day as a beautiful surprise, young is a treasure of pleasure and dreams the passing of time endears, young is a matter of mind and heart that has little to do with years!*

**MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE:**

**NOTICE**

Effective January 1, 2008, the membership fee for first-year / new members will increase to \$33.

**Note**

Dues withholding is still the best bargain and has the least hassle. Annual charge is \$24.60 (compared to \$29) + Chapter dues.



**FY!:** 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 Members:** Doris L. Laut, 600 Carolina Village Rd, Unit 135, H'ville 28792-2894 (692-6275). James Lee Hilton, 20 Indigo Way, H'ville 28739-9318 (696-1629).

**Address/Phone Change:**

Mary P. Byrne, 333 Thompson St, H'ville 28792-2810 (891-3110)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
SLATE OF NOMINATED OFFICERS  
JANUARY 2008**

**VOTE TODAY**

**OFFICERS:**

- President:** Paul J. Boudreaux
- VP/Membership:** Frank Coperich
- Treasurer:** Joyce Armstrong
- Secretary:** Vacant  
(Lenelle Perry & Marlene Jimenez will split the position until the position is filled.)
- Service Officer:** George Butler
- Asst Svc Officer:** Bill Hickling

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

- Attendance:** Lenelle Perry
- Asst Attendance:** Caroline Entwistle
- Alzheimer:** Walter Smith
- Newsletter:** Marlene Jimenez
- Chaplain:** Earl Smith
- Historian:** Carolyn Entwistle
- Mailing:** Lenelle Perry
- Sunshine:** Zoda Hawkins
- Telephone:** Marty Kuhn  
(Marty vouches for the continuation of her Callers.)

**HEARTFELT APPRECIATION TO  
THESE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS.**

**Brain Teaser**

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday?

**And some humor  
contributed by Frank:**

DAVE: I got this great new hearing aid the other day.  
 MARY: Are you wearing it now?  
 DAVE: Yup. Cost me four thousand dollars, but its top of the line.  
 MARY: Wow! What kind is it?  
 DAVE: Twelve thirty.

**214 SECRETARY  
POSITION  
VACANCY**

**Our Chapter is currently operating with two people taking on the duties of the Secretary. A volunteer is needed. The duties, which do not take that much time, are not difficult and we are here to help with any questions or to fill in, if you can't make a meeting.**

**THE HOME OF OUR PRESIDENT PAUL & PENNY BOUDREAUX  
DECEMBER 21, 2007**

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