



# NEWSLETTER

July, 2008

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**

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

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OUR August 15, 2008 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JACKSON PARK, SHELTER #1  
(Pls arrive at 11:00 A.M.-Registration/11:30 AM-Food & then Speakers & Auction)

## July 18, 2008 Program:

Digital Television (DTV) info by Frank Coperich. Please see **DTV NOTE** on page 2

## August 15, 2008 Area I Joint Picnic, Jackson Park, Hendersonville

## September 9, 2008 Program:

Our Flag – Earl Smith

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

This month I received an email from Eunice Dharma, Program Manager, Recruitment and Retention, NARFE Headquarters. Here is part of what it said: "I am the Editor of a quarterly newsletter for NARFE called *Recruiter's Journal*. I recently came across your federation's case study and would like to adapt it for use in our next issue of *Recruiter's Journal*. Ms. Elaine Hughes, your Federation President has informed me that you are the author. Would you allow us, at NARFE headquarters, to adapt this article and feature it in our next issue of *Recruiter's Journal*?" It seems our work in

WNC has gained some national attention based upon our use of the OPM data for retirees here in NC. I have given my support to this effort to spread the word on NARFE's activities to preserve our earned benefits. The more local Chapters that can apply this simple technique, the more they can influence their congressional representative's views on retired federal annuitants in their own districts. In addition, this effort will focus on recruitment of new NARFE members. This is a task in which we can all do our part. We can make a difference - if we set our minds to it!

The Picnic Committee continues to be hard at work planning for the August event. The Chapter 214 hosted Area I Picnic is set for Friday, August 15, 2008

in Jackson Park along with a raffle and auction for Alzheimer's research.

I would like to paraphrase an event from the life of Thomas Edison. Everyone knows that Thomas Edison invented the light bulb. But most people don't know that he tried more than one thousand experiments before he perfected this miracle of modern lighting. He tried a thousand times and failed. We are fortunate that he tried experiment 1,001. I want to close with a thought proposed by Anthony J. D'Angelo, the modern American Author:

***"Never let your persistence and passion turn into stubbornness and ignorance."***

**AREA I JOINT PICNIC – FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008 – SHELTER #1. PLAN TO ARRIVE BY 11:00 AM** for signing in and getting auction numbers for the auction and getting to know each other. There will be picnic tables/benches but feel free to bring a lawn chair if you like.

**MENU**

(food will arrive 11:30 AM)

FRIED CHICKEN & BAKED HAM

RED SKIN POTATO SALAD –  
BAKED BEANS – COLE SLAW

WHEAT ROLLS

BANANA PUDDING

WATER – TEA (SWEET &  
UNSWEET) – LENOMADE

**RESERVATIONS**

**Reservations need to be made by Wednesday, August 6, 2008.**

Check to be made out to NARFE CHAPTER 214 in the amount of \$12.85 and mailed to our Treasurer: Joyce Armstrong, 915 Toxaway Dr, Hendersonville, NC 28791-1842. (Phone: 691-3244).

{Cost includes price of food plus 6.75 percent tax and gratuity.}

**AUCTION**

Please bring “choice” auction items and remember to have Alzheimer’s in mind when bidding.

- **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)**  
Jane E. Ferguson, 296 Viewcrest Dr, Hendersonville, NC 28739-8921 (694-1263)
- **NEW MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE: (2 YR)**  
Dorothy Managan-McKean, 600 Carolina Village Rd, Unit 273, Hendersonville, NC 28792-2899 (692-5317)

**WHY NARFE MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT:** Next year when a new President and Congress take office, it will be harder than ever to maintain or keep our present benefits. The future 111<sup>th</sup> Congress will be attempting to adhere to a policy of “Pay As You Go” and will have to deal with major liabilities/obligations such as Medicare, Social Security, Federal Debt, Federal Pensions, and Federal Retirement Health Benefits, all of which are expected to grow substantially between now and 2011. If we continue to lose membership, we will not have the members needed to maintain our influence on Capital Hill and maintain our benefits. Membership is critical and it counts. “Together we can make a difference”.

**DTV NOTE FROM FRANK COPERICH**

Also, per the DTV presentation, for those not able to attend, I am willing to answer any questions via phone.

(My phone 828-692-4566)

I also can E-Mail my (2 Page) outline to anyone wishing a copy.

Frank C.

*In Memoriam*

*Edward LeRoy (Roy) Hawkins*

*Died Monday, July 14, 2008*

*His passing is deeply mourned.*

**VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK OFFICIAL VILLAGE HALL  
110 VILLAGE CENTER DR – September 19, 2008**

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