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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – A MESSAGE FROM RON MILLER



In this quarter's newsletter, you will notice a significant difference in format, layout and content. Our editor, Jean Santucci and I have been reviewing, revising and reworking the newsletter with a *new look* and a goal of making it more interesting and informative to our chapter members. Among the changes are new features such as a guest member column, a photo gallery, a chapter treasurer's section, and a legislative reference section to make it easier and faster for our members to contact elected officials. Chapter 1420 members may elect to receive the newsletter by email instead of by regular mail. The emailed version will be in color, the mailed version in black and white. If you want to receive the newsletter by email, please let Jean or me know. If we don't hear from you, you will continue to receive the newsletter by mail without interruption. We invite members' comments and suggestions for improving our newsletter – the voice of our chapter. Enjoy the *new look*.

In other news, plans and delegates are in place for the Federation convention April 28 – 30 in Hickory.

Chapter 1420 delegates and alternates are looking forward to a productive and important meeting with our NARFE colleagues from around the state.

I am continuing discussions with other chapter presidents and the area vice president concerning an Area I Cluster Meeting. I hope to have firm details about the cluster meeting to pass on to you at our next chapter business meeting.

NEW MEMBERS: All of us in Chapter 1420 extend a heartfelt and warm welcome to new member Lucia Austin from Sylva/Dillsboro. It's good to have you Lucia.

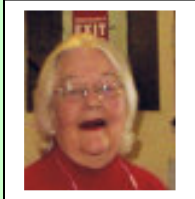
BE PREPARED FOR LIFE'S EVENTS (FORM F-100 DATED 11/06):

This is a NARFE guide for federal employees and annuitants documenting benefits payable and other information that will be a time and money saver to survivors. This information could take your survivors days or even weeks to assemble at a time when they are most vulnerable. If you are unable to complete the F-100, you can take a few minutes to

provide your eligible survivor with a simple two-page document available on the NARFE website at: www.narfe.org/guest/articles. This document outlines three easy steps to follow in the event of the death of an annuitant. Included is a sample notification letter to the Office of Personnel

Management. If you don't have access to the Internet, contact Service Officer, Clarence Burrell to obtain a copy.

From Chapter Treasurer Inez Angus Chapter 1420 Budget for 2009:	
Anticipated Income:	
Membership Dues	\$1,900.00
COLA Contributions	200.00
Birthdays and Anniversaries	25.00
Interest on Accounts	65.00
50/50 Contributions	350.00
Donations/Fund Raisers	.00
Total Anticipated Income	\$2,540.00
Anticipated Expenses:	
Postage and Printing	\$ 300.00
Program Expenses	240.00
State Delegates (6 @ 100.00)	600.00
Alzheimer's Research	300.00
Per Capita Dues (126 Members)	565.25
50/50 Contributions to Alzheimer's	175.00
50/50 Contributions to Winners	175.00
Memorials	25.00
State Booster/Door Prizes	100.00
Rent for Picnic Site	25.00
Miscellaneous	4.75
Total Anticipated Expenses	\$2,540.00



Note: in future editions of the newsletter, we will publish a current monthly Treasurer's Report.

MEET YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS

Virginia Medford

Second Vice President and Programs Chairperson

Virginia and her husband Billy joined NARFE in 1978. She has served as Chapter President and Second Vice President "more times than I can count." She has co-chaired three successful Federation conventions at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska. Virginia retired from Haywood County Hospital with 30 years of service and has been a hospital volunteer for the past 18 years. She has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Haywood County Farm Bureau for 17



years and volunteers at the Open Door Mission two days a month. She has been Lay Leader Chair of the Church Council; served on the Church's Building Committee; been President of United Methodist Women; and served many other committees at Long's Chapel United Methodist Church.

But most of all, Virginia enjoys her loving family of two children, four grandchildren, six great grandchildren and their families.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

April 25th at the Lambuth Inn.
Singer/Songwriter/Musician, Richard Hurley will perform for us.

May 23rd at the Holiday Inn in Cherokee. Don Bunn will present a travel log slide show.

June 27th at the Jarrett House in Dillsboro.
Professor Cheryl Johnson of Western Carolina University will present a program on paleontology.

July 9th Chapter Executive Board meeting at the Haywood County Offices Building in Waynesville.

DO NOT FORGET TO CONTRIBUTE PART OF YOUR COLA

We are now in the fourth month of this fiscal year and the NARFE Smoky Mountain member COLA contributions are coming in slowly. As most of you know, with the exception of birthday and anniversary contributions, this is the only fundraiser we have. We stopped having a fundraiser at our picnic two years ago, and last year we voted to give half of the 50/50 drawing to Alzheimer's Research in addition to the \$300 designated contribution noted in our budget. In addition, our postal and printing expenses have been increasing. As is our custom, we have budgeted to help send all six of our

delegates to the NC NARFE State Conference. It is through your generous contributions that we are able to continue to do this along with our Alzheimer's Research budgeted item. If you have donated already, we thank you. If not, please think about sending a COLA donation to the treasurer when you can. We usually give 1/10 of the increase received in our annuity at the beginning of the year. The Chapter appreciates anything you can give. You may mail your donation to Inez R. Angus, P. O. Box 1347, Clyde, NC, 28721.

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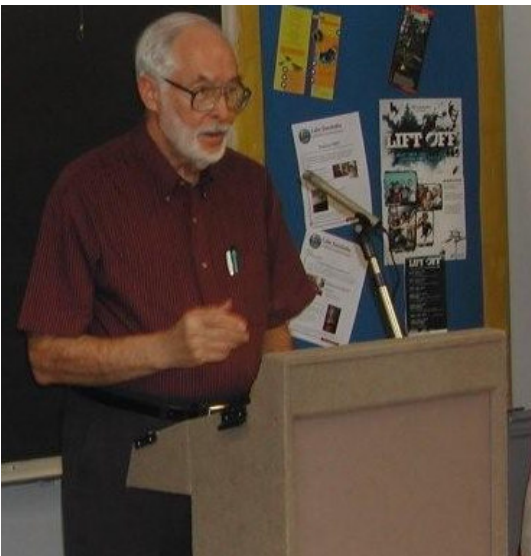
Chapter Photo Gallery



Sam Crain working with Charlie Pratt (Federation IT Guru) in Hope Mills on 2/16/09



Jean Santucci at work on the Newsletter on 3/20/09



Ed Fox reporting on the Chapter's Membership, Recruitment, and Retention Plan on 2/28/09



Guest speaker Angie Toomey from *Autumn Care* at 2/28/09 Business Meeting