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## Chapter 1420 Quarterly Newsletter

January 2009

### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER – A Message from Ron Miller**

As I assume duties as President of Chapter 1420, I want to offer a sincere thank you to outgoing President, Clarence Burrell for his leadership and service over the past year. It's comforting for me to know Clarence is only an email or telephone call away to answer questions and offer advice as the year progresses. Also, I want to thank the incoming officers and board for their willingness to serve our Chapter.

NARFE across the country faces significant challenges in 2009: declining membership (although our Chapter is holding steady); diminishing financial resources; impending legislative attacks on our benefits and entitlements by the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; and increasing opposition within NARFE itself to make changes needed to overcome these challenges. With a committed and sustained effort by our membership, Chapter 1420 will not only meet these challenges, but also will be an example of excellence to our Federation. With pleasure, I look forward to working with all of you in 2009.

### **Installation of Chapter 1420 Officers**

The following officers were installed at the December Chapter meeting:

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| Ron Miller       | President, Chapter 1420        |
| Gwilli Gerichek  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| Virginia Medford | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| Luci Swanson     | Secretary                      |
| Inez Angus       | Treasurer                      |

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting Schedule**

January 24 -- Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska – Program: The Clown Will Visit!

February 28 – To Be Announced

March 28 -- To Be Announced

### **Meet Your Officers**

At the December meeting, Gwilli Gerichkek was installed as the Chapter's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Gwilli Gerichkek is a native of Indiana. She received a degree in home economics from Ball State Teachers College and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Western Carolina University.

After teaching home economics at Erwin High School she worked with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service for 30 years. During her career she served as president of the NC Association of Extension Home Economists, NC Federation of Extension Employees, Salvation Army Board, Bethel PTA and HRMC Auxiliary.

In addition, Gwilli worked for many years with the youth of Canton First Baptist and Mt Zion Baptist and was also WMU Director for the Haywood Baptist Association and a General Board member.

Since retirement Gwilli has been a volunteer with the hospital auxiliary and Friends of Hospice. She is currently a member of Altrusa, serving as chairperson for their Vocational Student of the Month recognition.

Gwilli has three children, David Brendell of Candler, Dr. Janna Brendell of Clyde and Bradley Brendell of Clyde.

### **50-50 Raffle**

Tickets for the 50-50 Raffle are enclosed in this newsletter. Tickets will be available for purchase at the upcoming meeting also. Be sure to get your tickets either by sending your money to Hardy Noland (326 Hodges Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786) or give him your money before the Chapter's meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the tickets is \$1 each or six for \$5. One-half of the money donated will go to Alzheimer's Research and half to the lucky winner.