

## **Patricia Farmer running for Secretary**

**POSITIONS HELD: Chapter level:** Chapter 422 Laurel Public Relations Chair; Newsletter Editor (many years); First Vice President; and President (six years); currently Chapter Secretary. **Federation level:** Secretary (8 years)

### **OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN:**

- Represent NARFE/MD on the Board of the Maryland Gerontological Association; elected MGA's Administrative Vice President for Membership; and served as the MGA membership chair.
- Edited the Maryland Federation newsletter for the last eight years. Now serve as the Federation Newsletter Production and Editorial Manager (layout and editing) and Distribution Manager.
- Updated Federation secretary's documents in electronic format
- Manage all Federation events, such as Board Meetings (three times a year) and Training Session through Official Calls (email) to Executive Committee members, Federation Chairs and Chapter Presidents.
- Send out communications, as requested, from the Federation President.
- Serve as a consultant to the Registration Committee.
- Actively participate in the management of the Federation through involvement in the NARFE/MD Executive Committee
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, introduced a Zoom Facilitator who has expertly managed our October 2020 and February 2021 virtual Board Meetings.
- Served on the NARFE/MD *Profiles in Civil Service* Editorial Review Board. Edited 2017, 2018 and 2019 editions.
- Secured speakers for NARFE/MD meetings as Secretary before Program Chair position was instituted at my request.
- Was a member of the planning team for NARFE/MD political forums, including two Gubernatorial Forums. Secured one of the organizations that partnered with us.
- Served on the Federation's (FEEA) Scholarship Committee for five years.
- Served on Federation's Nominating Committee.
- Currently serve as Secretary for the Laurel Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA).
- Served two terms (2005-2006 and 2006-2007) as Secretary for the Maryland Business & Professional Women (BPW/MD); still editing their publication, *The Newscaster*, after many years; also, currently serve as liaison with our Webmaster.
- Honed editing and writing skills while working for over 10 years (second career) with Patuxent Publishing and later the Baltimore Sun Media Group, as editorial assistant for the *Laurel Leader*; and for over five years as a Seniors columnist, writing about subjects of interest to older adults, for the *Howard County Times* and the *Laurel Leader*.
- Nominated and selected for the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Class of 2018, for extensive volunteer work.

**WHY YOU WANT TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER:** I want to continue as a Federation officer to provide continuity on the Executive Committee; to help move the association forward in a positive direction; and to further the NARFE mission.

### **ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:**

- Retired in 2002, after 37 years, as an Executive/Senior Manager at the National Security Agency; supervised at the team and branch levels; managed at the deputy division, division and office staff levels. At the division level, managed 90 people.
- Served on promotion boards up through Grade-15 level.
- Served as Chair of the Z Group Women's Council; one of our greatest and lasting accomplishments was the creation of an Agency Women's exhibit, featuring audio and video interviews with some of the pioneer Agency women and other prominent Agency women. The exhibit is now part of the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade, Maryland.
- Received the Agency-level Red Carnation manager award submitted by the people I managed at the office staff level.
- First Agency employee to attend executive leadership course at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in the Chicago Metropolitan Area.
- Traveled on temporary duty for the Agency to the Far East several times and to England.
- President of the Altar Society at St. Nicholas Church, Laurel, Md. for many years; still serving as President

- Chair, St. Nicholas Church Fall Bazaar for many years
- Co-Chair, St. Nicholas Church Craft & Vendor Fair (spring 2017)
- Served as member of the St. Nicholas 50th Anniversary Planning Committee; Led the church's involvement in the Laurel Main Street Parade, to celebrate this special anniversary with the community; Served as Production Manager and Editor of the 50th Anniversary Book.