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# REFLECTIONS



## From your President

**Gerald "Jerry" W. Gibson**  
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The November, 2014, issue of the REFLECTIONS will be the last issue to be posted on the FPRA website. Starting with the January, 2015, issue the email addresses will again be listed for new members and changes of email addresses.

The 2014 ANNUAL DIRECTORY and the 2015 FPRA ANNUAL CONVENTION are posted on the FPRA website:

[www.fbopretirees.org](http://www.fbopretirees.org). For those of you that have not read or printed the 2014 ANNUAL DIRECTORY I encourage you to do so, the revised bylaws are in the directory as of this issue. It is important that you understand what the association is doing and the bylaws are the operating policy. If you have a question or issue with the

by laws please contact me either by email or phone 618-995-1730.

I would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with love, good health and prosperity.

Jerry

## From your Vice President

**Carmen L. Conjeo**  
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Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! It's a great time for me to reflect and be appreciative.

Are you all getting excited about the convention in June? I certainly am! I know the Atlanta Chapter is going to be a fabulous host! Two of the agenda items at the Business Meeting will be the election of officers and the possible presentation of using an Absentee Ballot for future elections.

I say possible because going forward with this idea will depend on your feedback. Currently, only members attending the convention are voting for the FPRA officers. Many members are unable to attend the convention due to health, family reunions, exorbitant airfares, etc.

As a retired BOP/PHS employee, we believe you are entitled to vote for the officers running this Association. So, why not an Absentee Ballot. The basics of this idea are; we will have the candidate names on a ballot, mail the ballot out with the March newsletter, the member marks their choice for each office, and returns the ballot to the Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Those members that receive the printed newsletter will have to mail it to the Chairperson at their expense. Those receiving the email newsletter will be able to email it to the Chairperson. The format for the ballot has not yet been drafted. If you like this idea, let me know, and if you don't I want to know that as well. You can contact me via email or at 913-669-5254.

The number of members visiting our website continues to increase. The Directory is on the website! Check it out! Updates have been made to other information, and some things have been deleted. From September 20, 2014 through November 21, 2014, 474 members have been on the website. This is great!!

Merry Christmas! Wishing you Great Health, lots of Happiness and be safe through the New Year!

Carmen

## From your Secretary/Treasurer

**Carlene Mallory**  
[dustyroad40744@yahoo.com](mailto:dustyroad40744@yahoo.com)

Salutations from Kentucky!

Thank you, to all the Life Time Members that have sent in the new form with their updated information. Just a reminder, if you are a Life Time Member, I need your updated information by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

I pray that all of you stay warm this winter and have many blessings during this wonderful Christmas. Jesus is the reason for this season, remember to show your love this Holiday Season.

Working hard for all the FPRA members respectfully,

Carlene

## From the desk of a Pastor

**Rev. Steve F. Mack**  
[sfmack75@hotmail.com](mailto:sfmack75@hotmail.com)

Hello Everyone,

I hope your Thanksgiving was grand and Christmas awaits your arrival! If not so, I pray that the peace of God over takes you like a flood and the grace of God be with you.

Eunice McGarrahan gave an inspiring talk on Christian discipleship in which she said,

“A costume is something you put on and pretend that you are what

you are wearing. A uniform, on the other hand, reminds you that you are, in fact, what you wear.

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts”. (Romans 13:14) God’s word encourages us to be like Him, let’s do our best to imitate the perfect one.

I have been given the task of membership chair for the FPRA; truly we’re all called to help grow the membership.

“Monday Morning Highlights” produced by the Bureau of Prisons, list retiree every Monday. If at the bottom of that list the BOP would allow the FPRA to post: **“Welcome to retirement” the FPRA invite you to visit [www.fbopretirees.org](http://www.fbopretirees.org) for more info, Congrats!**

This caption in the “Monday Morning Highlights” would make a difference in growing the awareness of the FPRA and what we do as an organization of federal prison retirees.

I truly think that the work we are doing would become more of a service than a struggle. I thank you for your time and until next time, be blessed!

Pastor Steve

**Finance Committee**

At our Chicago convention, Jerry Gibson appointed me as Finance Committee Chairman and directed me to establish a 3-member panel. I am happy to announce this committee is now fully staffed and operational. Members include Donald (Don) Reynolds, Gloria Robinson, and Robert (Bob) Wendell. The primary function of the committee is to monitor/review the association's financial transactions and approve all non-routine expenditures above \$300. As President, Jerry sends the Financial Report to the committee each month for review. There have been no irregularities identified thus far.

Ray Guillory Chairman

**New FPRA Members**

Gloria Robinson

Sandra A. Luton, ALI  
103 Riverwood Place  
Pearl, MS 39208

Richard A. Lawrence, CCC  
1700 Scenic Hwy, Apt 503  
Pensacola, FL 32503

**New Honorary Members**

Ester Clark  
Max Russell

**New Paid Lifetime Members**

John S. Kim

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary Wishes to those in the months of October, November and December.

**In Memory of FPRA Members**

Joseph J. Dylina, 94, 10-9-2014  
Harvey Matthews,

**In Memory of Non-FPRA Members**

Frank Woods, 10-4-2014  
John Max Kemp, 11-11-14  
Dale "Squeak" Wilson, 10-3-14  
Gladys Osborne Wilson, 10-15-14  
Rickie L. Daugherty, 10-15-2014

**Friendly Reminders**

Dues are payable by July 1 of each year.  
If you move, change your telephone number, cell phone number, email address be sure to notify the Secretary/Treasurer.

Please submit your newsletter articles by the end of the publication month.

**Registration Form**  
**2015 FPRA 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Westin Airport Hotel – Atlanta, Georgia**  
**June 17 – 20, 2015**

Retiree Name(s): (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest(s)

Printed Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Office Retired From: (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the registration form and return it no later than May 10, 2015. Each person attending must pay the registration fee to attend the reception.

Make checks/money order(s) payable to Federal Prison Retirees Association or FPRA Georgia Chapter.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Jim Elliott (404) 457-9357 or email [jme5947@yahoo.com](mailto:jme5947@yahoo.com)

Margaret Harris (678) 358-1962 or email [sassyebony55@yahoo.com](mailto:sassyebony55@yahoo.com)

Sheila Richardson (770) 296-0775 or email [ssrichardson2@gmail.com](mailto:ssrichardson2@gmail.com)

Pat Langley (678) 353-4666 or email [oldcoastie83303@gmail.com](mailto:oldcoastie83303@gmail.com)

Sue Bailey (678) 361-0472 or email [k.sue.bailey@hotmail.com](mailto:k.sue.bailey@hotmail.com)

**Request for cancellation of registration and refund must be made by May 10, 2015. Refund request cannot be honored after this date.**

**Banquet Dress Code:      Casual**

**Men – Jackets and ties not required**

**Women – formal wear not required**



**Federal Prison Retiree Association  
42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention – Atlanta, Georgia  
June 17 – 20, 2015**

	Number of Participants	Cost	Total Amount
<b><u>Wednesday, June 17, 2015</u></b>			
Registration	_____	\$28.00	_____
Hotel Lobby – 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	_____		_____
Reception: Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	_____	FREE	_____

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

USP Atlanta Tour – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	_____	\$5.00	_____
Barbeque Lunch – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	_____		_____

Business Meeting at USP Atlanta Training Center at 2:00 p.m. Elections will be held during this meeting. All FPRA members are encouraged to attend.

**Cook-Out – Jerry Williford’s Residence – 5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ FREE**  
**335 Old Mill Court, Fayetteville, GA 30214**

Atlanta Braves vs Boston Red Sox – on your own - [braves.com/groups](http://braves.com/groups) or call 404-577-9100

**Friday, June 19, 2015**

<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Center</b> .....	_____	FREE	_____
<b>Georgia Aquarium</b>			
Adults .....	_____	\$36.00	_____
Seniors 65+ .....	_____	\$32.00	_____
<b>The World of Coca Cola</b>			
Adult .....	_____	\$18.00	_____
Senior 65+ .....	_____	\$15.00	_____
<b>National Center for Civil and Human Rights</b>			
Adults .....	_____	\$15.00	_____
Seniors 65+ .....	_____	\$13.00	_____

**Friday, June 19, 2014**

Social Hour and Cash Bar – 6:00 p.m.			
Dinner and Program 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. ....	_____	\$36.00	_____
Choose 1      Roast Beef _____      Chicken _____			

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

Breakfast and Close Out .....	_____	\$15.00	_____
Hotel – 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.			

**TOTAL PAYMENT SUBMITTED: .....**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION  
NCIC (National Crime Information Center) CHECK**

I hereby authorize a representative of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to obtain any information on my criminal history background. I understand that this check must be done before I am allowed to enter/serve at any Bureau facility. I also understand that refusal to provide all necessary information may result in 1) denial of entry into a Bureau facility and 2) denial of volunteer/contract status.

1. Name (Last, First, Middle)	
2. Address (Street address) (City, State, County, Zip Code)	
3. Home Telephone Number (Area Code, Number):	
4. Aliases/Nickname:	
5. Citizenship (List the country you are a citizen of):	
6. Social Security Number:	
7. Date of Birth (Month, day, year):	
8a. Sex:	8b. Race:
8c. Height:	8d. Weight:
8e. Color of Eyes:	8f. Color of Hair:
9. Place of Birth (City, State, County), (List city, county and country if outside the U.S.A)	
10. The above listed information is true and correct. Applicant's Signature	10a. Date

**PRIVACY ACT NOTICE**

Authority for Collecting Information: E.O. 10450; 5 USC 1303-1305; 42 USC 2165 and 2455; 22 USC 2585 and 2519; and 8 USC 1301

Purposes and Uses: Information provided on this form will be furnished to individuals in order to obtain information regarding activities in connection with an investigation to determine (1) fitness for Federal employment, (2) clearance to perform contractual service for the Federal Government, (3) security clearance or access. The information obtained may be furnished to third parties as necessary in the fulfillment of official responsibilities.

Effects of Non-disclosure: Furnishing the requested information is voluntary, but failure to provide all or of part the information may result in lack of further consideration for employment, clearance or access, or in the termination of your employment.

**Federal Prison Retirees Association**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention – Atlanta, Georgia**  
**June 17 – 20, 2015**

The Georgia Chapter of the Federal Bureau of Prisons Retirees Association is pleased to host the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The convention will be held at The Westin Atlanta Airport Hotel, 4736 Best Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30337, phone number is 1-888-627-7211. You must specify you are attending the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Federal Prison Retirees Association to receive the negotiated room rate. Hotel room rates for the convention are \$109.00 plus tax per night for king or double beds. Smoking rooms are available on request. Government rates are not available for retirees. Requests for extended stays, prior to and/or after the convention dates will receive the negotiated room rates. Hotel reservations must be made by May 10, 2015, to receive the negotiated rate. All rooms have cable TV, high speed wireless internet, mini-fridge, coffee maker with complimentary coffee, iron and ironing board, hair dryer, and complimentary USA newspaper. Parking is \$10.00 per day with in and out privileges. **Pets are welcome with a \$100.00 one-time non-refundable charge.** The hotel offers an indoor and outdoor pool and whirlpool, 24-hour complimentary business center, and a 24-hour fitness center. There is a restaurant, Starbucks coffee shop, and a bar, located on the first floor.

The Westin Atlanta Airport has free shuttle service every 20 minutes on the hour. The shuttle will pick up at zone one (20-25) at the airport.

Please note each person attending the convention, to include spouses, must pay the registration fee. Registration deadline is May 10, 2015. All checks and/or money orders should be forwarded to Federal Prison Retirees Association, P.O. Box 542, Lovejoy, Georgia 30250 with the registration form.

Convention registration will be from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2015, in the hotel lobby on the first floor. There will be a welcome reception at the hotel from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided at no cost and there will be a cash bar. The registration fee for each person must be paid to attend the reception. On Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., all retirees will meet in the lobby to depart for the tour to USP Atlanta. A Barbeque lunch will be provided after the tour at USP Atlanta's Training Center. At 2:00 p.m. there will be a business meeting at the training center. The meeting is open to all members and their spouses of the FPRA. Elections will be held and you are strongly encouraged to attend. We will depart USP Atlanta Training Center at 4:30 pm to return to the hotel.

**ALL RETIREES TAKING THE INSTITUTION TOUR MUST BRING THEIR BUREAU OF PRISONS RETIREE IDENTIFICATION CARD. IF THE RETIREE DOES NOT**

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**HAVE THEIR IDENTIFICATION CARD, THE ATTACHED NCIC CHECK-AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND MAILED WITH THE RESERVATION SHEET. ADDITIONALLY, ALL ATTENDEES WHO ARE NOT BUREAU OF PRISONS RETIREES INCLUDING SPOUSES, MUST COMPLETE THE NCIC-CHECK-AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM AND RETURN IT WITH THE RESERVATION SHEET. THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO ALLOW ENTRY TO THE INSTITUTION.**

On Friday, June 19, 2015, there will be several separate tours to include the World of Coca Cola, Georgia Aquarium, Centennial Olympic Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Home, and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Buses will leave the Westin hotel lobby at 8:00 am. The bus will depart Centennial Olympic Park at 4:00 p.m. to return to the hotel.

On Friday June 19, 2015, there will be a banquet. The evening will begin with a social hour and cash bar at 6:00 p.m. The dinner and program will be from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, a breakfast and close out will be held at the hotel on the first floor from 8:00 am – 9:00 am. All FPRA members are encouraged to attend.