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For the last two months Chapter Members have discussed several issues that directly affect the future work of the Chapter and its continuation as part of NARFE and the Illinois Federation of Chapters. A number of the Officers of NARFE have requested we think through what we as Members can do to maintain and improve the Chapter as it moves on and serves its Members. For that purpose and to provide additional updates on the current legislation being discussed that affect the role and future of NARFE itself, the Chapter leadership has agreed to call a special meeting to be held on Thursday, February 9 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the Villa Park Public Library, 305 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181, tel. 630-834-1164, on the Web Ask@vppl.info.

Emergency meeting in February - Leadership needed!

Dear members,

Our Chapter 1771 is at extreme risk of being disbanded. Our existing President, Mr. Ron Stevens, is retiring from that position, and needs to be replaced. This person's primary duty will be to chair our monthly meetings. At this point, we have been unable to locate a volunteer.

We are strongly requesting as many Chapter members as possible to attend this meeting, to at least offer suggestions. This invitation includes any National Only members who may be interested in chapter membership. The IL Federation and the Chapter have expressed a willingness to be very flexible. For instance, it would be acceptable to have multiple persons fill this role to lessen the burden on a single person.

We have two members who have expressed a willingness to split secretarial duties if we can supply a president. Additionally, Ms Irene Spaletto will continue as Treasurer, and Mr. Stevens has volunteered to continue to maintain the Chapter's website and social media, and offer technical support, as needed. Mr. Gene Niewoehner also continues as Newsletter Editor. Thus, the President will have officer support.

The President's role is one of a minimum of two positions required to maintain a chapter's existence. If we cannot fill this position, the Chapter will be permanently closed. Existing members will be able to choose another chapter to join, if desired. I believe the two closest chapters are Marion Payne Chapter 1309 in Arlington Heights and Southwest Chicago Metro 1106 in Bridgeview. Dues money for transferring members will go from our chapter account to their chapter of choice. Any money left over in the chapter account, including dues of members who choose not transfer, will go to the Illinois Federation.

In only the last couple of years, two local chapters have closed. We do not want Chapter 1771 to join their ranks!

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