



GEORGE WALTERS

BIO:

Born in Chicago, Ill. George's family moved to Miami, Fl in 1957.

George's undergraduate training was at the University of Miami, and George received his Bachelors' and Masters' degrees from Florida International University. He began teaching in 1973 and has held every office of the Florida Bandmasters Association, including heading sub-committees, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson (twice), and served on its Executive Board. George's bands are still nationally known, and George has served as a guest conductor all over Florida, New York (Carnegie Hall) and Alaska.

Introduced to FCRV by one of his students in 1989, he has been chapter secretary, newsletter editor, vice president and president. Now semi-retired, time will permit him to participate with FCRV on a wider scale. He has volunteered with registration in Michigan, was Door Prize Chairperson in Ladson, and he stepped in to lead the FCRV Band in Craig Weber's absence. In Tallahassee, George was asked to be the entertainment chair, to assist President Jack Smye with the Talent Show and to lead the choir.

George and Debbie, married for 38 years, now reside in North Florida and have one son, Jason. They are expecting their first grandchild sometime during the retiree rally in March.

PLATFORM:

Our organization, like many others, is going through a reduction in membership. There are a myriad of factors contributing to this issue, and there is no need to restate them here. I believe that the restructured trustees have a unique obligation to the membership to be as visible and open as possible, to listen to the membership voices, and to present their ideas so that they feel that their voices are heard. The Trustees also need to continue to present a professional, organized and collegial appearance to the membership as well as the business community. It is my intention to continue and enhance this approach.

While all of us need to reach out to non-member campers, we also must strive to present a positive attitude when dealing with these new members *and among ourselves*. Some of the best times that my wife & I have experienced have been while camping, and I intend to spread that message to any and all.

It is an honor to be considered for the position of V. P. of Programs for the FCRV Board of Trustees. Working with like-minded volunteers will be both a learning experience and an enlightening opportunity for personal growth. My career experience as well as my parental upbringing has taught me to honor the responsibilities that I am given. Debbie and I are looking forward to working with the President and all of the Trustees on your behalf.

