



1950's

GRA applies for
chapter status
with NRA

GRA Application 1959

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION
WITH THE
NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

Date: March 31, 1959

1. Official name of organization Georgia Rehabilitation Association
2. Type of organization (Local, State, Campus) State
3. Date organized March 31, 1959 Place organized Atlanta, Georgia
4. Number of NRA members 740 Annual Chapter dues none
5. Name and address of President
John S. Prickett, Jr.
129 State Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia
- Name and address of Secretary
W. C. Dendy
201 Bank of Georgia Building
1430 W. Peachtree St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
- Name and address of Treasurer
W. C. Dendy
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Atlanta, Georgia

We, the undersigned officers of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association
at the direction of the membership do hereby apply for affiliation with the
National Rehabilitation Association under provisions of Article I of the Bylaws:

Signature <u>John S. Prickett Jr.</u>	Title <u>President</u>
Signature <u>Carl Fox</u>	Title <u>President-Elect</u>
Signature <u>George Beckman Jr.</u>	Title <u>Vice-President</u>
Signature <u>William Clay Dendy</u>	Title <u>Secretary & Treasurer</u>

Required attachments: 3 copies each of

1. Constitution and Bylaws
2. Names and addresses of Officers, Board Members and Committees
3. Minutes of organizational meeting including resolution or motion authorizing application for affiliation





National Rehabilitation Association



- 1960'S through late 70's officers of GRA were all administrators
- Outstanding leaders: Dr. A.P. Jarrell, John S. Prickett
- All VR Employees were expected to join and participate
- VR Counselors joined NRCA/GRCA, first NRA division
- Several outstanding NRCA/GRCA leaders including Alton Ray



1990's



Yvonne Johnson, a great GRA (1985) and NRA President (1996)



1990's

In 1994 GRA coordinated a project to pay for and build a Habitat for Humanity House.

Habitat Update

Dear GRA/HABITATERS:

This is just an update on where we are with our Habitat Project. We are committed to the funding and building of a home for a person with a disability, which will be built as part of Habitat's 30/30,000 Blitz Build. This will occur during the week of June 12-17, 1994 in Americus, Georgia - the hometown of Habitat of Humanity International (HFHI).

We have administratively divided the responsibility for this project as follows: Peg Roulston is in charge of obtaining the work force from our membership and is also involved in the selection of the family through her Americus office staff. Charles Hill is heading the effort of fund raising and will be contacting some individuals from each chapter to assist with personal contact and/or phone contact with prospective donor participants. As you are aware, this initiative is totally separate from the regular GRA operating budget and we are setting up a separate account for this effort.

Please be on the look out for correspondence from Peg regarding the opportunity to be part of the work force. A mailing seeking contributions has already been sent to 140 individuals and additional mailings will be conducted. If you know of businesses or individuals in your community that might be interested you can provide them this information concerning a donation:

Make checks out to: GRA/Habitat Project

Send to: Marianne Thompson, Treasurer, DRS, P.O. Box 835, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

In addition, you can send me the names and addresses of individuals that you would like me to send additional information. E-Mail I.D. (HILL.CW). Phone (912) 430-4461/G341-4461. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1606, Albany, GA 31702.

In closing, "Please keep the cards and MONEY coming!"

Love, Charles



Nancy Crowder--Great GRA and NRA



1990's

Nancy was GRA president in 1994 but was NRA Board Member and Chair of Governmental Affairs Committee for over 10 years.





1990's

April 1997 *CONTEMPORARY*



Photo by Leon G. Russ

Members of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association had the opportunity to present their concerns to Congressman John Lewis of Georgia. Pictured are (L-R) Nancy Crowder, Daniel Simmons, Stacey Poole, Congressman Lewis, Eleanor Surrency, Rebecca Hayes, and Ruth Ann Davis.





1990's

Members of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association met with
Senator Paul Coverdell (R-GA) –Contemporary Rehab, April 1999
– *CONTEMPORARY REHAB*





2000's

Great GRA Leaders

Eddie Carter accepts the Yvonne Johnson Award at the 2002 NRA Conference



Eddie Carter
accepts the
Yvonne Johnson
Award.



2000's

Senate Res 120
was passed on
March 22, 2007

United States Senate Resolution Designates March 22 National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
March 22, 2007

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating March 22, 2007, as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day.

Whereas rehabilitation counselors conduct assessments, provide counseling, support to families, and plan and implement rehabilitation programs for those in need;

Whereas the purpose of the professional organizations in rehabilitation is to promote the improvement of rehabilitation services available to persons with disabilities through quality education and rehabilitation research for counselors;

Whereas the various professional organizations, including the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (RCEA), the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (NRCA), the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA), the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC), the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) have stood firm to advocate up-to-date education and training and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education;

Whereas on March 22, 1983, Martha Walker of Kent State University, who was President of the NCRE, testified before the Subcommittee on Select Education of the House of Representatives, and was instrumental in bringing to the attention of Congress the need for rehabilitation counselors to be qualified; and

Whereas the efforts of Martha Walker led to the enactment of laws that now require rehabilitation counselors to have proper credentials in order to provide a higher level of quality service to those in need: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate--

- (1) designates March 22, 2007, as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day; and
- (2) commends all of the hard work and dedication that rehabilitation counselors provide to individuals in need and the numerous efforts that the multiple professional organizations have made to assisting those who require rehabilitation.





2000s

Dru Fentem, with
Sen. Chambliss,
Stacey Hayes, and
Paige Tidwell

GRA Leaders Instrumental in Rehab Counselors Appreciation Day Resolution



Dru Fentem, Senator Saxby Chambliss,
Stacey Hayes, and Paige Tidwell.

At right, NRA Pres. Carl Flowers,
Justin Clay of Sen. Saxby Chambliss'
staff, and Dru Fentem, who was
instrumental in SR 120





2008 Georgia BBQ



Photo by Jemel Sawa

Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss speaks with Georgia chapter members LaDetria King and GRA President Jason Williams at the annual Georgia-Mississippi Barbeque on Capitol Hill.

Good times at GA BBQ

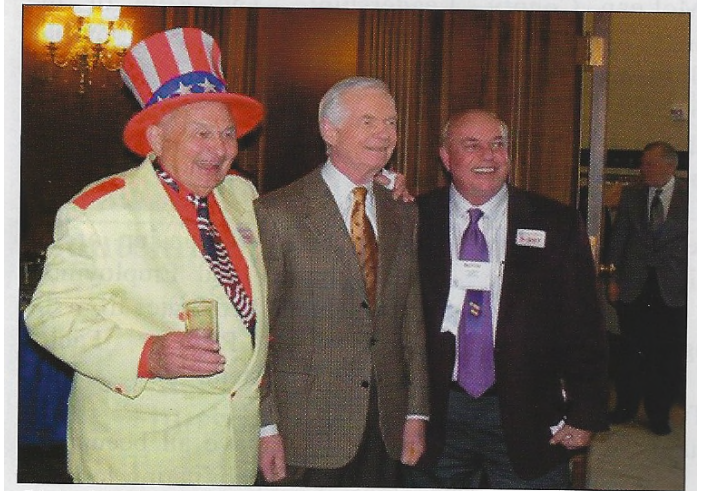


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Colonel Poole and NRA President-Elect Butch McMillian flank Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran at the annual Georgia-Mississippi Barbeque on Capitol Hill.



HB 1146 Signed into law, April 19, 2012

