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## Message from the Chair

In this issue of *The Retiree Guardian*, you will find an advance copy of the NRLN annual appeal for support. We have included this appeal for two specific reasons. The first reason is very pragmatic. Each year some members of our group respond to this appeal with a check made out to the CenturyLink Retiree Association instead of the NRLN. This results in the check being returned or forwarded and delayed while we attempt to correct the payee name. I encourage you to make a contribution and ask that you make sure any contribution be made out to the NRLN.

A more important reason for inclusion in *The Retiree Guardian* is that we believe the appeal does an excellent job of illustrating the challenges we face in protecting our benefits in the years ahead. Issues we face are getting more and more critical to our futures and the future retirement plans for generations to come. Please review the letter enclosed and give it serious consideration. Social Security benefits, Medicare benefits and Prescription Drug Plans are examples of the work we have ahead of us. The NRLN is a partner with us in the fight to preserve our benefits

as costs increase. Having a voice in Washington, DC, is vital to our retiree futures.

It is true that a small portion of your annual dues to the CenturyLink Retiree Association provides you with membership in NRLN. Our organization also contributes funds to specific issues and events including face-to-face meetings to advise Congress on important matters. This partnering with NRLN provides a strong and respected lobbying voice to our representatives.

In this time, it can be easy to assume that our benefits and futures are permanent and secure. However, they are not. De-risking for risk transfer is an ever-present danger and we all are aware of the pressure on Social Security. Stay aware and concerned about our retirement security. Become an active advocate for their protection. Write to your congressional representatives. Supporting the Retiree Association and NRLN can be vital tools to help preserve our future.

*Gerold "Jerry" Weldon*

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**Our Mission: To preserve and protect the pension and benefits we earned**