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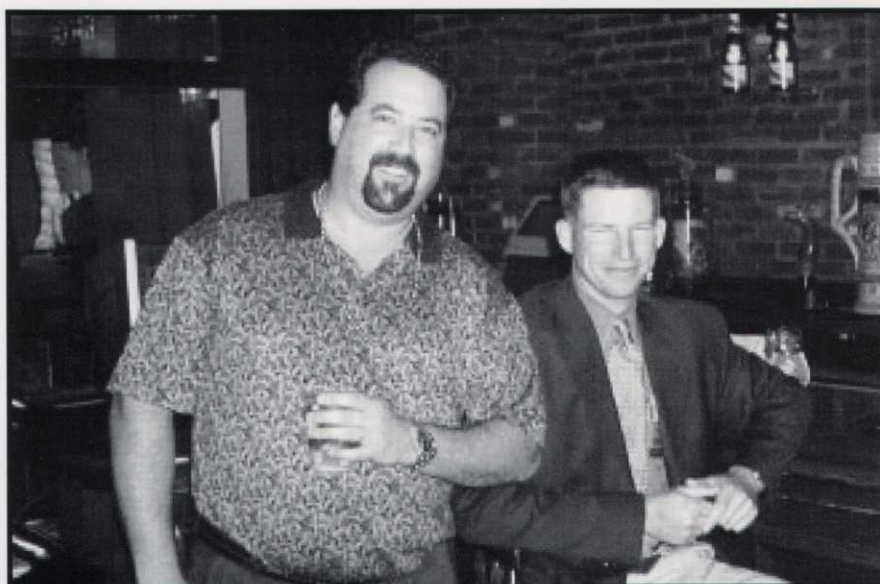
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Sal Sorbello and Thomas Bastis at the California Hospitality Room in Orlando.

Myrtle Wagoner, The First Lady of GCSANC

By Gary K. Carls CGCS

One of the keys to any successful association is having key staff to run the day-to-day portion of the operations. For the last 45 years, we at GCSANC have been blessed with two chapter executive secretaries that have kept numerous Boards of Directors on course. Currently Barbara Mikel fills the role, but the lady who started the great tradition was Myrtle Wagoner.

In 1941 Myrtle married Cliff Wagoner and in the next six years they had two children, Shirley and Darryl. Today she has two grandkids and two great grandchildren. Like many women of the time, Myrtle was able to stay home and raise the children

while Cliff was off earning the family income. Myrtle liked to sew and often took sewing classes to further develop her skills. When Cliff got more involved with the local superintendent chapter, Myrtle would regularly attend chapter meetings. When collecting money for meals at chapter functions became a problem, Myrtle volunteered to help. That was the beginning of her long association with GCSANC.

Over the years, Myrtle's role with GCSANC continued to evolve as the chapter grew larger. She first became an official employee of GCSANC in 1960 and by 1965 was making a whopping \$600 per year in addition to a \$100 bonus for 1964. In 1968

Myrtle was given an attaché case and the title of Executive Secretary. She did her 1st edition of the newsletter in September 1971. In 1974 she was given free lunches and her pay was all the way up to \$1750 per year.

Those of us who joined the association in those times were fortunate to have Myrtle at the helm. She always made it a point to know everyone by name. She felt it was an important part of her job to know the members. I was always amazed at how well Myrtle seemed to know everyone when I had a hard time remembering just a few new names from month to month.

Cliff describes their years together as, "a

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