



Nashville Chapter 227, Newsletter (August 2010)

National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association

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NARFE's mission has remained the same since 1921, to protect and improve the retirement benefits of federal retirees, employees and their families.

July Program: On Monday July 12th our meeting was called to order by President – Nancy Wells at 12:45 PM. Marie Anglin gave the devotional which was about fair weather friends and Val Brooks led us in the pledge. There were 24 members present. Over 20 Park Manor residents came to listen to John Jay Hooker speak. We had no officer's reports since John Jay Hooker spoke until 2 pm.

Our Program: Our Program was a Presentation by Jay Hooker. He told us his life story and the history of the federal and state constitution. His main point is that candidates for office are bought through campaign contributions. He does not think that the supreme court decision to allow corporations to make contributions is an abuse of power and is unconstitutional.

August Program: On Monday August 9th we will meet at **Park Manor** for a full lunch (Meat & 3 with salad & drink including tax & tip for only **\$11.00**) at noon. Plan to be there at the **Park Manor, 115 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37205.** Lunch at 12:00 PM with Chapter Meeting to follow at 1:00 PM. Our Program **Congressman Jim Cooper.**

Directions: From the West or North get on 440 (Knoxville) and turn right off on Exit 1A and Bear right onto US-70S go 1.6 miles and turn left onto SR-155 (Woodmont Blvd.) then turn right to 115 Woodmont at Park Manor.

Directions: From South and East get on 440 (Memphis) and turn right off on Exit 1 and take ramp (left) onto US-70S go 1.6 miles and turn left onto SR-155 (Woodmont Blvd.) then turn right to 115 Woodmont at Park Manor.



Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of July 12th in Checking at SunTrust is **\$1,844.79** our CD at SunTrust is **\$925.76**, for a Total of **\$2,770.55**

~~ Submitted by Pat Hagerty – Treasurer

Why the Current Resident in the address? The USPS changed their requirements for Bulk Mail in January 2010 and they finally caught up with us. We would have to send out an additional mailing every quarter to validate the addresses at regular mail rates or we can use the **Current Resident** and continue to do as we have in the past. It is the cheapest method for us to meet their requirements.

Status of Current Legislation: for July 12th



Every Month is NARFE PAC Month



Bill Name	Number of Sponsors
S. 491 - Premium Conversion To allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.	48 (19 R, 2 I, 27 D)
S. 484 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	31 (4 R, 1 I, 26 D)
H.R. 1203 - Premium Conversion - To allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.	210 (69 R, 141 D)
H.R. 235 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	324 (107 R, 217 D)

Legislative Report

As the time gets closer to when the fiscal commission will make their recommendations to the Congress, NARFE President Margaret Baptiste testified before the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform on June 30th. She urged the 18 member bipartisan commission to protect the compensation and retirement value of benefits for federal workers, retirees and their spouses and survivors. She pointed out that federal retirement and health benefits differ from other entitlements programs. The significant difference being civil service and retirement and health benefits are earned by employees. These benefits are designed to attract and retain a skilled workforce. She noted that we are all concerned about the fiscal future we face, however the cost of federal retirement programs will barely increase as a share of the Gross Domestic Product.

~~ Submitted by Glenn Turner - Legislative Chair

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IMPORTANT DATED MATERIAL
DELIVER BY August 7, 2010

Current Resident or



Sunshine Report:

Laurine Kroutter feels she's improving slowly but surely - has been at McKendree since November 1 and really misses the NARFE meetings and her own home. Call her at 871-8644 - she is delightful to talk with.

Johnnie Elliott did not answer her phone, but her niece says she's doing pretty well except for losing her strength. She is pleasant and upbeat when you talk with her but just can't remember things. She is at Park Place Retirement Center, Assisted Living Apt. 241, 31 Executive Park Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075, and she enjoys receiving mail. Her phone is 824-7928.

Send a card to **Agnes Wells** at 4206 Stammer Place, Apt. 201, Nashville, TN 37215-3320, and let her know how much we miss her. I told her nobody keeps up with who has perfect attendance, and we don't have a jackpot drawing, so we really do miss her! I tried calling **Annie Twyman**, who hasn't been in a long time, but her phone has been disconnected - if anyone knows how to contact her, please let me know.

~~ Submitted by Mary Lee Fielder~~

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Prices Decline in June

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) decreased 0.1 percent during June. Released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov/cpi or 202/691-6994) on July 16, the CPI-W for June is 213.839. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment), the index is still 0.8 percent below the 2008 third quarter average (due to price deflation, in the past measurement year, the 2008 third quarter average is still the point of comparison) base index of 215.5. July consumer price indices will be released Friday, August 13, 2010.

Benefits awarded under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) to individuals suffering work-related injuries or illnesses, are adjusted according to each calendar year's percentage change in the CPI-W. June's index, 213,839 is 1.0 percent higher than the December 2009 index, 211.703.

Membership: As of **July 19th** we have **349** Chapter Members (voting) 394 Total. As of **July 7th**, 2 New Member (Eva North and Judith T Ullrich), **9** Members sent Second Renewal Notice, **9** Members Dropped for Non-Renewal.

New Membership Incentive Program: 2 Member send second Renewal Notice.

Volunteering Opportunity

FLYING ACES

Volunteers are needed at the Nashville International Airport to greet passengers and visitors and to assist them in navigating the airport smoothly. The Airport is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The Flying Aces are asked to work one four-hour shift weekly based on their schedule and on the needs of the airport. Uniform blazers, vests and shirts/blouses & turtlenecks are provided by the Airport Authority. Lockers will be provided to stow personal items during a workers shift.

*For more information on this **Golden Opportunity**, please contact Eileen at 743-3426 or ewollam@fiftyforward.org.*