



Nashville Chapter 227, Newsletter (July 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.

June Program: On Monday June 14th our meeting was called to order by President – Nancy Wells at 12:45 PM. Invocation by Marie Anglin, Days make you Happy and days make you wise. Rainbows - takes rain and sunshine to make a Rainbow a mix of adversity plus other necessities of life. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Val Brooks. There were 27 members present. Visitors; Sherry Gaines, Ardelle Langdon, Marilyn Gilley, Members but had not been to meeting in long time Frances Matlock, Werdna Moss.

Our Program: Our Program was a Presentation by George Cate - Lawyer educated at East High School Nashville, Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt Law School. Mr. Cate brought out the benefits of wills, living wills, durable power of attorney and the need to keep the legal documents updated for the benefits of survivors.

July Program: On Monday July 12th 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 is John Jay Hooker and the talk is "Fidelity to the Constitution".

For the August 9, 2010 meeting we have **Congressman Jim Cooper**. We want to let everyone know that Congressman Cooper is coming in August so we will have a good turnout.

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.

New E-Mail Address for Member Records

NARFE's Member Records office handles a host of member inquiries on a daily basis. Included in these contacts are change of address requests, dues inquiries and chapter assignments. Effective June 1, 2010, the e-mail address for the Member Records office will change from memsrvcs@narfe.org to memberrecords@narfe.org. The toll-free number – 800-456-8410 – remains the same. Be sure to make a note of the new e-mail address as well as the phone number so you will have them on hand if you need to contact Member Records.

Status of Current Legislation: for June 14th



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.	208 (70 R, 138 D)
H.R. 235 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision	315 (104 R, 211 D)

Legislative Report

Members of the House and Senate are searching for ways to cut the federal budget. Current federal workers and federal retirees are targets of our representatives. Current federal workers barely escaped a freeze in pay. This was an attempt to deny federal employees a 1.4 percent pay increase in 2011. As the search for spending cuts goes on, federal retirees are vulnerable. The national Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform's mandate is to scrutinize all federal spending – including federal retirement. We are therefore urged to use the legislative Action Center on the NARFE Web site to send a message to our Representatives and two Senators.

~~ Submitted by Glenn Turner - Legislative Chair

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Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of May 10th in Checking at SunTrust is **\$1,645.82** our CD at SunTrust is **\$925.76**, for a Total of **\$2,571.58**

Treasurer Report:

~~ Submitted by Pat Hagerty – Treasurer

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IMPORTANT DATED MATERIAL
DELIVER BY July 10, 2010



Sunshine Report:

Edwin Fulcher fell and broke a leg when checking on water in the basement during the flood. He is at home and doing quite well now. Call him at 262-2963. **Evelyen Hiland**, who along with husband George prepared our newsletter for mailing for several years, has trouble with her feet and doesn't drive except in the neighborhood. She was on her feet working for the post office for years, and is now paying a price. Her number is 373-5028. **Alma Smith** was one of our most faithful members but doesn't drive now and depends on a sister for transportation. She would enjoy talking with you and hopes to attend our Christmas lunch. Call her at 859-0413. **Chris Wasson**, our former Sunshine Chairman, fell June 16 but didn't break any bones and is slowly gaining strength. Her phone number is 227-3064. **Ralph York**, former president of our chapter, is doing okay and hopes to get back to the meetings soon - call him at 373-3747 and let him know we miss him. All these dear folks were faithful as long as they were able or until circumstances changed, and we need to keep in touch with them--we really do need each other!

~~ Submitted by Mary Lee Fielder~~

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Prices Rise in May

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.1 percent during May. Released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov/cpi or 202/691-6994) on June 17, the CPI-W for May is 214.124. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment), the index is still **0.6 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. June consumer price indices will be released Friday July 16, 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. May's index, 214.124 is **1.1 percent higher** than the December 2009 index, 211.703.

Membership: As of **April 19th** we have **357** Chapter Members (voting) 403 Total. As of **June 7th**, 1 New Member (Edward Arnold), **9** Members sent Second Renewal Notice, **2** Members Dropped for Non-Renewal, **2** New Prospective Members (Judith T Ullrich & Myra Fisher), **5** Member Dropped for Non-Renewal.

New Membership Incentive Program: 1 Member send second Renewal Notice, 1 1 Year Special (Vicki J Redick) and 2 2 year Special (Barbara J Miller & Sara S Milliken).

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.*