



# Nashville Chapter 227, Newsletter (October 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.*

**September Program:** On Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> our meeting was called to order by President – Nancy Wells at 12:45 PM. Marie Anglin narrated a PowerPoint presentation on “Seasons of Life.” Val Brooks led us in the pledge. There were 24 members present for Lunch, Leo Baghdoian provided the cake and Nancy Wells provided cookies for desert.

**Our Program:** Our Program was Ms. Toni Buggs from Project Return Inc., to inform our members about a new program, **Coaching For Life**. Project Return Inc. is a non-profit organization in Nashville, and founded in 1979.

**October Program:** On Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 will be **Jeremy P. Bisceglia from Edward Jones**. He spoke to use before, and has been told not to expect to sell financial products to our group. He will talk about the current economic situation.

We will also have a report from the nominating committee for Chapter Officers, with election to be held at the November meeting and discussion of plans for the December luncheon.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> in Checking at SunTrust is **\$2,095.01** our CD at SunTrust is **\$925.76**, for a Total of **\$3,120.77**

~~ Submitted by **Pat Hagerty – Treasurer**

## Status of Current Legislation: for September 13<sup>th</sup>



Every Month is NARFE PAC Month



Bill Name	Number of Sponsors
<b>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.</b>	<b>48</b> <b>(19 R, 2 I, 27 D)</b>
<b>S. 484 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision</b>	<b>31</b> <b>(4 R, 1 I, 26 D)</b>
<b>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.</b>	<b>213</b> <b>(69 R, 144 D)</b>
<b>H.R. 235 - Repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision</b>	<b>326</b> <b>(107 R, 219 D)</b>

## Legislative Report

On August 26, 2010 we met with Carlie Crenshaw, Senator Corker's Middle Tennessee Region, Field Director. In attendance were Marie Anglin, Val Brooks, Carey Frazier, Glenn Turner and Oscar Krosnes of the Donaldson Chapter.

We let Ms Crenshaw know that we are concerned over current and retired federal employees being targeted for any cuts in benefits forthcoming from the efforts to reduce the federal budget.

We ask that Senator Corker be more non-partisan and represent Tennesseans as our former Tennessee Senator Howard Baker. We let Ms Crenshaw know that we, as responsible citizens were very interested in doing our part in balancing the federal budget however we do not want to be treated unfairly as this takes place.

Ms Crenshaw was attentive and seemed very interested in knowing about NARFE. A copy of our latest NARFE magazine was left for her to review.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, Carey Frazier and Glenn Turner attended the Gallatin Chapter meeting. Brett Carter, the democratic candidate to represent the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Tennessee was the guest of the chapter. Brett is an Iraq Veteran and was a federal employee at one time; however he was not familiar with NARFE. We made him aware of our concerns.

~~ Submitted by **Glenn Turner - Legislative Chair**

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### **Starting in January NARFE will be going Green**

In January 2011 NARFE will start to deliver more and more of its material electronically via the web and e-mail. Hardcopy Magazine will continue for some time, will eventually be delivered both Hardcopy and via the Web and eventually only via the web.

Effective June 1, 2010, the e-mail address for the Member Records office will change from [memsrvcs@narfe.org](mailto:memsrvcs@narfe.org) to [memberrecords@narfe.org](mailto: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.

**Is your E-Mail address listed in your NARFE Member Records? If not use this service and update your Information!**

**Do it Now!**



### **Sunshine Report:**

**Elizabeth Pine**, a member who transferred from Donelson, is recovering slowly from a bad fall which caused a blood clot in her head, incapacitating her for 7 weeks. She is better but would appreciate a card. She is at 1427 Lebanon Pike, Apt. 201, Nashville, TN 37210-3109, or her phone is 248-7882. When she is able to return to meetings, be sure to introduce yourself.

**Chris Wasson** reported a great deal of pain and discomfort with her back last month, but our latest conversation found her voice with its usual pleasant lilt, and she reports feeling much better with her new pacemaker. She sounded stronger than in some time. She will have several basal cell carcinomas removed from her nose this month but expects only minor difficulty with this and believes now she will be able to attend our Christmas lunch. For a lift to your spirits, call her at 227-3064.

~~ Submitted by *Mary Lee Fielder*~~

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### **August 2010 Consumer Price News**

For the month of August, there was a 0.1 percent increase in the CPI-W, an index of consumer prices used by the government to measure the cost of living. Social security and federal government pension payments increase with increases in the cost of living, as measured by the CPI-W.

Particularly, there is a cost of living adjustment (COLA) or increase to social security and government pension payments at the beginning of each calendar year **IF** the average CPI-W for the third quarter (July, August, and September) of 2010 is higher than the highest previous third quarter average, which is the third quarter average from 2008. (Prices declined from 2008 to 2009). If the CPI-W for 2010 is higher than the CPI-W for 2008, that would indicate an increase in the cost of living from what it was in 2008, which determined the previous COLA increase to fixed retirement payments.

The CPI-W for August (214.205), which will be averaged with the July (213.898) and September (TBD) CPI-W figures for the COLA determination, is still 0.6 percent below the 2008 CPI-W third-quarter average (215.495).

*While it is possible that prices, as measured by the CPI-W, will increase significantly enough in September to cause an increase in fixed retirement payments through a COLA in 2011, it is very unlikely that they will.*

Determined by a different statutorily-set methodology, 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 (rather than as measured by the change in the third quarter average). The August 2010 CPI-W figure (214.205) is 1.2% higher than the December 2009 index (211.703), making a COLA for worker's compensation payments likely.

September consumer price indices will be released Friday, October 15, 2010.

**Membership:** As of **July 19<sup>th</sup>** we have **349** Chapter Members (voting) 394 Total. As of **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, **2** Reinstatements, **8** Members sent Second Renewal Notice, **1** Member Passed Away (**William S. Vaughn**) **6** Members Dropped for Non-Renewal.

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