



# Nashville Chapter 227, Newsletter (August 2011)

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.

***Next meeting Tuesday August 9, 2011 at Shoney's in Brentwood.***

**July Program:** On Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> our meeting was called to order by Tom Duncan, President. He welcomed guest and new members Phyllis Brannon gave the devotional. Glenn Turner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. We had 27 attendees at the meeting.

Our Meeting Place has been changed for August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Brentwood [Shoney's](#), 791 Old Hickory Boulevard, Brentwood, TN - (615) 373-0362. **We will order off the menu.**

**Our August Program:** On Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the Brentwood [Shoney's](#), 791 Old Hickory Boulevard, Brentwood, TN - (615) 373-0362 (at Old Hickory Blvd and I-65) for lunch at noon. We can order off of the menu or have the lunch buffet. Plan to be there at the Brentwood [Shoney's](#), Lunch at 12:00 PM with Chapter Meeting to follow at 1:00 PM. Our Speaker will be Life Columnist **Ms. Cheap (Mary Nance)** from the Tennessean Newspaper.

**Directions:** From the West or North, On I-65 South Merge onto Old Hickory Blvd/TN-254 E via EXIT 74B, the exit will bring you into Old Hickory Blvd headed East. Take a right at the first stop light and an immediate right up the hill to Shoney's.

**Directions:** From South and East On I-65 Merge onto Old Hickory Blvd/TN-254 E via EXIT 74A. Take a right at the first stop light and an immediate right up the hill to Shoney's.

**Membership:** As of April 18<sup>th</sup> we have 343 Chapter Members (voting), 387 Total. As of July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 New Member (James Marshall Stewart), 2 Reinstatement, 7 Members sent Second Renewal Notice, 7 Dropped for Non-Renewal.

## New Membership Incentive Program

1 Reinstatement, 1 Members sent Second Renewal Notice



**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance as of July 12<sup>th</sup> in Checking at SunTrust is \$1,960.96 our CD at SunTrust is \$937.98, for a Total of \$2898.94.

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

## Status of Current Legislation: for July 12<sup>th</sup>



Every Month is NARFE PAC Month



**No Bills at this time in 112<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Take action to protect your benefits by sending your message to Capitol Hill! For access to your legislators' bios, their positions on NARFE-supported bills and suggested text for you to send to your members of Congress, [CLICK HERE](#). (Note: By clicking on this link, you will be redirected to a different Web site.)

## Legislative Report for July 2011

There are many issues on the list of possible items being considered in the deficit reduction talks. One such is the way our cost-of-living adjustments are calculated in Social Security. If enacted, this would likely affect our Federal annuity also. This could cost us dearly. NARFE Hq is therefore asking us to contact our representative in congress and express our opposition to any attempt to change the way cost-of-living adjustments in the Federal Retirement Program are calculated. The number to call is 1-866-220-0044. Ask the operator to connect you with your Congressman. Next call the same number again and ask for our two Senators with the same message. Then call the White House at 1-888-225-8418 with the same message.

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

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**Due to the facilities at Manor at Steeplechase no longer being available to us, we will discuss meeting locations and dates as new business at the Chapter meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday may be available to us depending on selected location.**

**On the back page there is a Ballot for voting on a new location for the Chapter's monthly meeting. If you are not attending the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting please mark your selection as instructed and return it to Tom Duncan our Chapter President by August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please Include your Member ID No. on the line at the bottom so we can ensure it was cast by a voting member of the Chapter. Thanks for your cooperation.**

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**IMPORTANT DATED MATERIAL  
DELIVER BY August 1, 2011  
Current Resident or**

**Sunshine Report: Chris Wasson, 227-3064, is**



doing a little better - still has weakness, but is staying in out of the heat and conserving her strength. She would enjoy a phone call, as she misses her friends, and do we ever miss her!

I talked with the niece of **Johnnie Elliott**, who will be **90** her next birthday. She is very feeble but looks fairly good. She uses a walker to ambulate and still plays the organ at times. Her phone number is 615-824-7928, and the phone is beside her chair, but frequently she does not hear it. Leave her a message, and her niece will make sure she understands it. She is at Park Place Retirement Center, Assisted Living Apt. 241, 31 Executive Park Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075. She enjoys mail and would appreciate a card.

~~ Submitted by **Mary Lee Fielder** ~~

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**June 2011 Consumer Price News**

The CPI-W (Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) **decreased by 0.2 percent for the month of June 2011**. The new CPI-W index figure is now 222.522, which is **3.26** percent above the 2008 third-quarter average of 215.495, which is the base figure for determining the next COLA.

The CPI-W figure impacts federal civil service annuities, military retiree annuities, and social security payments because the CPI-W figure is used by the government to measure increases in prices for purposes of automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs) to those fixed retirement payments. The last COLA occurred at the beginning of 2009. There was no automatic COLA for 2010, or 2011.

Whether there will be an automatic COLA for **2012** depends on whether the average CPI-W for the third quarter (July, August, and September) of 2011 is higher than the highest previous third quarter average, which is the third quarter average from 2008. (Prices declined from 2008 to 2009, and while they rose from 2009 to 2010, they did not return to the 2008 level).

If the CPI-W were to remain unchanged through the third quarter of this year, it would translate into a 3.3 percent increase to Civil Service Retirement System annuities and a 2.3 percent increase to Federal Employees Retirement System annuities. Nonetheless, it is unlikely that the CPI will remain completely static through the next three months – it could continue to go up or it could go down.

**Ballot for new Chapter Meeting Location** Please **circle your choice & include your ID #**, then cut along dotted line and return Ballot to **Tom Duncan, 1115 Wilson Pike Brentwood, TN 37027-6736 by Aug 5, 2011**

We must decide on a new meeting place for our NARFE Nashville Chapter monthly meetings. The following restaurants have been suggested:

**NEROS IN GREEN HILLS**

**SUNSET GRILL IN THE HILLSBORO VILLAGE AREA**

**SHONEYS IN BRENTWOOD**

**PICADILLY CAFETERIA ON MURFREESBORO ROAD**

Please circle the restaurant of your choice.

It is believed we will be ordering off the menu at each place. **Sunset Grill is only available to us on Tuesdays.**

**Membership ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_