



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND
RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER 105, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Long years of public service for our country with dedication
honor**

NOVEMBER 2009

President's Corner

It's Time to Party

December is just around the corner and Santa Claus is coming to town. You can bring your Christmas list to the Wilora Lake Lodge on Saturday, at 11:30 am on December 12, 2009. Santa will be there to spread Christmas cheer. Believe me, you don't want to miss seeing this Santa Claus. Everyone who brings a gift will receive a gift. The luncheon buffet will offer the traditional Christmas feast at only \$17.50 per person. Paul Sams will entertain us with his wit, charm, and Christmas jokes. Ann Dallas Jordan, accompanied by Jim Flanders on the piano, will lead us in singing Christmas carols. It should be a lot of fun.. Bring a friend and spread the Christmas cheer.

December is our NARFE Chapter 105's month to thank our Maker for our many blessing and for his protection throughout the past year and the coming New Year. Times are tough for our nation. Our association and many of our members are also suffering as a result of the economy bust. We always have a few renegade Senators and Representatives who try to save a buck by offering new ways to clip federal employees' and retirees' benefits. The lack of income increases and the escalating rise in health care cost continue to cut into our pensions. We can thank our Maker that so far federal employees' salaries and retiree annuities have not suffered direct cuts. All in all we have a lot to be grateful for. Join us as we celebrate our good fortune at this year's Christmas party.

Bill Austin, President, 704 0846-1945, billaustin@carolina.rr.com

TREASURER'S REPORT for period ending October 31,2009:

Balance on hand last report \$3440.88.
Receipts: \$419.00. Disbursements \$405.28. Balance on hand \$3453.60.
Obligations:\$2749.50. Balance on hand for use \$704.10

Margaret Malley, Treasurer

ALZHEIMER'S

Members of Chapter 0105, YOU ARE THE GREATEST! Your generosity is outstanding. Between the ½ and ½ game that is played at the Monthly meeting and the bakeless cake sale. you donated \$2209.00!!!! The Holiday Season is right around the corner. Many of you can't attend the monthly meetings because of illness, we miss you. Make your voices heard by making a donation to Alzheimer's Research.

It will help to find a cure for this devastating disease and will be of help to you personally because, the donation is tax deductible. I hope to see you at The Christmas Party. If I don't please let me wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Margaret Malley, Alzheimer's Coordinator.

STATE LEGISLATION

Military veterans and active-duty service members will be able to eat for free at any Applebee's across the U.S. on Veterans Day, Wed., Nov. 11, 2009. Guests will be asked to show one or more of the following as proof of service: a U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, a photograph in uniform, or wearing a uniform in person. For more information about Veterans Day at Applebee's, visit the Applebee's website at www.applebees.com/vetsday.

Jean Snellings, State LCO 704-553-1713

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome new members:

Ms. Fredda Kimball (Charlotte), Ms. Sandra R. McClendon (Matthews), Ms. Madeline C. Aldrich (Charlotte) and Mr. Paul Jones (Charlotte).

Transferring to Chapter 105 from another chapter: From Chapter 1405 Willie L. Alston (Charlotte).

Condolences to the families of Robert L. Wallace (Waxhaw) and Esther Hankins (Charlotte).

David Wilson, Membership Chair. 704 889-7571

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

As of late October, there are several items of importance on the legislative front. For current employees, a two percent "default" pay increase will take effect if Congress does not act before January 2010. This increase would result because of the continuing national emergency in place since the terrorist attacks on "911" & because of the current economic crisis. President Obama invoked these emergencies on August 31. The two percent increase has been passed by the House and is part of the president's 2010 budget. The Senate Appropriations Committee has included a 2.9 percent increase in its version of the bill passed by the House. However, both increases are less than the 3.4 percent budgeted for military personnel.

The second item concerns President Obama's support of a \$250 onetime payment to both Social Security (SS) recipients and federal retirees and survivors, including Civil Service Retirement System annuitants who are not eligible to receive Social Security. The one time payment is a response to the negative inflation during the last 12 months , which would not result in a cost-of living adjustment for SS recipients and federal retirees.

Vince Comparato, Legislative Chair 704-542-3920

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has selected the following persons for the elected Officers for Charlotte Chapter 105 to serve during the year of 2010.

PRESIDENT	Bill Austin
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	Vincent Comparato
2 nd VICE PRESIDENT	Victor Wu
SECRETARY	Jean Snellings
ASST. SECRETARY	Bernice Breeden
TREASURER	Margaret Malley
ASST. TREASURER	Nancy Kelly

Nominees will be announced to the Chapter at the October Chapter meeting. Voting will take place at the Chapter meeting in November.

Bill Ritchie, Chairman
Past Presidents members of committee

NARFE CHRISTMAS MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2009

This is the last newsletter for this year. Please mark your calendar, and plan to attend your Christmas meeting, and lunch buffet at Wilora Lake Lodge. Our Thanks to Wilora Lakes for letting us meet in their facility.

Arrive 11:00-11:30

A buffet lunch in the lovely dining room serving at 12:00 noon.

Price for Lunch - \$17.50 per person = \$35.00 per couple.

Please send check payable to NARFE CHAPTER 105 to MRS.W.I. RITCHIE- 16525 MARVIN RD. CHARLOTTE, N.C. 28277 on or before November 16, 2009.

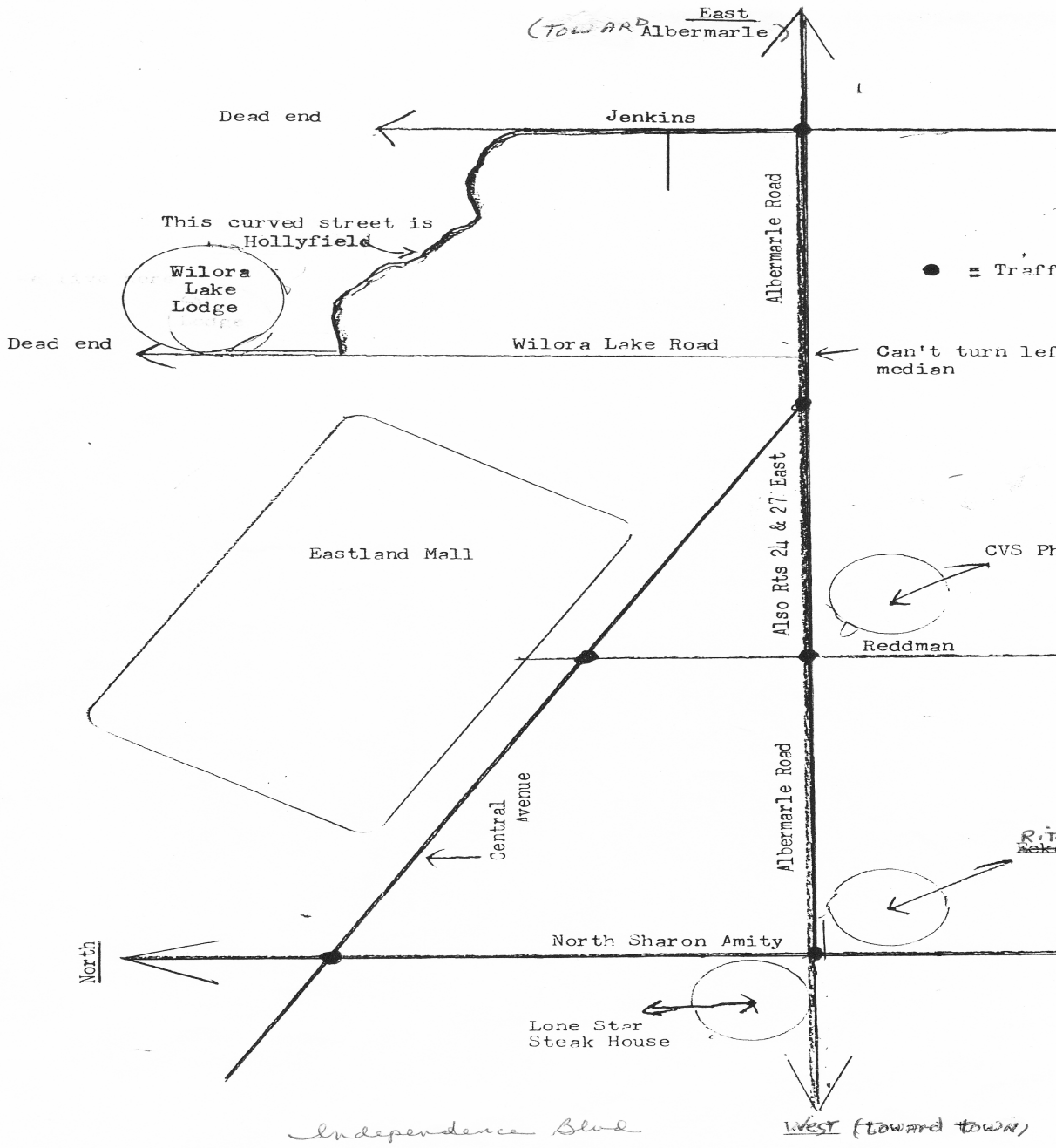
Please write name(s) of those attending on check or (enclose), so we can make name tags.

Remember to bring a wrapped gift to exchange (\$7.00-\$10.00), you will receive a ticket, when your number is called you will receive a gift.

We will have a guest speaker, and entertainer, Installation of Officers for 2010 and enjoy Christmas carols.

Let us have a large gathering of members and guest attending our Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas and Thanks, **Jean Ritchie, Social Chair**



NARFE CHAPTER 105 MEETING DAY BALLOT

We continue to hear that some of our members cannot attend our chapter meetings because of family or other obligations on Saturday. We addressed this issue several months ago, but a question has arisen concerning the validity of our previous inquiry. Some felt that only those in attendance during our Saturday meeting were given the opportunity to vote and therefore affected the outcome. Please use the ballot below to vote for your choice or choices for a meeting day that will work for you. Just cut off the ballot on the dotted line, and mail it to Chapter 105 Secretary Snellings at the address below.

Please cast votes 1,2,3,and 4 to show your preference for a meeting day. "1" will be your first choice, "2" your second choice etc.

Tuesday should be our meeting day.....[]

Wednesday should be our meeting day[]

Thursday should be our meeting day.....[]

Saturday should be our meeting day.....[]

Mail to;

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