

# NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
CHAPTER 105 CHARLOTTE, NC

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

JANUARY 2010

## Chapter Meetings:

NARFE Chapter 105 meets on the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month except  
December at 11:00AM at  
The Light Rail Restaurant  
8045 South Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28210

## Officers for 2010:

President	Bill Austin
1 <sup>st</sup> V. President	Vincent Comparato
2 <sup>nd</sup> V President	Victor Wu
Secretary	Jean Snellings
Asst. Secretary	Bernice Breeden
Treasurer	Margaret Malley
Asst. Treasurer	Nancy Keller
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Membership	David Wilson
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Public Relations	Jean Ritchie
Editor	Bill Ritchie
Chaplin	Marvin Bass
Alzheimer	Margaret Malley

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NARFE Chapter 105 - 2010 Officers are ready to serve.

New Chapter 105 Officers were sworn in at our annual Christmas party at Wilora Lakes by our North Carolina NARFE Federation Vice-President, Paul Sams. We have two new officers this year. Vince Comparado was elected as our first vice-president and Mr. Wu was elected as our second vice-president. The list of officers for 2010 is displayed in the side header. Please do not hesitate to call any one of us if you need NARFE assistance.

In 2010, I plan to identify talented individuals within our chapter and start them on a path to become a NARFE president. I plan to do this in two ways. First, individuals will be asked to conduct the monthly meetings. We started this in 2009 and we will continue this practice in 2010. Second, instead of continuing the practice of obtaining outside speakers to help with our health, wealth and the pursuit of happiness as they know it, I will ask Chapter 105 members to provide a monthly program and tell us about their career within the federal service and what they have done in retirement. I know of a couple that I am interested in hearing more about. For one, I would like to hear more about the stenographer who retired and became a private detective. Or, from one of our former chapter officers who is a member of a biker club that does all sorts of charitable activities. These are just two. Please help me identify at least ten more members who have interesting careers to share. I want to make this year's programs about NARFE members. Please help.

**BILL AUSTIN**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**704-846-1945**

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**  
**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Debate on the health care bill raged in the Senate, starting on December 1, with the final vote taken on Christmas Eve. On December 22, The Senate approved a “manager’s amendment”, which added OPM-administered “multi-state” health plans and the following FEHBP protections:

- Premiums of FEHBP and the proposed OPM-administered multi-state plans would be calculated in separate risk pools.
- The OPM Director would be required to ensure that the multi-state plans are administered separately from the FEHBP.
- FEHBP insurance carriers would not be required to offer coverage through the multi-state program.
- The OPM Director may establish separate units or offices within the agency to ensure that the administration of the multi-state plans do not interfere with the effective administration of FEHBP.
- The OPM Director may not allocate fewer financial or personnel resources to the agency’s administration of FEHBP.
- The OPM Director may appoint additional personnel to carry out the administration of multi-state plans.

NARFE supports this amendment as a victory. However, we should note that the provisions of this amendment, as well as any provision of the House and Senate versions of the health care bill are subject to change. Both the different House version of health care and the Senate version will be the topic of a conference committee later this month. This procedure is necessary to merge the two versions into one bill for final passage by both houses & for President Obama’s signature. Assuming this takes place, the earliest that many provisions would take place is 6 months after the President’s signature.

For both current, federal employees and annuitants, a more important vote took place on December 24. The Senate approved an increase of \$300 billion to the debt limit, which extends government operations through mid-February. Regardless of one’s politics, this vote concerns the practicality of knowing that our salary or pension will be part of our finances on time. Unfortunately, congress must revisit this topic in mid-January because these votes are one of the effects of deficit spending.

**Vincent A. Comparato**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**  
**704-542-3920**

**TREASURER’ REPORT**

The bank balance on December 31, 2009 was \$3,746.43. Obligations \$2,940.75. Leaving a balance of \$805.68 on hand for use. The records of the year 2009 will be Presented to President Bill Austin for audit no later than February 1, 2010

**Peggy Malley**  
**Treasurer 704-321-3598**

**ALZHEIMER’S REPORT**

Thank you, members of Chapter 0105. Your dedication to finding a cure for the horrific disease, ALZHEIMER’S is truly remarkable you show it by your very generous donations y’all donated \$2,238.00 in 2009! WOW and double WOW. A cure for this disease has not been found but with your help the scientists have discovered medicines that delay the onset **Alzheimer** continued and lessens the severity of the disease.



A lot of progress has been made; they now can tell whether or not a person is likely to develop Alzheimer's in the future. I don't know if I'd want that information but it could help you make changes in your lifestyle that would hopefully delay the onset of the disease. Thank you again. Your generous donations are not only helping people now, but will better the life of people in future generations.

**Peggy Malley**  
**Alzheimer's Coordinator**  
**704-321-3598**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Welcome to new members:

Mrs. Carol Jane Cook (Davidson),  
Mrs. Charles W. Hill (Charlotte),  
Mr. Elmer W. Burdorff (Matthews),  
Mr. Callie F. King (Mineral Springs),  
Ms. Rosetta F. Cloud (Charlotte)  
Mr. Roger L. Fortner (Huntersville).

Transferring to Chapter 105 from another chapter:  
From Chapter 0041 Mr. John Reardon (Charlotte).  
Condolences to the families of  
Mrs. Margaret C. Boone (Matthews),  
Mrs. Esther W. Hankins (Charlotte)  
And Mr. Avery Dacus (Charlotte).

**David Wilson**  
**Membership Chair. 704 889-7571**

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### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

I want to remind all members, our Charlotte Chapter 105 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, at the Light Rail Restaurant, 8045

South Blvd.. The attendance has been good, but if you are not attending, we wish for each of you to include regular attendance in your New Years Resolutions! The first meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Each member receives a telephone call each month with information about the upcoming meeting. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees support those who now, and in the past, served our Nation through their Federal Employment. NARFE is the only organization dedicated to protecting the retirement benefits of Federal employees, and their survivors. All Federal retirees need NARFE and NARFE needs you.

**Looking Ahead:**

N .C. Federation of Chapters Convention is May 5-7 in Greensboro, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The information should be in the next Federation Newsletter.

Happy New Year!

**Jean Ritchie**  
**Public Relations**  
**704-542-6880**

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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

This is my first newsletter as the editor. The newsletter is the Chapter's way keeping the members informed on legislation concerning our benefits. National, State & Local Chapter matters. Also we want to keep the membership informed on new members, sickness, death and other items of interest. Any member wishing to contribute to the newsletter may do so by contacting the

editor.

**Bill Ritchie**

**Editor 704-542-6880**