



NARFE

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter
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WHEN: Saturday, September 9, 2006
WHERE: Asiana Grand Buffet, 1968 Hendersonville Rd.
TIME: Meeting – 11:15 AM

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Welcome to our speaker for September who is Carol McLimans, MA, Family Caregiver Specialist with the Area Agency on Aging, Land-of-Sky Regional Council. Carol has worked with older people and their families over the past ten years. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS in Medical Technology and from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota with an MA in Counseling and Psychological Services.

Carol moved to Asheville in 1996 from Rochester, Minnesota where she served as the Program Director for the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences Medical Laboratory Technician Program. She joined Land-of-Sky Regional Council's Area Agency on Aging in 1997 as a job developer for the Senior Community Service Employment Program. She also served as the Aging Programs Assistant and currently serves as the Family Caregiver Specialist.

Future planned programs: October, Gems of North Carolina by Fran Roberts; November, A Senior Friendly Community by an Asheville Community Liaison Police Officer.

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR JUNE/JULY

New or Reinstated Members: We welcome the following new members into our Chapter–

Mary Lou Bagwell
Nancy Rivers

We welcome back the following members –

William Cooper
Michael W. Martin
Edwina M. Margrett
Emily Verkouteren

As new or reinstated members to NARFE or Chapter 156, please join us at our monthly Chapter meetings.

Members passed away:

Gladys M. Vindal
Barbara J. Roberts

We offer prayers for the families of the deceased. The memories of Gladys and Barbara will live on within our NARFE community.

Prospective Members:

Nancy Cole
Brian Cole

If you know Nancy or Brian, you may want to contact them and encourage them to join NARFE.

AREA I AUGUST PICNIC

Thank You Hendersonville Chapter 214 for hosting this year's Area I Picnic. Twenty of our Chapter members and spouses joined other Area I NARFE Chapters, along with Federation President Tom Hobgood, Federation Vice President Paul Carew, and Area I Vice President Freida Terrell at Jackson Park in Hendersonville on August 18, 2006 for a good time of eating, fellowship, and sharing. Chapter 214 not only served up a good meal, but also included entertainment from the Sammy Williams Senior Center and both a raffle and auction to raise money for Alzheimer's research. It was a great activity.

BE PREPARED FOR LIFE'S EVENTS

In our July newsletter we highlighted the booklet "Be Prepared for Life's events" (NARFE Guide F-100, 05/06). We had several requests for the booklet. We have more booklets available so if you would like one please call Bob Thatcher (828-684-6627) or Theron Rumsey (828-658-2131).

SAVING MAIL EXPENSES

Federation Newspaper and Chapter Newsletter – If you receive two copies of either of these documents each month in your household but only need one copy, let us know. This is important for minimizing printing, paper, and mailing costs. (Theron Rumsey, 828-658-2131)

Your Newsletter by email - To minimize mailing expenses, we would like not to mail newsletters to those members for whom we have correct email addresses. If you would like a newsletter mailed to you even though you get it by email, please let me know. (trumsey3@earthlink.net or 828-658-2131).

NOTE: Most printers have a 'print to fit' or other 'scaling' option that allows our newsletter with legal size paging to be printed on letter size pages.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your nominating committee is hard at work developing a slate of officers for your Chapter for next year. Please help them out by carefully considering whether you can contribute to the Chapter in this way for next year if your time permits. It has been a great pleasure for me to serve as Chapter President these past two years and I'm sure you would

find it equally so by participating in a leadership position. A healthy chapter needs new leadership periodically for it to continue with renewed energy and new ideas. Also, if you step forward in Chapter 156, you are guaranteed that those of us who have been in Chapter leadership positions as well as many other members are there to help and support. I've found that NARFE members have a strong "Can-Do" attitude, because our purpose as a Chapter is clear, real, and urgent: to protect our federal retirement benefits. Do not hesitate to step forward. You do not have to be a gifted leader or a long-time member; it is just the right thing to do. Theron Rumsey, President

NC FEDERATION CONVENTION

The following final financial report (all bills paid), as developed by John Fragale our Convention Treasurer, was presented to the NC Federation of Chapters Board at their August meeting:

Income:

Registrations:	\$11,975.00
Door Prize Donations:	\$ 1,192.00
Advertisements:	\$ 2,035.00
Boosters:	<u>\$ 5,110.00</u>
Total Income:	\$20,312.00

Expenses:

Hotel:	\$12,000.00
Printing:	\$ 1,414.82
Flowers, Favors, Gifts, etc:	\$ 1,080.82
Postage, Stamps, Copying, etc:	\$ 663.09
Door Prizes:	\$ 596.06
Music/Entertainment:	\$ 410.00
Returned Registration Fees:	\$ 340.00
Repayment, Seed Money Loan:	\$ 222.05
Bank Check Book Fee:	<u>\$ 65.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$16,792.14
BALANCE:	\$ 3,519.86

Balance divided 50:50 between Chapter 156 and the NC Federation of Chapters.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The members present at our July Chapter meeting recommended to our convention delegate, John Fragale, to carry votes forward to this year's National NARFE Convention in Albuquerque supporting - the following National Officer Candidates:

- President – Dan Galvan
- Executive Vice President – Bill Austin
- Secretary – Steve Henderson
- Treasurer – Richard Ostergren
- Region X Field VP – Clayton Shannon

and the following major issues:

- Repeal of Mandatory Chapter Membership
- One Member – One Vote
- Single Dues

NARFE INFORMATION BOOTH AT THE N.C. MOUNTAIN STATE FAIR

At our last meeting, the response to our Chapter having a NARFE information booth at this Year's N.C. Mountain State Fair was positive. The purpose is to introduce NARFE to the broader community of WNC and to encourage membership among potential members. Just recently, I was sent a contract for a booth at this year's fair. Thus, I am encouraging as many members as possible to contribute some time toward working at the booth.

The Fair, as you probably know, is held at the WNC Agricultural Center near the Airport. The Fair runs for 10 days from September 8 through 17. Exhibits open at 10:00 am and close at 10:00 pm on Fri., Sat., and Sun., Sept. 8, 9, and 10, and on Fri., Sat., and Sun, Sept. 15,16, and 17. On Mon. through Thurs., Sept. 11-14, exhibits open at 3:00 pm and close at 10:00 pm.

Please check your calendars and if you can possibly help, please let me know by August 31 with an indication of the day(s) you can help and whether you can be at the booth in the morning, afternoon, or evening. I will then make up a schedule. Please do not assume that you are not needed because others will volunteer. We need as many members to help as possible.

For those that work at our booth, there are provisions for getting free entry into the fair and I believe we will have a special parking area. This means you can spend part of the day at our booth and the rest of the day at the Fair free.

We have been approved for distributing NARFE information. I will plan to have water and chairs available at our booth as creature comforts.

Hope you can join us at this activity. Other Chapters have also been invited to participate. Please Email a response (trumsey3@earthlink.net) or phone me at 828-658-2131. If I'm not at home, leave a message. **“URGENT”** Theron Rumsey

Deadline for the next (October) newsletter – September 27, 2006

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