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The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is the only association dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the benefits of America's active and retired federal employees, and their survivors.

EVENT: CHARLES R. PATTON CHAPTER 156 2009 CHRISTMAS PARTY
WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009
WHERE: O'CHARLEY'S RESTAURANT
Time: 12:00 NOON

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009
AT O'CHARLEY'S

Saturday December 12th at 12:00 Noon

\$16.00 per person including tax and gratuity

This year we will again have our Christmas gathering and installation of officers at O'Charley's Restaurant on Kenilworth Knoll. We will gather at 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 12, 2009. The total cost for the meal is \$16.00 per person including tax and gratuity.

CHOICE OF ENTREE
SOUP OR SALAD

OVEN FRESH DINNER ROLLS

- Grilled marinated chicken breast served on a bed of rice pilaf with a side item.
- Steak tips sautéed with mushrooms and onions, topped with Monterey cheese and served with rice pilaf and side item.
- Atlantic fresh salmon grilled to perfection and served with a side item

Side items: Broccoli/cheese casserole
French Fries
Rice pilaf
Mashed potatoes
Broccoli
Baked Potato
TEA, COFFEE OR SODA

Please Note:

- We will collect toys to donate to ABCCM as in the past.
- Our Chapter will be the only folks using the room in the afternoon.

Reservations are required. To make a reservation you **must** select an entrée and **pay** in advance, **no later than December 5, 2009.** You can do this by sending your reservation to Dan Louderback (534 Bluebird Ridge, Asheville, NC 28804-1040) or make your intentions known by calling Dan at 828-645-9350. **Make checks payable to NARFE Chapter 0156.** Reservations are needed to give the restaurant adequate advance notice.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Holiday Season for 2009 is upon us. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and safe travels if you ventured away from home. Sandy and I look forward to the joyful celebration of Christmas with family and friends and the beginning of a new year. We wish all of you, however you may celebrate the Holidays, a joy filled and meaningful time and that 2010 will usher in good news and renewed assurance that we still live in a great, prosperous, and freedom-filled country.

The Holiday Season is also a time when we give special attention to our favorite charities, particularly those that support real human need. In this regard, NARFE supports two worthy causes that I hope will be on your list of considerations: the Federal Employee Education and Assistance (FEEA) Disaster Fund that helps fellow NARFE members that have experienced loss due to such things as a hurricane, and, Alzheimer's Research, helping us to understand, prevent, and maybe cure this terrible disease process. Coupons for these tax deductible charitable contributions are found in our NARFE magazine. Closely aligned to these is the FEEA Scholarship Fund (coupon in NARFE Magazine) to help students within our NARFE families attain their dream of a college education.

NARFE also makes available an opportunity to support our political agenda through contributions to NARFE's PAC Fund. This makes possible our collective financial support of the election process of political leaders (to the House or Senate) who apply for funds and are aligned with the agenda of NARFE. There is also a coupon in our magazine for NARFE-PAC (not a tax deductible item).

This year has been one of frustration, concern, and uncertainty with huge issues related to our economy and health care. An immediate need for all NARFE members is to contact Senators Burr and Hagen, urging them to support quick passage of legislation to prevent a Medicare Part B premium increase for non-Social Security federal retirees this year. This has already been passed overwhelmingly in the House (H.B. 3631).

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Christmas party this year. To me, this is a celebration of the season as well as a celebration of our past year and the start of a new year as we install the officers that will lead our chapter in 2010. Please come and be a part of that annual activity.

Theron Rumsey, President

