



who wants to be involved in this important discussion/evaluation, just contact President Rumsey so we have a headcount for our host facility. We welcome any and all ideas, suggestion, and critiques.

Theron Rumsey, Chapter President

P.S. Please contact me, or any of our Chapter's leadership team, with suggestions for programs at our chapter meetings in 2011.

**USE THE INTERNET**

At this year's National Convention, it was approved for our National Office to "Go Paperless" where possible as a cost savings measure and a move toward using current day technologies for doing business. I thank all Chapter 156 members who are utilizing the internet receive our newsletter and other announcements. For those who have not placed your email address on record with Newsletter Editor Frank Quinlan you are urged to do so as a cost savings measure. We do not distribute email addresses and correspondence is sent as blind copies. I also urge members with internet access contact the National Office and sign up for the GEMS, Legislative Hotline, and Newswatch Reports that provide current information pertinent to federal employees and retirees via the internet.

**BENEVOLENCE REPORT THRU OCTOBER 2010**

New or Reinstated Chapter Members:

Michael Grillot      Ruth Palmer

Members Transferred from another chapter:

None

Members that decided to drop their membership:

Clarence Siuda

We ask any member acquainted with Clarence to give him a call and encourage him to reinstate their membership. He is as important to us and to NARFE as NARFE is to him.

Members Passed Away

None

**REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Nominations for President, First and Second Vice President and Secretary** - While the Nominating Committee searched for viable candidates for 2011, it ran into quite a road block. We have over 380 chapter members and only two current members, who also regularly attend chapter meetings, again stepped forward to take leadership positions. We had hoped that chapter members who look forward to and enjoy our newsletters as well as all the membership benefits would have stepped forward and took a position that would ensure our continued support to NARFE policies. Our current President, Theron Rumsey, having served two non-consecutive assignments as President, again stepped forward to ensure our status as chapter would not be compromised. Regulations require that any NARFE chapter has at least a President and Secretary. We are deeply grateful to his past, current and future efforts. The remaining vacant positions, 1st Vice President will be filled by Tom Beatty and the Secretary will be filled by Neva Carlson. In addition, Bruce Habermann, Ted Mathis, Bety Downey, Dan Louderback and Frank Quinlan were kind enough to continue their duties as Treasurer, Legislative Officer, Benevolence Chair, Logistics Chair, and Newsletter Editor, respectively. Thank you Theron, Tom, Neva, Bruce, Ted, Bety, Dan and Frank. All current and

new officers will be installed at the Christmas luncheon on December 11, 2010. Sabine Derringer, 1st Vice President

**DEBT COMMISSION REPORT**

Early reports of pending recommendations from the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform indicate significant impact on active and retired federal employees. Joe Beaudoin, our new President of NARFE is urging us to call our Representatives and Senators toll free at 1-866-220-0044 to pass on the following message: "I urge you to oppose the Fiscal Commission's plan to cut my earned federal civil service retirement and health benefits".

**Impact on Federal Retirement:** Most important to federal employees and retirees, the co-chairs' proposal would "achieve mandatory savings from civil service retirement" by:  
1) Calculating federal civil service annuities by the using highest five years of salary instead of the highest three years;  
2) Requiring Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) covered workers to contribute a much higher share of payroll to their defined benefit annuity  
3) basing Social Security, federal civilian and military retirement cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on the "chained consumer price index" which would result in lower COLAs than under current law and  
4) Requiring federal civilian retirees to pay a larger share of Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) premiums.

**Impact on Federal Employees:** Furthermore, federal employees would be especially impacted by the recommendation to enact tough discretionary spending caps and provide \$200 billion in domestic and defense savings by 2015. This includes a three-year pay freeze and cutting the federal work force by 10 percent.

**COFFEE CLUSTER (NORTH)**

The Northside Cluster will meet at Baba's Kitchen (formerly Wayne's Restaurant), 1469 Merrimon Ave. on December 16, 2010 and January 20, 2011 at 9:00 am. Drop in and stay in touch over a cup of coffee or maybe breakfast. Theron Rumsey (828-658-2131)

**COFFEE CLUSTER (EAST)**

The Eastside Cluster will meet Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the J&S Cafeteria, River Ridge Shopping Center, 11:00 am. Call Ted Mathis at 298-4400 for information.

**Note: There will be no January Coffee Cluster (East) meeting.**

**RANDOM THOUGHTS**

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs' ?

**NOTE: OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE FEB. 2011 NEWSLETTER.**

Deadline for the next newsletter – Jan. 21, 2011

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