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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 DECEMBER MEETING
WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011
WHERE: BLACK FOREST RESTAURANT, 2155 HENDERSONVILLE RD., ARDEN
TIME: 12:00 PM

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011

AT THE BLACK FOREST RESTAURANT

Saturday December 10th at 12:00 NOON

\$17.00 per person including tax and gratuity

This year our Christmas gathering will be at The Black Forest Restaurant, 2155 Hendersonville Rd., Arden. We will gather at 12:00 PM for entertainment and installation of officers followed by a Christmas lunch on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The total cost for the meal is \$17.00 per person including tax and gratuity.

SOUP OR SALAD
OVEN FRESH BREAD
CHOICE OF ENTREE

- Chicken Breast "Hunter Style" (breaded chicken cutlet sautéed topped with Bordelaise sauce).
- Wiener Schnitzel (a breaded pork cutlet).
- Jaeger Schnitzel with wild mushrooms and Bordelaise sauce.
- Sauerbraten deeply marinated braised beef with ginger sauce.
- Atlantic fresh Salmon grilled to perfection.

Side items: French fries Mashed Potatoes
Apple sauce Spaetzle (a type of noodle)
Sauerkraut Red Cabbage
German potato salad
TEA, COFFEE, OR SODA

Please Note:

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

Reservations are required. To make a reservation you **must** select an entrée and **pay** in advance, **no later than December 3, 2011.** 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. If you want to place your reservations at our November chapter meeting or indicate your intentions, Dan will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. *We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party!!*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Distinguished Member Recognition: Many members of NARFE have consistently supported NARFE for many years. The Distinguished Member program has been designed to recognize members within their chapter who have supported NARFE as a member for 20 years or more and have reached the age of 85. Your chapter leadership needs your help in recognizing these special members. Please let us know if you or a fellow member you know qualifies as a Distinguished Member.

2012 Chapter Leadership: Your 2012 Chapter leadership team will be President – Theron Rumsey, 1st Vice President – Tom Beatty, 2nd Vice President – Larry Rhodes, Secretary – Neva Carlson, Treasurer – Bruce Habermann, News Letter Editor – Mike Grillot, and Appointed Officers for Legislation – Ted Mathis, Service – Frank Quinlan, Public Relations – Sabine Dieringer, Benevolence – Bety Downey, Logistics – Dan Louderback, and Editor and Alzheimer Assistant – Lucille Lamy. As returning chapter president, I truly appreciate those who have decided to join the leadership team and those who have decided to continue. Your leadership team will be holding the Chapter's annual planning meeting at the Ryan's Family Steak House near Biltmore Square mall the second Saturday of January, 2012. I look forward to working with the team and with the chapter next year.

2012 State Convention: The 2012 State Federation Convention will be held in Western North Carolina (Area I) in May at Harrah's Convention facilities in Cherokee. Please consider participating as a chapter delegate to the convention and let your leadership team know of your interest between now and early next year. The important thing now is, if you plan to attend the convention, you should reserve your room as soon as possible. Call 1-800-427-7247, use the code S05NARF, and designate Hotel Cherokee. This information is in the latest Federation newspaper.

New Cluster Meeting: Your leadership team has approved holding only two formal chapter meetings plus a picnic next year. However, to provide an opportunity for members to continue to gather monthly, I plan to initiate a new monthly cluster gathering starting in February that will be held at the same location and monthly day as our chapter meeting in 2011. Time will have to be changed to 11:00 AM. This will be a time to have lunch, meet with fellow chapter members, introduce potential members, and stay abreast of information. If there is a more preferred location, date, and time, this can be

decided at the first gathering. I look forward to seeing you there.

Join the Christmas Gala: I look forward to seeing you at our 2011 Christmas Gala the second Saturday of December. Plan to bring your toy donations and join your fellow Chapter members, spouses, and guests for fellowship and a great meal at the Black Forest restaurant. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. Theron Rumsey, President

AN IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS PARTY GUEST

Brittany Williams, who leads the ABCCM 'Holiday Angel' program will be with us to receive the children's 'Holiday Angel' Christmas toys that you bring to the party as you have done in the past. Board games, puzzles, and other educational toys would be great! We are requested to leave the toys unwrapped, if possible. The 'Holiday Angel' program offers a great opportunity to help make a child happy who might not otherwise receive a gift for Christmas.

RECYCLE YOUR NARFE MAGAZINE

NARFE National Magazine is a good recruiting tool. Please leave a copy at any doctor, dentist, lawyer, etc. office you may visit. Wisely obliterate your name and address and pen in somewhere, "Call Theron Rumsey at (828)337-5134 for information." Also, I can use your old National Magazines for other recruiting efforts; please bring to me at our monthly meetings. Tom Beatty, 1st VP

MESSAGE FROM NARFE PRESIDENT

"Through NARFE's Protect America's Heartbeat campaign our members are telling Washington that we will share sacrifice but NOT be singled out for an unfair share of cuts to our earned benefits." Joseph A. Beaudoin

PROTECT AMERICA'S HEARTBEAT TOOLKIT UPDATED

The "Factsheet: The Truth About Federal Pay" and "Protect America's Heartbeat Take Action Toolkit" features of the Toolkit section of Protect America's Heartbeat website have been updated. These resources are posted at:

<http://www.narfe.org/heartbeat/resources.cfm>

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPANDS

At its November 10th meeting, the executive committee voted to establish two additional offices: 1) Special Projects, to handle responsibilities that are not currently assigned to existing offices or projects that encompass more than one office, and 2) Studies Office, to manage information gathering tasks such as surveys. Also, assistants will be sought for the Newsletter Editor and Service Office positions. These folks could fill in during emergency situations.

MEMBERSHIP

The daily cost of membership (with dues withholding) is a staggering 13 cents a day reported last month to be enough to buy a dime and 3 pennies & not much else. Not true! With this vast wealth, you can buy about 3 ounces of gas which will move your car 0.8 mile or about 1,400 yards. Or you could have the entire national office working for you for one day! Tom Beatty, 1st VP

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2011

New or Reinstated Chapter Members: We welcome the following folks:

- James Fernandes Peter Roussopoulos
Sue Roussopoulos Carol Rueter

Please join us at our chapter meetings announced in our newsletter.

Members that decided to drop their membership:

- Diane Arlen Foydell Proctor

We ask any member acquainted with these folks to give them a call and encourage them to reinstate their membership. They are as important to us and to NARFE as NARFE is to them.

Members Passed Away:

- Betty Lou Siberski

We offer prayers for the family of the deceased. The memories of her will live on within the NARFE community.

FAILURE OF SUPERCOMMITTEE

In the wake of the announcement that the supercommittee was unable to reach agreement, our NARFE president released a statement including the following warning:

"However, under the sequestration process that was created in the event the supercommittee did not succeed, many of the services that Americans depend on will undergo devastating cuts.

As decisions continue to be made about the future of these services and the federal workers who deliver them to the nation, NARFE and our hundreds of thousands of supporters will continue to inform the debate and defend against irresponsible plans that would unfairly target federal workers and retirees and hinder our ability to protect America's heartbeat."

Joseph A. Beaudoin
President, NARFE
November 21, 2011

COFFEE CLUSTER (NORTH)

The Northside Cluster will meet at Baba's Kitchen, 1469 Merrimon Ave. on December 15th at 9:00 am. Drop in and stay in touch over a cup of coffee or maybe breakfast. Theron Rumsey (828-337-5134)

COFFEE CLUSTER (EAST)

The Eastside Cluster will meet Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the J&S Cafeteria, River Ridge Shopping Center, 11:00 am. Call Ted Mathis at 298-4400 for information.

RANDOM THOUGHTS THAT COME WITH AGE

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Anonymous

NOTE: OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE FEB. 2012 NEWSLETTER.

Deadline for the next newsletter – Jan. 23, 2012

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