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828-848-5471

It is best to call in advance to determine service hours.

The **Hendersonville Site** is the largest in NC and processed almost 4000 returns last year. It is open 6 days a week.

1800 Four Seasons Boulevard, Blue Ridge Mall
Hendersonville
828-698-6213

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are not trained or authorized to prepare returns which include farm income, business income involving employees and/or inventory, rental property requiring a depreciation schedule, net operating loss, some K-1s, trust returns, bankruptcy, moving expenses or complex equity trades.

For answers to frequently asked questions, go to the following website:

aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide

For more information, call chapter member Marleen Varner, 828-274-4267.

Prepared for the chapter newsletter by Marleen Varner.
ED note: Marleen served five years as an AARP Tax Aide Counselor and two years as an instructor in the N. Lakeland, FL site and currently volunteers at the Deerfield shut-in-site operated as an extension of the Hendersonville site.

**2011 NC FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
STATE CONVENTION**

This year's convention is at the Courtyard Marriott in Carolina Beach. See your Federation newspaper for details and registration deadlines. Important opportunities: 1. Donate to the booster and door prize funds, 2. Attend as a delegate and 3. Participate on a committee. Contact Theron Rumsey at 658-2131 or cell 337-5134 by March 15th to take advantage of any of these opportunities.

COMMUNICATING WITH CONGRESS

Contacting your Representative and Senators in Washington could not be easier. Call **1-866-220-0044** for the Congressional Switchboard. Indicate the Representative or Senator you wish to speak to, you are then connected to that person's office to leave your message as a constituent. Keep this number handy.

OPM HOTLINE FOR CHANGING TAX WITHHOLDING

In response to high call volume, the Office of Personnel Management has established a new Tax Hotline that retirees can call to change the federal tax withholding on their monthly Annuity payments. The number is 800-307-8298.

The increased call volume is a result of a change in federal tax withholding in 2011. Most federal annuitants discovered an increase in federal income tax withholding in their monthly annuity payments for 2011 starting with the February 1, 2011, annuity payment. This increased withholding along with increases in premiums for Federal Employees Health Benefits Program insurance premiums resulted in a substantial decrease in their net check.

Many annuitants and survivors want to change their federal tax withholding and have experienced busy signals and long waits calling the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM's) Retirement Information Office line. In response, OPM established the new Tax Hotline, 800-307-8298.

MESSAGE FROM NARFE PRESIDENT

Washington, DC – Joseph A. Beaudoin, president of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), one of America's oldest and largest associations, released the following statement today in response to the release of President Obama's FY 2012 Budget. "America's federal work force understands the importance of fiscal responsibility – federal employees are already doing their part to reduce the deficit by undergoing a two-year pay freeze. I also realize that the president's proposed \$400-billion reduction in discretionary spending will have consequences for all of us, as will the other less friendly proposals before Congress. On behalf of the 4.6 million active and retired federal workers, we must make sure that federal employees who are doing their jobs for our country don't get caught unfairly in the middle of these consequences. The commitment of federal workers to providing critical services, particularly in these tough economic times, cannot be overstated." 2/15/2011

NARFE AREA I ANNUAL WORKSHOP

This year's Area I annual workshop will be held on Tuesday March 15 at the Clyde United Methodist church. It will focus on Legislation. The meeting is open to all NARFE members. If you plan to attend, let Theron Rumsey know.

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2011

New chapter members & members transferred from another chapter: We welcome the following folks:

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| Harry Dawson | Michael Ewing |
| Sandra Faulkner | Dean Little |
| Beryl Windsor | |

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

Members that decided to drop their membership:

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| Eloise Clark | Earl Greene |
| Vida Reid | Mary Francis Stephens |

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

Members Passed Away:

- None

COFFEE CLUSTER (NORTH)

The Northside Cluster will meet at Baba's Kitchen (formerly Wayne's Restaurant), 1469 Merrimon Ave. on March 17th 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, March 3, 2011 at the J&S Cafeteria, River Ridge Shopping Center, 11:00 am. Call Ted Mathis at 298-4400 for information.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO STEVEN WRIGHT

"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot."

Deadline for the next newsletter – March 21, 2011

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