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EVENT: CHARLES R. PATTON CHAPTER 156 NOVEMBER MEETING
WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011
WHERE: J&S CAFETERIA, WESTRIDGE MARKET PLACE, ENKA, NC 28729
TIME: BREAKFAST AT 9:30, MEETING AT 10:15 AM

In November we will have Jim Buchanan, Editorial Page Editor for the Asheville Citizen-Times who will elaborate on recent changes in publishing newspapers and editorial responsibilities. Mr. Buchanan held positions from advertising sales, Sports Editor, Managing Editor and Editor in Chief at the Cashiers Crossroads Chronicle from 1983-1987. He began as Copy Editor and NFL columnist at the Asheville Times in 1987 and from 1991-1996 served as Page 1 editor and columnist at the Asheville Citizen-Times (AC-T). From 1996-2008 he was Associate Editor for the AC-T and since 2008 he has been the Editorial Page Editor. Jim has served on the AC-T Editorial Board since 1996.

The Chapter Executive Committee has approved the following general plan for our chapter for 2012 and probably beyond: Hold 2 chapter meetings per year - an April meeting and a Christmas lunch – and additionally continue the August picnic. The Executive Committee will meet every month, and the newsletter will be published on the current monthly schedule. Priorities for the chapter will be communication to all members via the newsletter and internet, and maintaining the chapter's service function. A brief business meeting will be included with the Christmas lunch. Meetings will be advertised in local media, particularly the April meeting that will focus on new member recruitment. Establishment of a new monthly cluster gathering in south or west Asheville is being considered. This gathering would be for the purpose providing members a monthly personal contact for informational and communication

purposes. This gathering would be in addition to our current monthly coffee clusters in the east and north Asheville areas and giving chapter members multiple opportunities to meet with chapter leaders and fellow members.

Factors that contribute to the above chapter changes:

- Change in how NARFE members view chapter meetings.
- Chapter meetings reach only 5-6% of our chapter membership.
- Great difficulty in attracting elected/appointed positions.
- Our need to focus our limited resources on serving our total membership.

Question – Would you prefer the day and time for a chapter gathering in south or west Asheville to be the same as our chapter meetings have been or would you prefer a different day and time? Please let me know (337-5134).

NARFE Magazine Project: We are starting a magazine project aimed at placing NARFE magazines in waiting rooms to improve the recognition of NARFE among potential members. If you are spending time in Dr's waiting rooms or similar settings, consider taking a recent NARFE magazine issue to be left for others to view or get your magazine issues to Tom Beatty for Tom to distribute. Tom will update our Chapter Business Card and attach to the magazines he distributes.

National NARFE Photo Project: Our National office is asking members to submit their picture showing their name, title when working, agency, and city/town/state of residence. These will be used to show the face of NARFE, Federal employees and retirees are real and ordinary folks. Several pictures were taken at our October chapter meeting, and If you can email your photo and information to Tom Beatty, he will format your photo and send it to NARFE.

Thank You: In closing, as Chapter President, I sincerely thank you for your support of NARFE. For those of you who have been long time members, you are commended for your long and continued support, and for those of you who have recently joined NARFE you are commended for recognizing the important role that NARFE plays in the security and well-being of retired and current federal employees as those before you have done.

Theron Rumsey, President

Note: Deadline for next newsletter is Nov. 21, 2011

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!!

MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Monthly dues using Dues Withholding are \$ 0.12+ a day; call it 13 cents. What can you buy for 13 cents? Nothing, zero, nada, naught, zip, zilch! Wait, you can buy one dime and 3 pennies or 2 nickles and 3 pennies. Also, you can buy 7.8 minutes on an Asheville parking meter or **one full day of NARFE membership** for which you have the entire Washington office working for you.
- (2) Refrigerator magnets are available with OPM phone numbers and internet links, especially the link for the Retirement Section. Pick one up at the November meeting; first come-first served. Tom Beatty, 1st VP

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