



# NARFE

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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 MEETING**  
**WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010**  
**WHERE: J&S CAFETERIA, WESTRIDGE MARKET PLACE, ENKA, NC 28729**  
**TIME: BREAKFAST AT 9:30, MEETING AT 10:15 AM**

### **OCTOBER PROGRAM**

Our programs in October will be a continuation of the September program and will be presented by Cathie St. John-Ritzen, an attorney whose primary practice area is in elder law. Prior to becoming an attorney, she worked as a registered nurse for 18 years and as a nurse consultant for a law firm in Missouri. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law in 1998. She serves on, and has served on, a variety of boards and commissions that deal with elders and their complex needs. She will speak on wills, living wills, power of attorney, health-care power of attorney and a host of other topics of interest to the retired community.

### **WE MEET WHERE?**

Our meeting will be held at the J&S Cafeteria located in the Westridge Market Place, 900 Smokey Park Highway at Asbury Rd., Enka, NC 28729. When you enter the Cafeteria, proceed through the cafeteria line. We are asked to purchase something to eat. It can be a full breakfast or it can be as little as a cup of coffee and muffin. Then proceed to the private room at the back of the dining area. **Hope to see you there!**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

National Convention: Sandy and I offer a heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for the chapter's support which allowed us to attend this year's National NARFE convention. It is a convention filled with several serious business sessions. It is also fun and educational, and filled with opportunities to meet and talk with a broad spectrum of fellow NARFE members from across the U.S. and at all levels from past presidents to new attendees.

The exciting moment came on Wednesday afternoon when results of National leader elections were announced. The east coast and particularly Region X and NC were winners. You probably know by now that our new leadership team starting November 1 consists of: Joe Beaudoin, P, VA; Paul Carew, VP, NC; Elaine Hughes, S, NC; Charles Saylor, T, MD and Bill Martin, Reg. X VP, VA. My opinion is that our new leadership team will move NARFE forward and work hard for us in Washington.

National dues increase: Of major concern at the convention was the resolution calling for an increase in National dues. After much back and forth discussion, this item was placed on the ballot and the final vote was 72% for a dues increase. Reduced membership and our weakened economy were major factors that drove the need for a dues increase. See the separate item in this Newsletter concerning dues rates.

Nominations for Chapter 156 Leaders: Thus far, our nominating committee has received no suggested nominees to fill out our chapter's leadership team for the year 2011. Those nominations needed are for president, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, and secretary. Folks, for Chapter 156 to be recognized by the National Office and remain a chapter, a president and secretary are needed. I'm assuming that summertime was not a good time to consider these chapter needs, but as we settle into the fall season, I am confident you will consider these needs and whether you want Chapter 156 to continue. **Do not stand by and assume someone else will act. We need you as a member to act now.** Remember, you can volunteer or you can nominate a fellow member. These positions are not difficult but they do require some time, however, it is a fun team effort. Descriptions of these positions were presented in the August Newsletter and if you have any questions please contact me. You can nominate yourself or a

### **BENEVOLENCE REPORT THRU AUGUST 2010**

New or Reinstated Chapter Members:

None

Members Transferred from another chapter:

None

Members that decided to drop their membership:

Christine Radford      Robert Simon  
Pauline Tennant

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

None

### **QUOTE FROM NARFE INCOMING NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

"I will be your voice at headquarters. I will share your input with the other National Officers, National Executive Board, and Staff. A good leader *must listen and act upon good sound advice and recommendations.*"

Joseph A. Beaudoin

