



Newsletter
June 2010

We Must Create regional and federation action plans to aggressively target our primary activities – protecting benefits, membership, legislation, communication and leadership;

We Must Encourage and actively promote the concept of crossing Federation and Chapter Boundaries to identify and broaden our collaborative efforts to achieve our goals;

We Must Improve and enhance our technical and communications skills and tools and create an environment in which 21st century "networking" is commonplace;

We Must Introduce and educate our members to techniques for "Setting Up For Success"; i.e., collaborative and strategic thinking, shared responsibilities, and team building;

AND FINALLY,

We Must Re-Dedicate Our Efforts to Turn "Apathy Into Energy

DIRECTIONS TO JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

Our meeting will be held at the J&S Cafeteria located in the Westridge Market Place , 900 Smokey Park Highway, Enka, NC 28729. Traveling west from the intersection of I-240 and 19/23 North, continue west on Patton Ave. and Smokey Park Hwy. approximately 6.3 miles to the stoplight intersection of Smokey Park Hwy. and Asbury Rd. Turn right and J&S Cafeteria is on the right. Alternatively, travel west on I-40 or west on I-240 and west on I-40 to exit 44. At bottom of ramp turn right on Smokey Park Hwy and go 1.5 miles to Asbury Rd. and right to J&S Cafeteria.

Hope to see you there. When you enter the building, you need to 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.

UPDATE ON REPAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY

In my research, I finally landed on a very good article concerning this issue; it is a report from the Social Security Administration Inspector General to the Commissioners of the SSA. Their objective was to assess the process, and related volume of transactions, whereby Title II retired beneficiaries age 62 and over withdrew their Social Security Administration (SSA) benefit applications and requested new benefits based on a higher retirement age:

www.socialsecurity.gov/oig/ADOBEPDF/A-05-08-28110.pdf

Also a correspondent at UNC's Center for Creative Retirement provided me another reference that displays even more options than the simple repayment scheme:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/focus-retirement/article/106492/Supersize-Social-Security?mod=retirement-lifestyle>

Tom Beatty

FEDERATION LEADERSHIP

Federation leadership elected at this year's Convention are as follows: President – Paul Sams, Sandhills Chapter 1895, Area V ; Executive Vice President – Vilma Geisert, Sandhills Chapter 1895, Area V; Secretary – Gracie Couch (continuing), Rocky Mount Chapter 781, Area IV; Treasurer – Sam Crain (continuing), Smokey Mountain Chapter 1420, Area I. Freida Terrell was reelected as our Area I Vice President. CONGRATULATIONS!!! We look forward to their leadership as our Federation continues to work for you in support of NARFE.

Theron Rumsey, President

A WORD FROM NARFE PRESIDENT BAPTISTE

NARFE members are urged to enlist in the defense of our earned benefits. "Given the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform's mandate to scrutinize all federal spending – including federal retirement -- I urge each NARFE member to use the Legislative Action Center on the NARFE web site to join the 5,011 members who have already enlisted by sending a message to your Representative and two Senators."

<http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/alert/?alertid=14982226>.)

Even before the Fiscal Commission created by President Obama conducts its monthly meetings, some Members of Congress plan to use Town Hall Meetings during the Memorial Day Recess (May 29-June 7) to solicit spending reduction proposals from the public. This opens the possibility that some constituents could suggest to their lawmakers that federal retirement and health benefits be cut. In turn, legislators could gather these suggestions and seek to offer them as amendments to pending legislation before their primary!

NARFE's best defense is vigilant attendance and participation at every Congressional Town Hall Meeting and the electronic cousin, telephone Town Hall Conference Calls. In sum, we urge NARFE members to be cautious of proposals by members of Congress at these meetings which would promote benefit cuts and take acquiescence by attendees as endorsement. Let your congressman and senators hear from you!

BENEVOLENCE REPORT THRU APRIL 2010

New or reinstated chapter members: We welcome the following:

Carol Anderson Velma Hudgins
Jung Noh C. David Rhodin

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

Members that decided to drop their membership:

Ira Bernstein Ruth Janes

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

Douglas Butler Evalyn Connell
Sam Hyatt Lee Leiserson

We offer prayers for the families of the deceased. We will miss them in our NARFE community.

COFFEE CLUSTER (NORTH)

The Northside Cluster will meet at Wayne's Restaurant (formerly Home Folks Café) on June 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 not meet Thursday, June 3, 2010. Call Ted Mathis at 298-4400 for information.

A WAY WITH WORDS

Bakers trade recipes on a knead to know basis.

Deadline for the next newsletter – June 25, 2010

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