

NARFE PICNIC BASKETS

For our picnic this year, which is sponsored by our chapter at Lake Julian, we would again like to raffle off several baskets of various themes to raise funds for the Alzheimer Association. The themes could include the following:

- 1. coffees and/or teas
2. games, such as puzzles, Sudoku, cards, etc.
3. bird feeder items: handbook, suet, seeds, etc.
4. desk items: paper clips, white out, masking tape, stationery, scotch tape, pens, etc.
5. snacks - not too large packages, please
6. gardening: gloves, small spades, books, seeds, etc.
7. gift wrapping items: scotch tape, cards, bows, stamps, stickers, pens, etc.

Sabine Dieringer, Donna Habermann and Sandy Rumsey will coordinate these baskets. Once we get the baskets together, there will be a list of what each basket holds and a bag which will hold the raffle tickets that you will purchase to receive that basket. Now for the fun stuff! We would like to solicit any of the items mentioned above or anything else that you may have in your possession that could be used given the themes or one of your own that is practical and please make sure these items are new and not too big. Once we find out how much we have, we will purchase the rest to fill the baskets using NARFE funds which of course will be replenished after the raffle. Soooo, please check your supplies and let Sabine (236-0080) or Sandy (658-2131) or Donna (667-5705) know where these items could be picked up or brought to the next meeting or bring a full basket to the picnic. Thank you and I know this will be a successful way to raise funds for a very worthwhile cause. Sabine Dieringer, Public Relations Officer

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2011

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

Florrie Hall Mary Stephens

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

Members that decided to drop their membership:

Terry McElrath

We ask any member acquainted with Terry to give him a call and encourage him to reinstate his membership. He is as important to us and to NARFE as NARFE is to him.

Members Passed Away:

James Bouvet Rena Farnsworth

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

SILENT AUCTION COMING

One of the ways we can raise chapter operating funds and hold down the membership fee is to explore other means of income. Commencing this Spring, the chapter will offer selected items at our monthly meeting to be bid on by you. Now to do this, we need for YOU to examine your treasures and see what you could really live without. NOT what you just want to get rid of, but items of value that others will want to purchase to raise funds for our chapter budget. Small kitchen appliances (in really good shape), art objects, electronic gadgets, computer peripherals...or even a computer, lightly used DVDs, furniture and so on are the types of items that will work very well for the silent auction. Please provide any

suggestions or comments you may have to Tom Beatty at 828.298.6161 or tkbpop@yahoo.com.

NC LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS

The following update of NC House and Senate members are provided as you may need to contact them on legislative matters. One significant legislative issue endorsed by the chapter and all chapters in Area 1 (WNC) is support for the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature. This organization was created by the NC General Assembly in 1993 for the purpose of: providing information on the legislative process; promote citizen involvement and advocacy concerning aging issues, and assess the legislative needs of older citizens by convening a forum modeled after the North Carolina General Assembly. The Buncombe County Delegate is Charles Dickens, 828-298-4400.

NC HOUSE

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828-258-5355

District 115 –Buncombe (part)

Patsy Keever – D
17 Braddock Way, Asheville, NC 28803
828-274-0114

District 116 – Buncombe (Part)

Tim D. Moffitt – R
3182 Sweeten Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28803
828-651-8550

NC SENATE

District 48 – Buncombe (part), Henderson, Polk

Tim Apodaca – R
106 Fourth Avenue, West, Hendersonville, NC 28792
828-696-3510

District 49 – Buncombe

Martin Nesbitt – D
180 Robinhood Rd. Unit 3, Asheville, NC 28804
828-252-0490

Ted Mathis, Legislative Officer

COFFEE CLUSTER (NORTH)

The Northside Cluster will meet at Baba's Kitchen (formerly Wayne's Restaurant), 1469 Merrimon Ave. on April 21st 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, April 7, 2011 at the J&S Cafeteria, River Ridge Shopping Center, 11:00 am. Call Ted Mathis at 298-4400 for information.

QUOTE

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts..... for support rather than illumination." Andrew Lang

Deadline for the next newsletter – April 22, 2011

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