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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 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

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

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.

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

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

Walter Adamson James Bradley
Velma Hudgins

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

Members that decided to drop their membership:

Richard Brokenshire Margaret McDaniel
Betty Siberski James Warfield

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

COFFEE CLUSTER (NORTH)

The Northside Cluster will meet at Baba's Kitchen (formerly Wayne's Restaurant), 1469 Merrimon Ave. on November 17th at 9:00 am. Drop in and stay in touch over a cup of coffee or maybe breakfast. Theron Rumsey (828-337-5134)

COFFEE CLUSTER (EAST)

The Eastside Cluster will meet Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the J&S Cafeteria, River Ridge Shopping Center, 11:00 am. Call Ted Mathis at 298-4400 for information.

ANDY ROONEY SPEAKS

I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My comments in this section of this issue are less focused than in the past. There is a potpourri of items that were highlighted at our October chapter meeting that pertain to chapter function that you should be aware of.

Silent Auction: Our Silent Auction project is over and has raised \$363.25 for our Treasury. These funds will hopefully delay any need to raise chapter dues, and use of these funds to improve chapter membership and support chapter meetings is being considered.

Election of 2012 Chapter Officers: The following members have agreed to be nominated as 2012 Chapter officers: Theron Rumsey, President; Tom Beatty, 1st Vice President; Larry Rhodes, 2nd Vice President; Neva Carlson, Secretary; Bruce Habermann, Treasurer. In addition, the following key appointees are: Mike Grillot, Newsletter; Frank Quinlan, Service Officer; Bety Downey, Benevolence; Ted Mathis, Legislation; Dan Louderback, Logistics; and Lucille Lamy as our Alzheimers 50/50 Coordinator and Newsletter Coordinator. Thanks to these members for stepping forward. At our November chapter meeting, further nominations will be accepted for chapter officers and 2012 officers will be elected.

Chapter 0156 in 2012: PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

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

