



# NEWSLETTER

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**OUR AUGUST 20, 2011 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT LAKE JULIAN  
[Meeting / Program 12:00 NOON]**

## July 15, 2011 Program

Bethanne Knudson from The Oriole Mill will speak about textiles, fabrics and designs

## August 20, 2011 Program

**Area I Picnic**, hosted by the Asheville Chapter, will be held at Lake Julian – Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at Shelter #6.

**(Directions: See Page 2)**

Arrive: 12 noon ~ eat at 12:30pm

**Menu:** Pork Barbeque, Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Hush Puppies & Rolls, Tea (sweetened & unsweetened) & Banana Pudding.

**COST: \$12.00.** CALL Dan Louderback at 828-645-9350 for reservations.

**CHECK to  
“NARFE Chapter 156”**

**MAIL to  
Dan Louderback  
534 Bluebird Ridge  
Asheville, NC 28804 (no later  
than August 5<sup>th</sup>).**

**Tickets** may be purchased at the picnic for the **THEME BASKET RAFFLE** for Alzheimer's.

Hope to see you there – Good Fellowship!

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*** *Joyce Armstrong*

Our President urges all to be sure to get your reservation for the Area I picnic in by the deadline – which is August 5<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will give us all the opportunity to relax and fellowship with fellow NARFE members from other Area I chapters and of course to eat some good food.

**Joseph A. Beaudoin, President, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association** is hoping to count on all of us to visit the web site

[www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org](http://www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org)

and tell Washington: “No!” There is a proposed change to the way the government calculates cost-of-living adjustments in Social Security. This change would affect federal retirement as well, potentially costing you hundreds of dollars each year.

Editor Note: As you can tell from Paul's Legislative message and this one, NARFE really feels we need to get on the phone and that it will help.

## ***LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS*** *By Paul Boudreaux, VP*

**NARFE National Headquarters [gems@narfe.org]** has initiated a campaign to help inform congress and the White House of our concerns over possible reductions in our pensions and future COLAs. This campaign takes the form of a telephone call-in. The information they released is as follows:

### **WASHINGTON COULD COST YOU HUNDREDS A YEAR – CALL NOW!**

You may have seen it in the news: As part of the big budget agreement, leaders in Washington are considering altering the way cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) are calculated in Social Security. **But what you may not know is that a similar change could affect YOU and your federal retirement annuity.** If Congress changes the way COLAs are calculated, it could cost you hundreds each year and make it harder to get by in tough times.

**Don't stay silent! Call your members of Congress today.** It's easy and only takes a few minutes. Use the **toll-free numbers** and follow the simple instructions below:

**Step 1:** Dial 1-866-220-0044 for the Capitol. Ask the operator to connect you to your representative's office or supply your ZIP code.

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**Step 2:** Tell the staff person who answers the telephone next where you live so he or she knows you are a constituent, then say:

- I am a retired/active federal employee who [**tell the staff person a little about your work**].
- I am calling because I want to voice my opposition to any attempt to change the way cost-of-living adjustments in the federal retirement program are calculated.
- IF RETIREE – A COLA change would squeeze millions of middle-class federal retirees like me – cutting our already-thin fixed income – and potentially forcing seniors to choose between paying health-care premiums and buying groceries and gas.
- IF ACTIVE EMPLOYEE – A COLA change would hurt millions of retired federal workers who protect America, and it would drive qualified, talented public employees out of the federal workforce.
- We serve (or have served) our country proudly and shouldn't be unfairly singled out to bear the burden of fixing a budget problem we didn't create.

**Step 3:** Hang up, call 1-866-220-0044 again, and ask for one of your Senator's offices, and repeat the script above. Then, call your other Senator.

**Step 4:** Call the White House at 1-888-225-8418 – four calls can take less than 10 minutes, so call today!

**AREA I NARFE PICNIC DIRECTIONS**

**SHELTER 6**

(This is on the other side of the Lake from usual spot)

From I-26, exit onto Long Shoals Rd (Exit 37) and drive east on Long Shoals Rd. approximately 2 miles to Hendersonville Rd (Rte. 25). Turn right onto Hendersonville Rd. and travel approximately .4 mile (you will pass the Black Forest restaurant on the right and go under a railroad). Turn at the first right after the railroad (gravel drive) into the park. Follow the park drive about .2 mile to Shelter #6. There is ample parking.

**! SEE Y' ALL THERE !**

**NOTE:**

Reservations & checks by August 5<sup>th</sup>

**JOIN NARFE**  
**Contact Frank Coperich**  
**(692-4566)**  
**Vice President Membership**

**"YOU CAN'T HELP GETTING OLDER, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET OLD."**  
**GEORGE BURNS**

**CALLERS: Pls note below info and add to or change your calling list numbers. THANKS.**

**FYI:** Anyone with change of address or telephone, please call 1-800-456-8410 and let NARFE Hqs know. Also please inform Lenelle Perry (696-9490).

**Address Change**  
 Ellie Stone, 210 Main St, Apt 12, Naples, NY 14512-9571

**Members Dropped for Non-Renewal**  
 Wynona O. Joye  
 Mildred J. Ray

**Reinstatements:**  
 Adeline Kenny (yeah!)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal Notice**  
 John E. Case  
 Carolyn Entwistle  
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**New Membership Incentive**  
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