



NEWSLETTER

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**OUR MAY 18, 2007 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL {693-6445}
{Meeting/Program 10:00 AM and Lunch at 11:00 AM }**

April 20, 2007 Program: Speaker for April is Mr. Scott Winter. Scott is an experienced therapist for those recovering from a stroke. Related to that, Scott's philosophy is to prepare your mind and body BEFORE a stroke occurs. By various balancing and stretching exercises, on a balance ball, you can stimulate muscle reflexes and brain patterns that are not normally used. Thus having a more flexible and resilient mind and body now which is more easily retrained in the event of a stroke or injury due to an accident.

May 18, 2007 Program: Mr. Robert Wilson
"The History and Construction of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC".
During the design and construction of the World War II Memorial, Gilbane Building Company was the Construction Manager for GSA. One of the projects that I supervised during that time was the WWII Memorial. My background includes 23 years with the Civil Engineer Corps, US Navy, 25 years with Gilbane Building Company and 2 1/2 years with Parsons Brinckerhoff. Now retired for the third time and just relocated to Flat Rock NC.

June 15, 2007 Program:
Discussion of summary, prepared by our President, Paul Boudreaux, on his receipt of your responses to his April Questionnaire mailing. Please return your response as quickly as possible.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

During this joyous Springtime Season of rebirth and growth, it is appropriate that we spend a few moments in retrospective analysis of our Chapter's health and operation. Our strength remains with our solidarity of purpose in preserving and guarding all the benefits that we have earned through our labors. This simple statement lies at the core of our organization. The size

of our membership has a direct relationship to accomplishing this end. As your new President, one of my first observations was that there are over 180 individuals on the rolls of this Chapter, but only about 10% participate in the monthly meetings. This may, or may not, be normal for such an organization, but I wanted to ask you directly about this issue. I have prepared a one page Questionnaire for our membership so that you can respond directly to me. It is an opportunity to make suggestions for improvements where appropriate. This can be an anonymous response, or you can choose to identify yourself in its content (there is an email identification question). You can suggest new items, improvements to existing practices, or ideas that will benefit all the members of this Chapter. It is an opportunity for you to speak directly about your NARFE related opinions. The enclosed postage paid self addressed envelope will ensure a rapid response if you mail it back to me. I can compile and prepare a summary of the results for the June 15th meeting and Newsletter.

On behalf of the entire membership, along with my personal appreciation, I would like to thank Earl Smith for his auctioneering, Lisa Wehrheim for organizing, and all those who contributed so graciously to the success of last month's Alzheimer's Auction. Not only was it fun, but profitable as well. We raised over \$297.50. {All funds have not yet been turned in.}

Finally, a thought to consider: Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "One of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year."

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Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), sponsor of S 206 has a total of 25 cosponsors. Representative Howard Berman (D-CA), sponsor of H.R. 82, has a total of 276 cosponsors. [(Both of these NARFE supported Bills call for repeal of both the Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)]

Representative Tom Davis (R-VA) sponsor of Premium Conversion legislation, H.R. 1110, now has a total of 122 cosponsors. Senator John Warner (R-VA), sponsor of the Senate companion bill, S. 773, now has a total of 19 cosponsors.

BERMAN added NC11 Heath Shuler 202/226-6422 828/252-1651 as a cosponsor on March 29th. Please call or write a thank you to Representative Heath Shuler.

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May 2007 Calendar:

May 08 – VE Day

May 13 – Mother's Day

May 19 – Armed Forces Day

May 28 – Memorial Day



NARFE CARDS: Our NARFE cards have just arrived. If anyone would care to donate theirs to the SUNSHINE ACTIVITY, please bring them to the next Chapter meeting. Thanks.

Hq: Anyone with change of address/telephone, please call 1-800-456-8410 and let NARFE/Hqs know. Also please inform Lenelle Perry (696-9490). CALLERS: Please note below changes on your caller lists. Thanks.

Change of Address: Vernon L. Bateman, 355 Keelie Lane Dr, Spartanburg, SC 29301-3510 (828-692-9759)

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Membership Drops: Frances Honeycutt and Lora Lytle. Please contact them with your support.

NOTICE TO CALLERS:

Please be advised that Marty Kuhn will be unable to notify you to make your calls for May 2007. She would normally notify you on May 8th or 9th to start making your calls on May 14th. Marty will be undergoing surgery/recuperation.

Marty, we wish you speedy recovery and will be awaiting your speedy return to health and to us.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris G. Barton died Wednesday, March 21, 2007
She has held various officer positions in Chapter 214

Germaine (Gerry) Y. Blair died Sunday, April 15, 2007
Gerry, Secretary, Chapter 214 since January 2006.

We mourn their passing.

WANT TO SEE Y' ALL AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL MAY 18, 2007

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