



NEWSLETTER

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OUR MAY 16, 2008 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE CENTER OF FLAT ROCK
(Meeting/Program 10:00 AM – Coffee)

April 18, 2008 Program:

Meeting in Tryon

May 16, 2008 Program:

(Back at Flat Rock Village Ctr)
Michael Wiercinski, Financial Advisor with UBS Financial Services, Inc. Michael leverages his knowledge and experience as well as UBS's global resources to help his clients navigate today's complex financial landscape as they pursue their lifelong goals. {See also handout}

June 20, 2008 Program:

Leah McGrath, Nutritionist from Ingles.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Many of the recent National NARFE publications have been discussing "Public Relations" and how we can improve the general public's opinion of federal employees, both active and retired. As a case in point,

recent news stories implied that millions of taxpayer dollars were misappropriated by federal employees through the fraudulent use of US government credit cards. When you actually read the story through to its end, you found out that only a few guilty parties -out of tens of thousands of honest federal employees using government credit cards - were involved and the amount, though considerable, was no where near the initial values implied in the headlines of the paper. This is the world in which we find ourselves as we try to enact public legislation to protect the earned benefits of our many years of faithful government service. The task of "Public Relations" is one that each and every one of use has to bear if we are to reach our

goal of defending our retirement benefits for ourselves and those that will follow. We can begin with our own friends and neighbors. Do they know that you are a retired or active federal employee? If not, why not? You are a respected member of your community and by your life and actions; you demonstrate what federal retirees are – a vital and important element of your community. This is the first step which we can all take in helping our "Public Relations" image.

Beside premium conversion in the House (H.R. 1110) and Senate (S.773), bills to entirely repeal the Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), H.R.82 and S.206 have record numbers of cosponsors: 35 Senators and 339 House

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Members. Premium conversion is now in the Ways and Means Committee and may never get reported out unless we continue to apply pressure to Congress to pass this vital legislation.

As we all go about the business of our lives, one thought that has always inspired many people - it is to slow down and live a little. Henry David Thoreau said it best, *“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.”*

MATCH WITS WITH SHERLOCK HOLMES – “A Threatening Gift”
Sherlock Holmes had received two telegrams from the infamous Professor Moriarty within a space of 3 hours. The first was a threat against the famous detective’s life, while the second said that he, the professor, had organized a present for Holmes. The remainder of the second telegram contained the following riddle:

He who makes it, makes it to sell.
He who buys it, does not use it.
He who uses it, does not know it.

Watson read both telegrams. “It doesn’t make sense to me, Holmes,” said Watson. “First he threatens your life and then he organizes a present for you.”

“Solve the riddle, Watson. Then you’ll see that it makes sense,” replied Holmes.

WHAT WAS IT THAT MORIARTY INTENDED TO SEND HOLMES?
From: “Whodunits”

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE:

We are all aware of the variety of information flyers for recruitment (and retention) that NARFE headquarters has produced. While we may have picked up some of these at the monthly meetings and used them as tools, perhaps an overlooked presentation of the NARFE mission is at the WEB site www.narfe.org This site is open to the public and gives them an opportunity to explore issues of direct concern to them. Even if you yourself do not have a computer, you can pass on the WEB link information to those you encounter. And, of course, use it and the Federation WEB site www.ncnarfe.info for you own self.

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).

CALLERS: Please note below changes on your caller lists.

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