



NEWSLETTER

March, 2010

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Chapter No. 214 – Hendersonville, NC 28792

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OUR THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE HENDERSONVILLE LIBRARY
(KAPLAN AUDITORIUM) [Meeting/Program 10:00-NOON]

March 19, 2010 Program:

Katie DeKay, assistant to Frank, has arranged for Dr. Seng from Hendersonville Orthopedics to speak on knee and joint pain issues.

April 15, 2010 Program:

Katherine E. Volatile, MD, medical ophthalmologist, from Looking Glass Eye Center (Lead contact supplied by Katie DeKay)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ray Carter

On March 9th three members of your Executive Board attended the Area I Leadership and Legislative Committee Meeting in Clyde, N.C. The Federation President Elaine C. Hughes was among several other Federation Officers. Mrs. Hughes presented several aspects of National, State and Chapter responsibilities. Charles Pratt explained some changes and improvements to the Federation Website that would help with forms, newsletters and other information. The Treasurer Sam Crain discussed Annual Audits and Filing Form 990 with Chapter Treasurers.

Future Legislation such as Premimum Fairness , Wep and GPO were discussed. How we could write Resolutions for Items to be presented to Federation for Congress. There were also Reminders about up coming Primaries ----We all need to Look at Candiates and VOTE!

The State Federation Convention is May 5-7 in Greensboro, N.C. This should give me more insight on the State Federation.

Ray

Legislative Affairs

By Paul Boudreaux, VP

With the highly austere mood in Congress, not much movement has occurred on the Medicare Fairness Bill in the Senate that would have prevented the Medicare Part B 14% cost rise in January 2010 during a non-COLA year for non-Social Security recipients. Furthermore, the Senate defeated an

amendment to the recently passed Jobs Bill offered by Senator Bernard Sanders, Independent from Vermont. This defeated amendment would have added a \$250 payment for older Americans. While all older Americans are trying to make ends meet in a tough economy, federal annuitants are particularly burdened by the 12-14% cost increase in their health insurance under FEHBP. For FERS and CSRS retirees there is also the 25% hike in the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program premiums. These cost increases along with the 14% increase of the Medicare Part B premium have been especially tough on CSRS retirees in 2010.

To bring these "statistics" down to earth in a clear and understandable way, let us take the case of a CSRS retiree and a spousal dependent. They saw a Blue Cross/Blue Shield increase of \$44.38 per month for their family coverage along with a Medicare Part B premium increase of \$14.10 each per month (\$28.20) and a typical \$79.53 per month increase in their Federal Long Term Care insurance premiums. For this CSRS couple, they sustained a \$152.11 cost increase per month

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without a COLA to compensate for these cost increases. That amounts to an out of pocket loss in income of \$1,825.32 per year - far greater than the above mentioned proposal for a \$250 payment that did not happen!

In Memoriam
We mourn the passing of

Elizabeth C. Pearson
February 18, 2010

Our love and sympathy
go out
to her family and friends.

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).

Members Dropped for non-renewal:

Ronald E. Angermuller
Thomas C. Edwards
Rita Johnson

Member Change of Address:

Zoda M. Hawkins, 334 Thompson St,
Apt 132, Hendersonville, NC 28792-2809 (694-5230)

AARP Tax Service
698-6213

1 Feb – 15 Apr 10

SCHEDULE

Monday: 9 to 4

Tuesday: 9 to 7

Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday: 9 to 4

Saturday: 9-12

(No appointments this year.)
LOCATED ACROSS FROM
WALDEN BOOK STORE in the
Blue Ridge Mall

Here are some things to consider when deciding which IRS form to file:

Use 1040EZ

- Taxable income is below \$100,000
- Your status is single or married or filing jointly
- You and your husband/wife (if married) are under 65 and not blind
- Not claiming any dependents
- Interest income is \$1,500 or less
- Not claiming the additional standard deduction for real estate taxes, taxes on the purchase of a new motor vehicle, or a disaster loss

Use 1040A

- Taxable income is below \$100,000
- You have capital gains distributions
- You claim certain tax credits
- You claim deductions for IRA contributions, student loan interest, educator expenses or higher education tuition and fees.

Use 1040

- Taxable income is \$100,000 or more
- You claim itemized deductions
- You are reporting self-employed income
- your are reporting income from the sale of property

SEE IRS FORMS, INFO & INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT E-FILE AT WWW.IRS.GOV

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Contact Frank Coperich
692-4566
Vice President
Membership

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

When you get the membership renewal letter / form from HQ, it would be helpful to respond at the first notice. This saves time, effort and dollars all around. An additional tip - you may renew on-line. However, your birth date must be on file with NARFE in order to do this.

MEMBERS

Save-the-date

PICNIC in August

It is Chapter 214's turn to host the NARFE annual picnic this year.

Watch for details in future Newsletters.

IQ Levity

Q: Why wouldn't the hot dog star in any movies?

A: The rolls weren't good enough.

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Quote from Rose Nylund (Betty White) of "The Golden Girls" –
"My mother always used to say: 'The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana.'"