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Chapter 566 Durham, NC

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Chapter Calendar

NARFE Chapter 566 meets on
the 4th Tuesday of the month at
11:00AM at
**The Golden Corral, South Square,
Durham**

Tuesday, Oct 28, 2008

Chapter Meeting
Place: The Golden Corral
Speaker: Ben Saunders
Area IV Vice President

Tuesday, Nov 25, 2008

Chapter Meeting
Place: The Golden Corral
Speaker: Matthew Coppedge
Director, Downtown Durham, Inc

Tuesday, Dec 16, 2008

Christmas Party
Hosts: TBA
Place: TBA

Never too late to donate to
Alzheimer's/ NARFE
Send check to Helen Hilderman
23 Sparger Springs Ln., Durham 27705



Medical insurance rates to rise

The overall average FEHBP rate will rise 7 percent for 2009, well with the range of increases in other large group health insurance, NARFE President Margaret Baptiste is troubled over the jump of 13.3 percent for Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums, PLUS enrollees will pay significantly higher co-pays and coinsurance for brand-name prescription drugs (from \$35 to \$65). On the plus side, BC/BS will add a hearing aid benefit 2009.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield annual briefing will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, Durham at Southpoint. You may be able to make a late reservation to attend by calling Jaynita Shah, FEP Marketing at 919-765-2644.

NARFE National Convention

Carolyn London, Chapter 566 Durham president, poses with the Gecko at the 2008 NARFE National Convention held in Louisville, KY, on September 7-11. Her husband, Frank London, was also a delegate at the convention.



President's Message -- by Carolyn London,
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Frank and I attended the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in September along with about 30 others from North Carolina. Oh, how I wished that all of you could have been there too. For us it was exciting to watch and participate in the activities that come together every two years to conduct the national business of NARFE. Having been involved in planning our 2008 Federation convention, gave me a special understanding and respect for all of the individuals who had worked so hard in the planning of the National Convention. Planning was geared toward making sure that all attendees had a good orientation to the hotel and the state and city, and that the convention ran smoothly. Everything was so well planned that we actually had a little free time for relaxing and doing things other than the convention. It was especially interesting to meet people who shared the same goals for active and retired federal employees as we all do, and to watch current and potential leaders/officers in action.

Since Kentucky is part of Area IV, as we are, we were seated in the section nearest the podium and could see everything that was happening. Other Areas drew straws for their position on the convention floor. Voting from the floor on bylaws and new rules was particularly interesting. (cont. pg 2)

Welcome New Members

Isball, Max A
 Link, Thomas
 Piere, Rheta
 Shapiro, Joel
 Tuck, Rosemarie
 Ward, Sandra M
 Webster-Williams, Pricilla
 Airall, Clara (transfer in)

Members who passed away

Ritchie, Sara Media
 Toney, James E

Members who did not renew yet

Bius, Joyce L
 Dickerson, Martha
 Fisher, Donna
 Hall, Isobel S
 Pope, Clyde R

Members transferred out of chapter

Derrenbacher, Susan

Current Chapter Membership -- 246**Some Other Useful Numbers**

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Legislative Watch – Be ALERT**HR-1110 and S-773 Health Premium Conversion
HR-82 and S-206 GPO and WEP repeal**

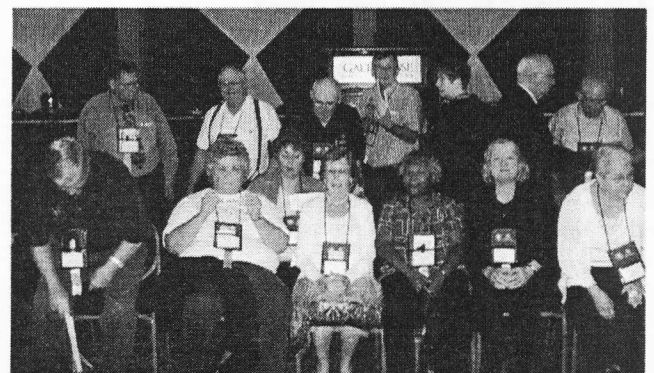
There is no hope these bills will be passed by the current Congress. It is important to stay alert during the coming year as Congress grapples with the budget and may try to cut some of our benefits, perhaps delay or cut out our next COLA. They may also seek to make us pay a larger share for our health insurance.

It can happen again

During the budget crises of the 1980's and 1990's, federal retirees lost \$50 billion in deferred, reduced and cancelled cost-of-living adjustments, while 40 million Social Security beneficiaries never missed a dime's worth of COLAs, according to Daniel Adcock, NARFE legislative director. In 1994, 1995 and 1996, the COLA's were delayed three months to save money.



Elaine Hughes, Amelia Carew, Carolyn London



The NC delegation at the Convention
 [Convention pictures by Frank London]



Vice President's Program Notes
by Fred Hawkins
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October – The speaker for October 28 will be Bennie Saunders, Area IV vice president.

November The speaker for November 25 will be Matthew Coppedge, Director of Marketing for Downtown Durham, Inc.

December – Plans for a Christmas party to be on December 16. Stay tuned for time and place to be announced – or call Fred

President's Message (cont. from pg 1)

Attendees were allowed to stand up and speak for or against bylaws before we had a voice vote. It was sometimes difficult to keep up, but each day we had a newsletter that recapped all that had happened the day before.

A highlight of the convention was the Alzheimer's Report... NARFE had contributed in excess of \$8 million dollars to Alzheimer's Research and we funded 6 Scientist positions to conduct research in 2008. New medications are being discovered and positive progress is being made through research. A goal was set to reach \$9 Million dollars by NARFE's 90th birthday in 2011. You have just received a letter from our Chapter Alzheimer's Committee asking for contributions. Please give as generously as you can to help NARFE reach this goal and to assist in a cure for this dreaded disease of the elderly.

30th National Convention Highlights

Election results:

Margaret Baptiste was reelected Vice President by acclamation; Joe Beaudoin, former Area X NVP is now National Vice President, Paul Carew, NC federation immediate past president is now Area X National Vice President

Bylaws

Honorary membership that suspends payment of National dues for over-age 85 members with 20 year service, is discontinued. Future ones will be classified as "Distinguished Members" and honored with a pin and certificate of appreciation, but will continue to pay dues. Current Honorary members will be grandfathered in, but may become "Distinguished members by resuming payment of dues..

Other notes

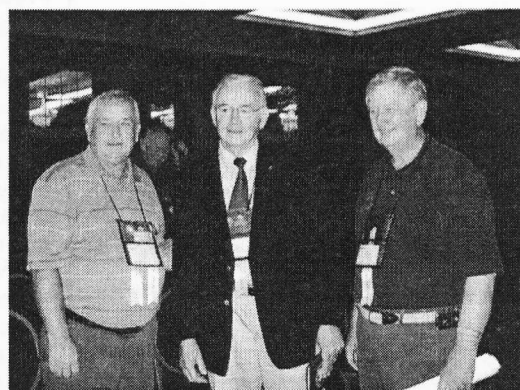
- Single Dues Option was defeated.
- Proposal to abolish the office of National Vice President was defeated.
- The 2010 convention will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- The 2012 Convention will be held at the Nugget in Sparks/Reno, Nevada. Beginning in 2014, site selection will be determined by the Executive Board.

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Helen Stopinski, Secretary, Fred Hawkins, 1st Vice President, Carolyn London, President, Arnetta Wicker, Treasurer.
Missing: Marie Kinney, 2nd Vice President

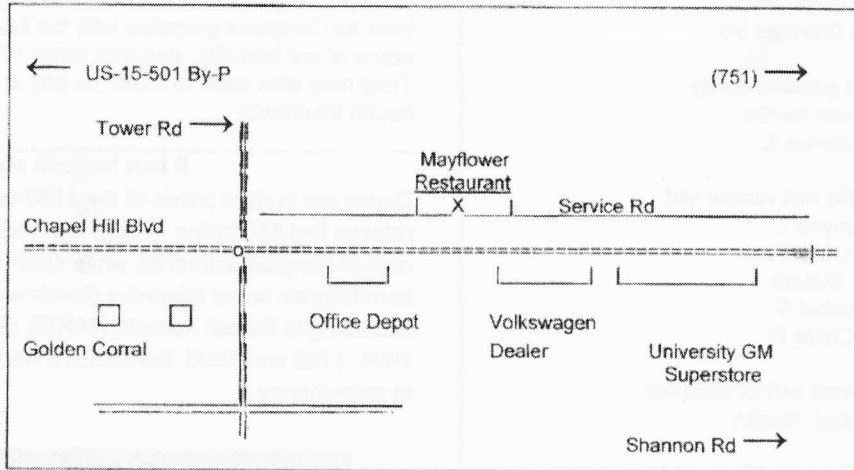


Paul Sams, Paul Carew and Bill Austin
At the National Convention

Planning to move? Notify NARFE

1-800-456-8410 or memsv@narfe.org
(Also please notify this chapter at mezang@aol.com)

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11:00 AM – Fourth Tuesday of the month (except December)
The Golden Corral at South Square



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