

# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
Durham, NC, Chapter 566

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## Chapter Calendar

NARFE Chapter 566 meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
11:00 AM  
Shoney's on Hillandale Rd.  
Durham, NC  
Except in December when meeting is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.

### Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Chapter Meeting  
Speaker: Champe Revis  
Director of Development  
Council for Senior Citizens  
(An update on new Senior Center)

### Tuesday June 27, 2006

Chapter Meeting  
Speaker: Bill Austin  
Field Vice President  
NARFE Region X

### Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Chapter Meeting  
Speaker: Kathy Ahrendsen  
Founder and Executive Director of  
"A Helping Hand"

## Conventions

September 10-14, 2006  
30<sup>th</sup> National Convention  
Albuquerque, NM



## 50th Convention a Success NC Federation met in Asheville on May 3-5

An unusually large number, 255 members and guests, met at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort for the annual convention. There were eight delegates from the Durham Chapter in attendance.

Charles L. Fallis, National president, attended all business sessions and addressed the delegates on the second evening. He reminded the audience that NARFE membership is an insurance policy, the best insurance policy they can have.

Only a large membership can insure our voices will be heard in Washington. While the President has not asked for cuts in our programs, no entitlement program can be considered safe from proposed cuts by the budget and finance committees on Capitol Hill.

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## President's Message

By Carolyn London  
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Hi everyone! Do you know that on August 14, 2006, the Durham Chapter will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary? What a happy occasion! So much hard work and dedication have gone into this effort by you and many members before us. Will we exist for 50 more years? Not without the dedication of our current members and those

who will come after most of us are long gone.

What are you willing to commit to, today, to ensure that our Chapter is still viable in the future? We have about 235 members in our chapter and only about 25-30 attend our monthly meetings. What can we, who care about our chapter and its members, do to make attending meetings more meaningful and interesting for those of you who are out there somewhere but whose voices are never heard? Please give us your suggestions and share your ideas with us.

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## Vice President's Program Notes

By Fred Hawkins  
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Our speaker for May 23 is Champe Revis, Director of Development at the Council for Senior Citizens. Her responsibilities include strategic planning, fund raising, advocacy, community partnerships, volunteer coordination, public relations, and marketing.

Having been raised in a multigenerational household, developing support for senior issues is close to

Champe's heart. She knows what it's like to be surrounded by older people who have much to give and long to participate in everyday activities.

Champe holds a BS degree from Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia, and completed the National Academy of Volunteerism's Nonprofit Management series.

**27 June:** Bill Austin, NARFE Region X Field Vice President and unopposed candidate for National Vice President, will be our speaker on June 27th.

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**President's Message**

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We need each of you to become involved in the effort to keep our chapter alive and well. How would you like to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary? Who among you is willing to do a little work that will benefit all of us? We need someone to chair the "calling committee", a Membership Chair, a NARFE=PAC Coordinator, and most of all your participation

I was so inspired recently while attending our NC Federation of Chapters Convention in Asheville. I saw NARFE Federation Officers, National Officers and NC chapter members actively involved in team working, networking, discussing legislative issues, and dedicating their time to improving and protecting the benefits we all enjoy.. Won't you join in this effort?

**Vice President's Program notes**

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After being discharged from the U. S. Army in 1959 Bill continued his federal career by joining the U. S. Postal service as a letter carrier. He worked at various positions in the Postal Service before becoming General Manager and later District Manager, the position held when he retired in 1994.

Bill joined NARFE after retiring from the postal service. He served in various positions within his chapter, including chapter president. Prior to becoming Region X Field Vice President, he was President of the N. C. Federation of Chapters. Bill has a Bachelors Degree from Winston-Salem State University.

**Welcome New Members!**

Bius, Joyce L -- Ferguson, Thomas L -- Howard, William J Mullin, Leslie M -- Rust, Gary A -- Simon, Lawrence

**Reinstatement --** Berkley, Richard E

**Members who did not renew**

Ciftan, Mikael -- Hunt, William F


**Current Active Membership 233**

**In Memoriam**

Johnny R Carter, formerly of Durham

Elsie Parker, well known Federation President in the 1990s, died on April 6, 2006. She was 88.

Planning to move? Notify NARFE  
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**Chapter 566 Delegate at the 2006 Convention**

Front row: Fred Hawkins, Foye Isaacs  
Helen Stopinski  
Back row: Helen Hilderman, Marian Zang, Carolyn London, Beulah Latta, Doris Tilley

**Legislative Report**

Marian Zang,  
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Carolyn London chaired the Legislative Committee at this year's Convention. The following summary of recommendations is taken from her report.

1. Defend, protect and preserve current benefits.
2. Oppose Health Savings Account in FEHBP.
3. Support NARFE's goal to pass premium conversion legislation (HR-994) by the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.
4. Continue to support legislation to reform GPO/WEP provisions of the Social Security Program.

In the State Legislative program, support passage of NC House Bill 1267 that would exclude pensions from State Income Tax for retirees not covered by the Bailey Settlement.



**Alzheimer's Report**

Helen Hilderman  
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Margaret Malley, Alzheimer's Coordinator, announced \$342,000 had been raised for Alzheimer's research from 1986 to 2005, but in this last year alone, \$195,000 was raised.

About \$545 was raised at the convention.

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## Convention

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The first day, Wednesday, was spent in registration and committee meetings, and the first business meeting was held in the evening. After welcoming speeches from Elaine Hughes of the host chapter and Terry Bellamy, Mayor of Asheville, Federation President Tom Hobgood called the first business session to order and introduced Federation officers and other dignitaries, including Bill Austin, Region X Field Vice President who addressed the assembly. Paul Carew, Federation Vice President, introduced the committee chairs. Marian Zang, Rules Chair, read the Rules of the Convention. A reception was hosted by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and host chapter 156.

### Breakout Workshops

There was a short business meeting on the second day, Thursday, followed by four Breakout sessions.

The Legislative Issues workshop, led by Ira Schwarz, Joe Padgett and James Sears, was attended by Chapter 566 members Carolyn London, Fred Hawkins, Helen Stopinski and Foye Isaacs.

The Parliamentary Procedures session, led by Charles Patton, was attended by Doris Tilley, Helen Hilderman and Marian Zang, who also attended the NARFE Website session, led by Charlie and Linda Pratt.

The Membership workshop, led by John Clements, National Director of Membership Development, and Theron Rumsey, Federation Membership coordinator. It was attended by Carolyn London, Beulah Latta, Doris Tilley, Helen Hilderman, Helen Stopinski and Foye Isaacs

### Area Caucuses

In the afternoon, delegates gathered in their respective caucus room to elect their Area Vice President. Edsel Morgan announced he could no longer serve as the Area IV VP. Bennie Saunders was nominated and elected in his place. Daniel Schmidt was elected for Area II and Glenda McRary for Area VI.

### Election of Officers

The afternoon session was filled with committee reports and the election of federation officers. All incumbent officers were unanimously reelected.

### Banquet Night

After dinner, National President Fallis addressed the delegates and guests. That was followed by entertainment by Richard Hurley, a local ballad singer, then awards presentations and new officer installation by Bill Austin.

### Final Business Session

The Memorial Service for members who had died in the previous year was held on Friday morning.

There was a second reading of four Bylaws amendments of a housekeeping nature. All passed. More committee reports followed, including the Legislative Report, written and presented by Carolyn London. The convention was adjourned until next year.

The convention was hosted by the Charles R Patton Chapter 156. Next year the convention will be held in Greenville.

## Some Useful Numbers

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## Know your chapter members



**Doris Belk Tilley** has been an active member of NARFE Chapter 566 since 1973, serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Co-Program chair and Public Relations chair. She is currently the Public Relations chair and has been a Chapter Delegate to State Federation Conventions for many

years.

In addition to her service with NARFE, Doris has long been active in church and community affairs. Starting in 1942, she has held many positions in St. Paul's Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church including church historian since 1972. Her research and work led to publication of two books, "St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham," and "The First 75 Years – A History of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church." She organized and coordinated work that resulted in publication of "Durham County Church and Family Cemetery Data to 1985." For the latter work, Doris has been fondly dubbed "Tombstone Tilley."

On May 6, 1987, Doris was presented with the Historic Preservation Society of Durham's Bartlett Durham Award in recognition and appreciation of outstanding leadership and dedication to Historic Preservation in Durham. She was listed in "Who's Who in Religion 1991-1992" and on April 27, 2006 was a "16<sup>th</sup> Annual Elma B. Spaulding Founder's Award" nominee in recognition for making a significant difference in the Durham community.

Doris was born in Lancaster, PA, the oldest of five children, but came to North Carolina at the age of five. She attended schools in Mechenburg and Union Counties and attended King's Business College in Charlotte. She came to Durham in 1942. She married Preston Roland Tilley in 1947.

In 1954 she returned to work as a legal secretary and in 1956 began working at the US Army Research Office. She retired on disability in 1972, but continued education with courses at Duke and Duke Technical College.

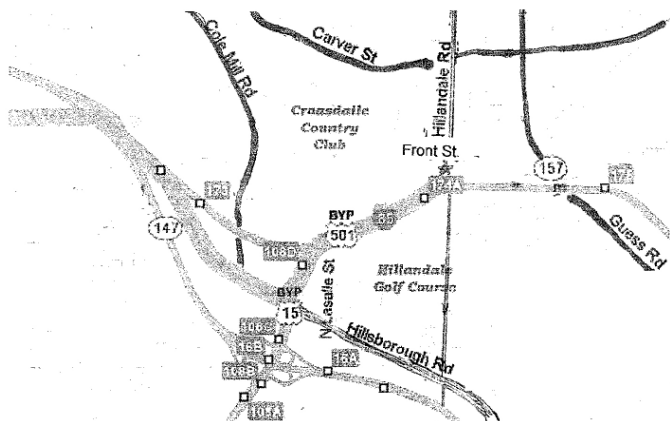
Doris has been a real asset to our chapter.

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