

NARFE

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

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Chapter Calendar

NARFE Chapter 566 meets on the
4th Tuesday of each month
11:00 AM

Shoney's on Hillandale Rd.
Durham, NC

Except in December when meeting is held
on the 3rd Tuesday.

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Chapter Meeting

Speaker: Ronald C. Davis
Certified Senior Advisor

Seniors Retirement & Financial Services
In Durham

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Chapter Meeting

Speaker: Tom Hobgood
President

NC Federation of Chapters

Tuesday May 23, 2006

Chapter Meeting

Speaker: TBA

2006 Conventions

May 3-5, 2006

50th NC Federation Convention
Hosted by
Charles R Patton Chapter 0156
Asheville, NC

September 10-14, 2006

30th National Convention
Albuquerque, NM



National Lobby Week Aims

1. Defend existing benefits during difficult budget season.
2. Oppose the Health Savings Accounts in the FEHB Program.
3. Enactment of Premium Conversion legislation
4. Repeal or reform of Government Pension (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)

If you miss calling during Lobby week – call the next week!



President's Message

By Carolyn London

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The National Executive Board of NARFE has designated the week of March 20-24, 2006 as the NARFE Lobby Week. While regional, federation, and chapter leaders are being called upon to meet and talk with our Representatives and Senators during this week, it is also important for

individual NARFE members to contact legislators.

I urge you to contact your Representatives and Senators during the week of 20-24 March. Thank them for their past support and encourage them to (1) support and defend existing Federal retiree benefits during the upcoming difficult budget season; (2) oppose the expansion of Health Savings Account options in our Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; (3) enact Premium Conversion legislation; and, (4) repeal or reform the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provisions of Social Security. As a NARFE member, you can call the toll free 1-866-220-0044 number to the Capitol switchboard and ask for your Representative or Senator by name. There is nothing to lose and expressing our interests may help us to retain the benefits we currently enjoy as Federal retirees.



Vice President's Program Notes

Fred Hawkins

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Ronald C. Davis, Certified Senior Advisor with Seniors Retirement and Financial Services in Durham, will be our speaker on March 28th. Mr. Davis holds several invest-

ment, real estate, and insurance licenses and specializes in retirement income planning with emphasis on principal protection. He is a graduate of NC A&T State University. (Cont. on next page)

Vice President's Program notes

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Our speaker for April 25th is Tom Hobgood, President of the N. C. Federation of Chapters. A member of NARFE since 1992, Mr. Hobgood has also served as vice president and president of Raleigh Chapter 192, as national and state legislative officer, NARFE-PAC chair, and Area IV Vice President. He received Bachelor of Science and Masters Degrees from N. C. State University and a PhD from Florida State University.

**Membership Report
Welcome New Members!**

Debra Stewart
Jimmy R Herrington
Arnetta W Herrington
John L Horton

Transfers out

W. Frances Watkins
Moved to Youngsville, NC

Members who did not renew

Debra Stewart
Edna C Baker (Cancelled)

In Memoriam

Max W Besser,

A long-time NARFE member, died in Feb 2006
Condolences may be sent to his wife at
3719 Hope Valley Rd
Durham, NC 27707-5158
Also

Helen Carlsen of Fuquay-Varina, NC
Died Nov 2005

Lona C Weisner in Pensacola, FL
Died Jan 2006

Current Active Membership 228



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Legislative Report

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Among the items in the RSC's 74-page plan to balance the budget is a proposal to require future retirees with less than 30 years of service to pay higher FEHBP premiums. For each year less than 30, new annuitants would have to pay 2 percent more of their FEHBP premium costs.

The Senate Budget Committee, bowing to election year pressure has decided against entitlement cuts in programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Federal Retirement in the Budget Resolution they reported to the Senate.

The Treasury Department has again raided the Civil Service Retirement Trust Fund because of Congressional failure to raise the debt ceiling limit. Funds are required by law to be restored once the crisis has passed.



Alzheimer's Report

Helen Hilderman
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Our chapter contributed \$1,842 toward Alzheimer's Research in 2005. This year we have started a 50-50 drawing at each meeting. Tickets are a dollar each. The winning ticket holder gets half the proceeds. The other half will go Alzheimer's/NARFE.

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Triangle Transit Authority is February Program

[Garold Smith of TTA, speaker, is shown at left with VP Fred Hawkins and President Carolyn London]

The final design of the Regional Rail Project is complete and a United Transit System diesel powered rail vehicle has been selected for the first-phase 28 mile, 12 station line between Durham and Raleigh. Ninety percent of the property has been acquired according to Garold Smith. The population of Durham, Wake and Orange Counties is projected to rise 74% by the year 2030 and that means traffic will double on all major commuting routes. The rail system is a major part of long range transportation planning, he asserted.

In a Q&A session afterward, chapter members showed a keen interest in the project, asking particularly about park-and-ride lots and connections with bus service to other areas, including the airport. That is all being taken into consideration in the planning, members were told.

Sunshine Chair

Kay Murray
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Be sure to advise Kay if you know of one of our members is ill or has a close family member who has died or is seriously ill.

How do you like the new format for our newsletter? We are open to comments and suggestions, and we are looking for news items to include in coming editions. We are especially interested in our member's outside activities.

Some Useful Numbers

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Planning to move? Notify NARFE

1-800-456-8410 or memsrv@narfe.org

(Also please notify this chapter at mezang@aol.com)

Know your chapter members



Beulah Latta

Service Officer
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Beulah is a native of Durham, and a long time active member of NARFE. She was born in the house where she now resides.

After high school she attended business school. On May 12, 1941 she began federal service with the Social Security headquarters in Washington, DC. Later she transferred to the District Office in Rocky Mount, later to Hickory and then back to Washington. In 1947 she was able to transfer back to Durham as a Field Representative, a position she held until her retirement on September 1, 1987.

Beulah joined NARFE soon after her retirement and has held offices as president, Vice president and secretary, as well as serving on a number of committees. She is currently the Service Officer and on the newsletter staff. She is an active member of the United Methodist Church. Since 1987 she has served with Meals on Wheels. She is also a member of Senior Health Information Program (SHIIP). Chapter 566 is proud of Beulah Latta

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