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NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
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, March 27, 2007

Chapter Meeting
Place: The Golden Corral
Speakers: Miriam Ross and Kim Kendrick of Feeling Great-Second Breath, Inc. (Specialists in sleeping disorders)

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Chapter Meeting
Place: The Golden Corral
Speaker: John H. Compton, Executive Director Historic Preservation of Durham

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Chapter Meeting
Place: The Golden Corral
Speaker: TBA

May 1-3, 2007
51st Federation Convention
City Hotel & Bistro
Greenville, NC

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



2007 Convention Highlights

Plans are for National Vice President Bill Austin, National Legislative Director Judy Parks and possibly Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue to be featured participants at our Federation Convention May 1-3 in Greenville. Bill will be the keynote speaker at our Wednesday evening banquet. (See the March-April 2007 issue of the federation newspaper for more about the exciting convention – and sign up to attend.)



President's Message
By Carolyn London
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National Legislative Conference

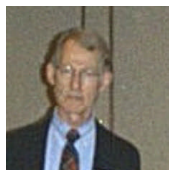
Your Chapter President joined over 300 other members of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) for the Association's Tenth Biennial Legislative Leadership Conference held recently in Bethesda, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C.

The conference is held at the beginning of each new Congress as an opportunity for NARFE activists and leaders from across the country to gain insight from public policy experts, and to have a dialogue with lawmakers about preserving the earned economic and health security of federal annuitants and workers. The "earned retirement and health benefits of federal retirees are constantly under scrutiny as Congress looks for ways to reduce spending". I believe that it is imperative that the men and women who are at the local, grassroots levels of legislative effort understand what budget cuts and social security reform could mean to us.

While at the Conference, delegates heard from the luncheon speakers Frank Luntz, national known political pollster and consultant, and from Mike Causey, senior correspondent for *FederalNewsRadio*. Political stand-up Comedian Bob Somerby entertained at a Sunday evening banquet. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D, MD), was scheduled to speak but had to join the inspection team at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and did not come. His Legislative Director spoke to us and assured us that Mr. Hoyer supports our goals..

I attended breakout sessions on Social Security Issues, Health Care Issues, NARFE-PAC, U.S. Budget., and Contacting Congress, which were led by members of our National Legislative Department. These were very informative and interesting. I will happily share the information with any of you who are interested.

The conference ended with "NARFE Lobby Day," as participants were bused to Capitol Hill for scheduled visits with their Members of Congress and staff. I was able to visit the offices of Brad Miller, David Price, and Bob Etheridge, Representatives from our area, and bring them the message that all Federal retirees ask is fairness and equity in protecting our earned retirement and health benefits. The delegation that I teamed with included Joe Padgett and Tom Hobgood. Bill Austin and Tom Hobgood also visited Senators Burr and Dole.



Vice President's Program Notes
by Fred Hawkins
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March Program:

Our speaker for March 27th will be Miriam Ross, Coordinator of Education at Feeling Great - Second Breath, Inc., in Durham. She will be assisted by Kim Kendrick, Coordinator of Marketing. Feeling Great specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of sleeping disorders. Miriam develops sleep education programs and works towards raising community awareness about sleeping problems. She is also working on a doctorate in Health Administration.

Before her employment at Feeling Great Miriam was manager of Discharge Planning/Social Work at Durham Regional Hospital.

April Program:

John H. Compton, Executive Director of Preservation Durham, will be our speaker on April 24th. John has served in this capacity since 1995. His work in historic preservation began in Atlanta in 1977, continued in Nashville, Tennessee, and in Winston-Salem and Hickory, NC.

In addition to his preservation duties in Durham, John is heavily involved in community services and is an active member of state and national historic preservation societies.

He has degrees in architecture and engineering at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Vanderbilt University.

Welcome New Members

Delionbach, Bernice E
Hanchey, C J
Knight, William J
Matlock, Robert
Williams, Percy W

New under CFE Incentive Program

Davis, Sue
Hopfer, Richard C
McAndrew, Ann
Robinson, Valerie

Members who did not renew

Grano, Douglas
Holstein, Jack G
McQueen, Helen
Moore, Loretta W
Shields, Donna

In Memoriam

Phyllis Matlock

Current Chapter Membership -- 250

In Memoriam

Nellie Daphne Bridges, sister of Chapter member Foye Isaacs was reported as having passed away in early March. We extend our sympathies to Foye and to others in their family.

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

2007 Calling Committee

Mary Ellen Rogers has agreed to chair the calling committee for the current year with the following members.

Phyllis Andrews	596-2636
Frances Atkins	309-7575
Edith Boyd	596-6871
Lee Butler	544-2545
Helen Hilderman	382-0682
Kay Murray	220-5480
Faye Patterson	383-5263
Mary Ellen Rogers	471-9556
Emily Sloop	479-8632
Helen Stopinski	383-5782
Wanda Storch	596-7828
Erma Whittington	489-9689

News note: Juanita Poole has recently been taken to a care facility in Cary. We wish her well.

Planning to move? Notify NARFE

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

Some Other Useful Numbers

Hon. Elizabeth Dole
 120 Senate Russell Bldg. Washington, DC 20510
 202-224-6343 (DC); FAX 202-224-1100
 Web: <http://dole.senate.gov/>

Hon. Richard Burr
 US Senate, Washington, DC 20510
 202-224-3154
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Hon. David Price
 411 W Chapel Hill Blvd., Durham, NC 27701
 919-688-3004 (Durham) 202-225-1784 (DC)
 Web: <http://price.house.gov/>

Know your chapter officers



Helen Hilderman, an active and long time member of Chapter 566, was born in Danville, Virginia, but moved with her family to Southern Pines, NC before her high school freshman

year. She graduated from there and went on to graduate from UNC-Greenville with a major in chemistry.

After graduation, she worked at various research laboratories, including the Bowman Gray Medical School in Winston Salem, Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, University of Missouri Medical School in Columbia, Missouri, the UNC Hospital Clinical Labs and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham. She retired from the VA in 1983.

She joined NARFE Chapter 566 about 1988. She served as chapter treasurer for ten years, from 1994 to 2004. She is currently serving as chairman of the Alzheimer's Committee to raise research funds.

Helen was a member of the Pilot Club of Durham, a service organization for professional women. (No, not concerned with flying airplanes, she will tell you.) She was also a volunteer for Contact, a phone line counseling service. She is currently a clerical volunteer at the VA Hospital Gero-Fit Division, a service concerned with promoting physical fitness among geriatric patients. She serves on the audit committee of her local homeowners association and is an active member of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, a treasurer for her Sunday School class there.

Helen has been an active and dedicated worker in our chapter and in our community and we are proud to have her as a member.

Chapter Constitution and Bylaws

National has approved our updated constitution and bylaws as printed in the November-December issue of the chapter newsletter. Approved copies may be seen by contacting Carolyn London, Helen Stopinski or Marian Zang.

Legislative Watch

HR-1110 Health Premium Conversion bill to allow our premiums to be deducted from pre-tax dollars has been introduced again in this session by Tom Davis (R-VA). **S-773** is the Senate version, newly introduced. **HR-82**, the bill, sponsored by Howard Berman (D-CA), to repeal the infamous WEP and GPO bill that denies Social Security benefits to many federal retirees, now has 199 cosponsors, including David Price. Companion Senate bill **S-206** has 14 cosponsors and it appears our Senators need a little prodding

NARFE-PAC

Under a consultative process, NARFE-PAC contributions were distributed to 259 congressional candidates who requested them during the 2005-2006 election cycle. A full report will be available to federation presidents by mid-January.

NARFE-PAC will accept any amount, but if you contribute \$20 or more for the 2007-2008 cycle, you will receive an attractive newly designed pin. Pins will be available at the next meeting. See Carolyn London or call Gary Schrum at 544-9272 for where to mail your check.

2007 Budget for Chapter 566

Estimated Income

Per Capita Dues	\$2,300.
Alzheimer's Fund Raiser	<u>150.</u>
Total	\$2,450.

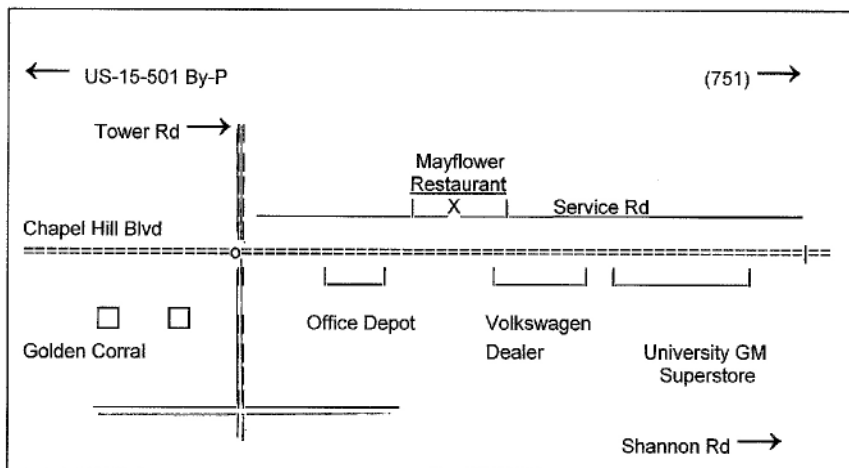
Estimated Expenditures

Postage	500.
Printing & Copying (Newsletters & Directory)	300.
Conference Costs	350.
Federation per capita dues	800.
Alzheimer's Donations	130.
Speaker Meals	70.
Supplies	200.
Miscellaneous	<u>100.</u>
Total	\$2,450.

Arnetta Wicker, Treasurer

This newsletter is published bimonthly by Chapter 566 Durham and mailed to all chapter members. It is sent out about one week before the chapter meeting in the months of January, march, May, July, September and November.

Meeting Place and Date— as of January 23, 2007
11:00 AM – Fourth Tuesday of the month (except December)
The Golden Corral at South Square



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