



NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895

NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 installs 2009 Officers



Left to right: Paul Sams, Chapter Vice President; Nellia Jenkins, Chapter Secretary; Lloyd Geisert, Chapter President. Missing from photo: Shirley Moser, Chapter Treasurer

NC Federation State Convention: April 28—30, 2009

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hickory, NC
(828) 323-1000 Reservations.

Reservations must be confirmed by March 31st @ \$85.00 + Tax. Higher room rates beginning April 1st.

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Do You Say Thank You?

April 15th (Tax Day) is just around the corner. As a Federal/Postal retiree, spouse or surviving spouse, do you say 'thank you' because as result of the Bailey, Patton, Emory settlement you do not pay NC State Income Tax on your annuity? Do you realize Federal/Postal annuitants who went to work after August 13th, 1984 must pay NC State Income Tax on their annuities?

A study analysis prepared by The 4th Branch and The Federal Retiree Task Force is being presented to the NC Legislature to have all Federal, State, Local and Military Retirees in NC be exempt from paying NC state income taxes on their retirement benefits/annuities.

Economic downturn threatens Medicare, Social Security and our entitlements.

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Oct 2008 Recap: House candidates Betty Mangum (D) and Jamie Boles, (R) participated in a Candidate Forum hosted by Sandhills Chapter 1895 at the Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett Street in Southern Pines. The forum was open to the public. Prepared questions were asked of the candidates, followed by an



Left to right: Jamie Boles and Betty Mangum

open forum for questions from the audience.



Left to right: Glenn Lazarus, timekeeper; Paul Sams, Moderator and Chapter VP, Betty Mangum, Jamie Boles, and Lloyd Geisert, Chapter President

Nov 2008 Recap: NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 had its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines.

Nov 2008 Recap: Fourteen members present. The minutes were distribute, however due to lack of a quorum were not approved and no business session was held. All business was tabled for filing/ approval to the December .

Pete Feeney introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Linda Rose, a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Ms Rose explained the benefit changes for 2009. A brief question and answer period followed.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Moser: October report distributed prior to meeting. Balance of funds on hand since last report: \$1,671.85. Receipts:

\$139.80. Disbursements: 0 Total to be Accounted For: \$1811.65; Total Obligations: \$68.00. Balance on hand for use: \$1,743.65 **Committee Reports:**

Legislative: Paul Sams reported on the results of the county and state elections held November 4th. Howard Coble retained his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives; Jamie Boles won the state representative seat and Harris Blake retained his seat as state senator. Kay Hagan won the U.S. Senate seat replacing Elizabeth Dole. He also reported that the economic analysis to recommend expansion of the Bailey settlement is complete. Details are now being worked on the printing and graphics portion of the project to present the report. **Programs:** Pete Feeney: the next meeting will be a `eat&meet' meeting at the Days Inn on December 8th. **Alzheimer's Research Raffle:** Julina Levander : today's raffle netted \$44.00. **Newsletter Editor:** Next newsletter will be published in January, 2009.

Member, Margaret McCloud urged the membership to contact congressional representatives on a regular basis regarding retirees' benefits. In the same vein, President Geisert expressed concern about the apathy and malaise of retired federal employees and the non-involvement in the process, the declining participation in the chapter activities and the failure to obtain a quorum in the last few meetings to conduct business. There is also a decline in NARFE membership at the national level.

The Nominating Committee would be calling the membership to fill the slots for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for the chapter. President Geisert stated he would not be seeking a third tern.

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Dec. 2008 Recap: Twenty-three members were in attendance, at the 'eating meeting' in the Days Inn.

Chapter Business: Reports, which had been tabled for lack of assembling a quorum were approved as follows: July, August minutes were approved. The July, August, September and October Treasurer's reports were filed for audit.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Moser; Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Balance of funds on hand since last report, \$1,743.65 Receipts: \$205.80 Disbursements: \$60.20 Total to be Accounted For: \$1,889.25 Total Obligations: \$116.25. Balance on hand for use: \$1,773.00. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit. **Membership:** Vilma Geisert reported about second notices sent to existing members who had not yet renewed membership.

Programs: Pete Feeney reported that a January program had not yet been finalized. **Service Officer:** Lloyd Geisert; he reported on a contact from a spouse requesting legal advice on a disabled spouse. She was referred to a NARFE source for counseling on the matter. **Alzheimer's Research Raffle:** Julina LeVander: today's raffle netted \$106.00. **Sunshine Program:** Louise Klabbatz reported she sent cards to Norman Eppel, family of Mrs. Woodridge and had called the Vinal's.

After discussion by the membership at the meeting, a motion was made to place a NARFE advertisement in The Pilot not to exceed \$400.00. The motion was seconded and passed. A second motion was made to place a NARFE advertisement in the Richmond County Journal not to exceed a cost of \$200.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business: President Geisert recognized the following individuals for their services to Chapter 1895 with Letters of Appreciation: Paul Sams (Vice-President), Nancy Sandoval (Recording Secretary), Shirley Moser (Treasurer), Pete Feeney (Program Chair), Julina Levander (Alzheimers Chair), Ed Klingenschmidt (Telephone Tree), Louise Klabbatz (Sunshine Program), George Sandoval (Public Relations), Vilma Geisert (Newsletter Editor/Membership Chair), Leatrice Beasley (Chaplain), Clarence Martin (Service Officer). The membership also recognized Lloyd Geisert for his dedication and service to Chapter 1895 as President with a round of applause.

Jan. 2009 Recap: NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 had its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 10:30 AM at Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines.

Paul Sams, NC Federation of Chapters Vice President spoke about the latest legislation impacting on Federal/Postal annuitants, investing in North Carolina's future, and how much NC benefits from retirees, relocating into North Carolina.

Paul Sams made a motion for the Chapter to place an ad in the 2009 Federation Convention Booster Book. Clarence Martin seconded the motion. By-laws were suspended, to conduct business, because there was not a quorum present.

Vilma Geisert administered the oath of office to the 2009 Chapter 1895 officers: Lloyd Geisert, President, Paul Sams, Vice-President and Nellia Jenkins, Secretary. Shirley Moser, Treasurer was not available for the meeting.

Harry Klabbatz made a motion to contribute \$100.00 to the Community Congregation Church in appreciation for permitting our chapter to hold monthly meetings in the meeting room. Marjorie Martin seconded the motion. **Julina LeVander:** Alzheimer's Fund raffle: \$44.00 collected. Vilma Geisert distributed the agenda for the February 17th Area V meeting for Chapters.

Area V Meeting Notice

2009 Area V Meeting February 17th for all Chapter Officers, and chapter members.

Latest info for Chapter Presidents, VPs, Secretaries, Treasurers, Service Officers & general membership. On site instruction about accessing web site forms/information.

Hope Mills Pentecostal Holiness Church, 5855 Rockfish Road, Hope Mills, NC Registration through 9:00 AM. \$13.00 per person includes, coffee, refreshments, drinks and lunch..... notify Vilma Geisrt, Area V VP (910) 215-5898 about attendance count, by February 15th.

I don't know if all of our NARFE members know how concerned we are about our annuities/benefits. I listened on Public Radio to President-Elect Obama make a couple of statements that leads me to believe that our so called "entitlements are in DANGER". The first one was that he will inherit a one trillion dollar deficit and his economic stimulus package will cost about 800 billion dollars. The next comment was they will be looking at all entitlements especially Medicare and Social Security. We need all of our members to be prepared to meet these two challenges in the coming months. We just received one of the largest "cola's" we have gotten in years; that is another item I believe will be in jeopardy this year, another is our health benefits and the governments share of the cost; these will probably go down and our cost will probably go up. Before I go any further, these are my thoughts on these matters, based on the deficit, our growing debt and the way the economy is going. We need your help, come to our chapter meetings, support the local chapter leadership, be available to talk to Congressman Coble and our Senators about our concerns and, most of all, keep yourself informed on the issues that face us this year.

Another item you might of what you may not be aware is the Economic Analysis prepared by The 4th Branch and The Federal Retiree Task Force. The report is entitled "Investing in North Carolina's Future". The study was done to determine if Retirees have cost the state money since The Bailey, Emory, Patton" lawsuit was settled. If you were on the payroll on August 13, 1984 you are covered by the settlement and do not have to pay State taxes on your annuity. If you went to work after the 13th of August 1984, your annuity is subject to NC State taxes. The 4th Branch and The Federal Retiree Task Force wanted to prove to the State Legislature that all federal, state and local retirees brought more money into the state than benefits they received from the state. The study proved that. The actual results show that for every dollar the state gives in tax benefits, we (the retiree) bring back into the state two and a half times that. There are several reasons for this, volunteerism, increase in local and state sales taxes, property taxes, the growing retiree industry, the fact that retirees coming into NC do not require any infrastructure changes, the fact that for every two government retirees living in NC we pay for one child to go to public school. These are just some of the reasons documented in the study. We have hired a professional lobbyist and just about everything is in place to go to the Legislature with our findings so the next generation of government retirees will enjoy the same benefits we have. If you would like to hear more about this and how you can help with the NC Legislature, come to our chapter meetings. Our goal is to have all Federal, State, Local and Military Retirees in NC be exempt from paying NC state income taxes on their retirement benefits/annuities. Come help us, we desperately need you.

Paul Sams, Vice President
NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895

Hail & Farewell**New Chapter Members:**

Eggleston, M.	Pinehurst, NC
Chavez, P.	West End, NC
Jelochen, W. F.	Pinehurst, NC
Matlack, S. S.	West End, NC
Seabolt, J.	Aberdeen, NC
Adams, T. S.	Pinehurst, NC
King, P. S.	Aberdeen, NC
Calvin, J.	Rockingham, NC
Waldo, A. O.	Hamlet, NC

Transferred out of Chapter

Davis, D.	Largo, FL
Davis, H. G.	Largo, FL
Keller, J. W.	Brentwood, TN

Members Sent 2nd Renewal Notice

Doe, B. R.	West End, NC
Graham, B.	Rockingham, NC
Graham, W. W.	Rockingham, NC
Hemingway, J. R.	Pinehurst, NC
Vaught, J.	Aberdeen, NC
Hayden, L.	Rockingham, NC
Moore, J. C.	Whispering Pines, NC
Boya, J. M.	Clayton, NC

Dropped for Non-Renewal:

O'Donnell, J. H.	Jackson Springs, NC
OJA, L.	West End, NC

Voluntary Cancellations

Spaulding, M. E.	Morven, NC
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Passed Away:

Woolridge, A.	So. Pines, NC
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Tax Day (April 15th) around the corner! Do you say 'Thank you' every year because you do not pay North Carolina State Income Tax on your annuity? Open and read more.

Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

Feb 9th, 2009 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St. So. Pines
Mar 9th, 2009 11:00-12:30 Noon, Location to be determined
Apr 13th, 2009 10:30-Noon Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St. So. Pines
May 11th, 2009 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., So Pines
Jun 8th, 2009 11:00-12:30 Noon, Location to be determined