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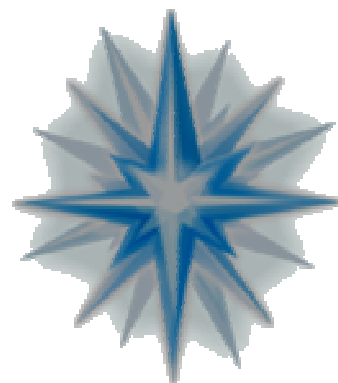
NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895

Breaking News!

Area V Leadership Development Session scheduled for chapter officers, committee chairs, and members. Six Area Vice-Presidents combine their ideas to come up with an entire new scenario for the sessions. No more classroom, lecture type sessions. (read more...page 3)

Joe Beaudoin running for the National Vice-President vacancy in September 2008, upon completion of his term as Region X Vice Presidentmore on this on page 6

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Sandhills Chapter 1895 News

October 2007 Meeting recap: NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 had their monthly meeting at the Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines, NC. President Lloyd Geisert opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with the invocation by Leatrice Beasley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Sixteen members were in attendance.

Guest speaker, Hugh Madison from Sunny Vue Bee Farm, Aberdeen provided an informative and entertaining presentation on the life cycle of honeybees and the production and collection of bee products. Mr. Madison also displayed a live frame of honeybees for the membership to observe.



**Hugh Madison,
Sunny Vue Bee
Farm**



**Live honey bees in
frame**

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, \$907.48; Receipts: \$239.88; Disbursements: \$100.00; Total to be Accounted For: \$1,047.36; Total Obligations: \$40.00; Balance on hand for use: \$1,007.36. The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Alzheimer's Research Raffle: Julina LeVander conducted the raffle which netted \$37.00.

New Business: A motion was made and approved to pay \$100 for the December Christmas meeting entertainment, which will be the Blue Grass Tar Heels Band.

November 2007 Meeting recap: NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 had their monthly meeting at the Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., Southern Pines, NC. Vice-President Paul Sams opened the meeting at 10:30 AM with the invocation by Leatrice Beasley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ten members were in attendance. Vice President Paul Sams conducted the meeting in the absence of President Lloyd Geisert.

Committee Reports: Legislative: Paul Sams informed members there was a lot of activity for Lobby month, stating North Carolina is ahead of other Federations; we are holding our own as far as membership is concerned, and have not lost as many members as other chapters. He emphasized the importance of contacting **Senators Burr and Dole, thanking them for co-sponsoring the Premium Conversion bill. The toll free number is 1-877-217-8234.**

Membership: Glenn Lazarus reported we have four new members: Brenda Graham, William Graham, James McCaskill, Alene Lennon.

Programs: Pete Feeney informed the members that our entertainment for the December Christmas meeting at the DAYS INN will be The Bluegrass Tarheels Band from Carthage. He also displayed a catalog with visors and hats. Members interested could have 'Chapter 1895' screened on the articles. **Sunshine:** Louise Klabbatz mailed out nine cards. **Alzheimer's Research Raffle:** Julina LeVander conducted the raffle which netted \$27.00.

New Business: A motion was made to continue quarterly 'eating meetings' at the DAY's INN; the buffet luncheon cost \$12.50 including tax and gratuity, an increase of \$1.00 per person. A motion was made and seconded to table the issue.

The slate of officers for year 2008 was presented by Vice-President Sams. The new officers were voted on and carried unanimously: Lloyd Geisert, President; Paul Sams, Vice-President; Nancy Sandoval, Secretary; Shirley Moser, Treasurer.

Sandhills Chapter 1895 News

December 2007 Meeting recap: The Sandhills Chapter of NARFE had their monthly meeting at the Days' Inn, 805 SW Service Road – US HWY 1 at Morganton Road, Southern Pines, NC. President Lloyd Geisert opened the meeting 11:00 a.m. with the invocation by Leatrice Beasley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-five members, guests and visitors were in attendance.

President Geisert introduced the guests, North Carolina State NARFE Federation President, Paul Carew and his wife Amelia. Returning members Al and Joan Barnes, Andy Anderson, Nellia Jenkins, and Mary Cunningham were welcomed back. Guests Pat Feeney, Mary Lou Powell, and James Cunningham were welcomed.

Chapter Business: November minutes and Treasurer's report were distributed prior to the start of the meeting. A motion was made by Paul Sams to bypass the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, treasurer's report and the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed.

Unfinished Business: A motion was made to approve the contract with the DAYS INN for 2008 citing an increase of \$1.00 to \$12.50 per meal. The motion was seconded and passed.

Induction of Officers: Federation President Paul Carew administered the oath of office to the following officers: Lloyd Geisert – President; Paul Sams - Vice President; Nancy Sandoval – Secretary; and Shirley Moser – Treasurer.

Mr. Carew addressed the membership after lunch regarding scheduled Leadership Development Sessions stressing the importance of the session for chapter leaders, committee chairs and members; he spoke about the upcoming Federation State Convention in Chapel Hill April 29-May 1, 2008.

Vilma Geisert introduced the entertainment, The Blue Grass Tarheels Band who entertained the group for the entirety of the meeting and luncheon.

New Business: President Geisert thanked, the public relations chair, George Sandoval for his announcement in the local papers; he also thanked the nominating committee members for their work.

Clarence Martin, Service Officer announced he and Marjorie will be moving to Maine in May 2008 and will continue to be active in NARFE at the local chapter in Maine. **Alzheimer's Research Raffle:** Julina LeVender: Today's raffle netted \$81.00.

Upcoming Programs: Pete Feeney:

January 14, 2007: Jeff Collehon of JG Financial;
February 11, 2007: Mitch Staub, Life Support
Coordinator for Corporate Education of First Health, Moore Regional Hospital;
April 14, 2007: Daniel Oates, Chief of Librarian Services, First Health

Area V Leadership Development Session: continued from page 1: The Area V Leadership Development Session is scheduled for **February 19th, 2008 (3rd Tuesday)**. The date was selected to avoid conflict with Area V scheduled Chapter meetings, in effort to accommodate participation by chapter leaders and members.

The six Area Vice-Presidents worked together to provide an atmosphere of 'thinking outside the box' opportunity for chapter leaders and members.

NEW: The entire scenario will be different, and will no longer be classroom, lecture style, and unlike sessions you previously attended. You'll not be disappointed.

Chapters, after all, know best the difficulties and problems at the grass roots level. Chapters have 'lessons learned' experience, i.e., about what strategies, in the past, have not worked in Leadership, Legislation and Membership areas.

Presently, the NC Federation Board feeds information to Chapter Leaders, frequently in the form of data, announcements, etc. This is typically one-way communication, and leaves our leaders mostly isolated. The data/ and announcements predictably are not encouraging. How often have you, as a chapter leader and member, thought of an idea, if presented and fleshed out, could assist NARFE/chapters to recover from its current spiral tailspin?

The Leadership Development session will be held at the Quality Inn in Lumberton 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. February 19, 2008.

Read about it! The upcoming Federation Newspaper will have a 'combined' article signed by all six Area Vice Presidents.

To sign up contact Vilma Geisert, your Area V Vice-President, at (910) 215-5898 or e-mail: vilmag@nc.rr.com Please sign up early to allow us to plan for the number of meals.



Paul Carew, President, NC Federation of Chapters administers the oath of office to 2008 Chapter 1895 officers: Lloyd Geisert, President; Nancy Sandoval, Secretary; Shirley Moser, Treasurer and Paul Sams, Vice-President



A medley of patriotic, bluegrass, country and Christmas songs was provided by The Bluegrass Tarheels Band during the quarterly 'eating meeting'



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This message was received December 13, 2007 via the NARFE Global E-mail Messaging System (GEMS).

To all Region X members,

After 13 ½ months in my position as Region X Vice President, it is my intention (at this time) *not* to seek re-election as your RVP. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 13 1/2 months (as your RVP); however, I do not feel that I have accomplished the goals and objectives that I have personally set for myself. Therefore, I believe that it is time for me to vacate the RVP position and to consider other alternatives. One of the alternatives that I am *considering* is running for one of the four national officer positions.

As we approach the end of 2007, it is time to think about the upcoming National Convention in Louisville that will be held on September 7-11, 2008. In the January issue of the NARFE magazine, there will be a section titled "Convention Deadlines" (on page 26). This section reminds us that "The national offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and the 10 regional vice presidents will be elected during the convention". This section goes on to explain how a member should submit his/her candidate statement for the NARFE magazine.

As you know, Bill Austin has resigned from the national vice president's position and the NEB has decided not to fill that position for the rest of his term (which ends on Oct. 31st). I believe that there will be resolutions submitted at the 2008 national convention to eliminate the VP position. If passed (at the convention), the effective date will probably be October 31st, 2010. During the ensuing two years, the member who will be elected to the VP position (at the 2008 convention) will be in a great position to learn the duties and responsibilities of the president's job (as well as all the other positions).

Please consider running for one of the 5 positions that will be 'up for grabs' (you are eligible to run for any of the four national officer positions or for the Region X RVP position). Our organization is only as strong as our membership and the officers who lead us. If you are interested in being a NARFE national officer, please announce your candidacy as soon as possible.

I want to thank you for electing me in 2006 to the RVP position and I will do the best job I can to represent you during my remaining 10 ½ months as your Region X RVP.

Jane and I want to wish you all a *Happy Holiday Season*. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at your 2008 State Conventions.

God Bless you all.

Joe B

Joseph A Beaudoin
Region X Vice President

Weekly legislative message is posted for NARFE members

A weekly legislative message is available to telephone callers (703) 838-7780 and toll free at 1-877-217-8234), posted for members on NARFE's Internet site, www.narfe.org, and broadcast to GEMS e-mail addresses (now over 50,000). This policy allows each registered e-mail addressee to choose to read each message, delete each or pick and choose. Each delivery device is a service of NARFE, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

The NARFE Legislative Hotline, number 609, released Friday, December 14, leads with November inflation news. The passage of a third Continuing Resolution extending government spending authority is reported. The next scheduled Hotline, tentatively set for Friday, December 21st, could be the last until Wednesday, January 16th. (483 words; 3:53)

The Labor Department (www.bls.gov/cpi or 202/691-6994) reported November's CPI-W is 205.8, an increase of 0.8 percent from October's 204.3. November's index is **1.1 percent higher** than the 2007 third quarter average base index of 203.6. For Federal Employee Compensation Act (FECA) beneficiaries, who left federal employment due to on-the-job injuries or illnesses and whose COLAs are based on the calendar year change in the CPI-W, November's 205.8 is **4.4 percent higher** than the December 2006 base of 197.2. December inflation data will be released January 16, 2008.

On Thursday, December 13, just before leaving town, the House cast its 1162nd roll call vote of the year. On this vote the House passed (385-27 at <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2007/roll1162.xml>) a third Continuing Resolution (or **CR**), House Joint Resolution 69, extending spending authority through Friday, December 21st. Senate passage came by unanimous consent amid a late night session. The additional week allows Congressional leaders to craft a less expensive omnibus appropriations bill that the President may sign or veto. The tax side of the government ledger is also behind schedule. The generally agreed upon need to amend or patch the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) has the chambers, parties and branches at odds with each other. While Congress fiddles, the IRS Commissioner, on behalf of millions of taxpayers, burns. Also, there yet has been no agreement on 2008 Medicare reimbursement rates for doctors.

President Bush is to deliver his final State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Monday, January 28. One week later, February 4, the final Bush Administration budget (for fiscal year 2009) must, by law, be presented to the second session of the 110th Congress. The President's budget is his plan for tax and spending levels for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2008.

For a limited time, the public can access the electronic version of the ***Almanac of American Politics 2008***. Very shortly, the publisher will allow access only to purchasers of the print edition (\$74.95). The Almanac for 2008 provides detailed profiles of each Governor, Senator and Representative. Federation and chapter legislative leaders should immediately review the material for their state and congressional delegation. Act now, this limited time opportunity will be made proprietary at ANY TIME. The web address is <http://nationaljournal.com/pubs/almanac/>

Thank you for using the Hotline. This weekly legislative message is available to telephone callers (703/838-7780 and toll free at 1-877-217-8234), posted on NARFE's Internet site, www.narfe.org, made available to NARFE-Net Coordinators; and broadcast to more than 47,000 GEMS e-mail addresses. Each delivery channel is a service of the NARFE, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

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Do you know someone who is not yet a NARFE member?

Membership Eligibility in NARFE

- **Retired civilian employees of any agency of the U.S. government, or of the government of the District of Columbia;**
- **Former civilian employees of any such entity who have the right to deferred annuities;**
- **Those receiving annuities as survivors of deceased civilian employees of any such entity;**
- **Former members of the U.S. Senate or the House of Representatives;**
- **Spouses or survivors of those eligible to be, or who were eligible to have been, members of NARFE;**
- **Civilian employees of any agency of the U.S. government, or of the government of the District of Columbia, who have reached optional retirement age, and their spouses;**
- **Federal civilian employees, who are subject to any of the civilian retirement programs of the federal government; and**
- **Former spouses who are eligible for federal annuities or survivor annuities.**

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We ask those who have not renewed their membership to please reconsider, and contact the Membership Team.

Letters to the Sandhills Chapter 1895 Newsletter

We welcome your letters: Letters must be original, by the person who signs the letter, and exclusive to this newspaper. Please list your name, street address and daytime phone. Only your name and hometown will be published. No "open" or anonymous letters. Write to: Editor, NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895, PO Box 2393 Southern Pines, NC 28388 or e-mail to: vilmag@pinehurst.net

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Members Transferred In, Reinstated or New

Graham, Brenda.....Rockingham, NC
 Graham, William.....Rockingham, NC
 Lennon, Ms Alene G.....Southern Pines, NC
 McCaskill, James.....Rockingham, NC
 Nommensen, Arthur.....Southern Pines, NC
 Payne, Peggy S..... Rockingham, NC
 Phillips, Rolanda (CFE)...Carthage, NC
 Reetz, Arthur..... Whispering Pines, NC
 Stutz, Linda C.Rockingham, NC

Members Sent 2nd Notices

Caperton, George H.....Pinehurst, NC
 Casey, Robert J.....Jackson Springs, NC
 Lauer, Mary Anne.....Foxfire Village, NC
 MacDougal, Rose.....Seven, Lakes, NC
 Marsh, Harriette G.....Southern Pines, NC
 Seufert, Fred R.....West End, NC
 Shipley, Jessie.....West End, NC

Members Transferred Out

Dropped for Non-Renewal:

McAdoo, ,Joyce.....Pinehurst, NC
 Moston, Gary M.....Pinehurst, NC
 Wood, William J.....Raeford, NC

Passed Away:

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Enroll your spouse and strengthen Sandhills Chapter 1895!

Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month

Jan 14th, 2008 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., So. Pines

Feb 11th, 2008 10:30-Noon Community Congregational Church 141 N. Bennett St. So. Pines

Mar 10th, 2008 11:00-12:30 PM DAYS Inn (Holiday Inn) Morganton Rd & Hwy 1, So. Pines

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