



NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895

Introducing Chapter 1895's Membership Team!

President Vilma Geisert appointed Vice President George LeVander to chair the new Membership Committee. Under his leadership the team should make its presence



Membership Committee: Front: Julina LeVander; Back-left to right: George LeVander, Henry Seufert, Dale Streicker. Missing from photo: Peter Feeney and Frank West.

known throughout the Sandhills by participating at community events, when possible. President Geisert proposed her concept of team sector responsibility: George and Julina—Hamlet and Rockingham; Dale—Aberdeen/Pinebluff/Raeford; Henry and Pete—Seven Lakes/Pinehurst/Southern Pines/Carthage and Whispering Pines; Frank, as e-mail coordinator, updates member e-mail addresses. She commended Peter Feeney for his years as Membership Chair, carrying out this responsibility single handedly. See article by the Chair on page 2

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Sandhills Chapter 1895 News

January 9, 2006 Chapter meeting recap: Twenty chapter members were in attendance.

President Geisert reported Darlind Davis resigned as Chapter Secretary. Lloyd Geisert was nominated and unanimously elected Chapter Secretary.



**Lloyd Geisert,
Secretary**

Copies of the agenda, minutes and treasurer's report were provided to the members at the meeting. President Geisert opened the floor for a volunteer to fill the Chapter Public Relations Officer vacancy. Lloyd volunteered, and was appointed as the Chapter Public Relations Officer.

Highlights of correspondence received from the 2006 Federation Convention Committee (May 3-5 2006, Asheville, NC): Chapters and members are asked for their support by purchasing booster ads Individual donations by Chapter members specifying a monetary gift of at least \$20.00, will be raffled as a monetary prize, or a member may contribute any monetary amount to purchase door prizes; contributions may be sent to the Treasurer, 2006 Federation Convention Committee by April 1, 2006. Non-perishable food items and/or new item donations may be delivered to the convention site on the opening day of the convention. All contributors will be recognized.

Members attending the State convention as delegates: George & Julina LeVander; Clarence & Marjorie Martin; Vilma & Lloyd Geisert.

Membership: Pete Feeny reported one contact this month, Florence Thomas; he sent out 5 applications; two prior members considering rejoining the chapter. Difficulty in contacting individuals occur when he leaves messages on answer machines and calls are not returned, and also when phones are disconnected.

Legislative Update: Paul Sams reported Federal retirees may face another year of frustration on three legislative issues: 1) Premium Conversion; 2) Government Pension Offset (GPO); 3) The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), all of which appear stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee. An unforeseen event that exacerbates congressional support for these three issues is the huge sum of federal funds diverted to—**Continued on top of page 4**



**George Le-
Vander, Chair**

Membership Committee: The Committee composed of Peter Feeny, Dale Streicker, Henry Seufert, Julina and George LeVander asks that every member of Sandhills Chapter 1895 help us out. Frank West is the E-Mail Coordinator on the committee and updates member e-mail addresses. We need your assistance in signing up new members and keeping those that we have. Be a committee of one to spread the word about NARFE.

The committee met twice and came up with some ideas and we are open to any suggestions from our membership. We are trying to get the NARFE message into every federal office in our area; we are sending letters to everyone that National is dropping for non-renewal asking them to reconsider and re-join; we are sending letters of welcome to all new members and providing a brief summary about our chapter. We have greeters to welcome members and guests at each of our meetings; we are providing personalized name badges to each as they arrive as an assist to mingling and fellowship.

We have won some battles but the war goes on. 2006 is going to be a tough year for federal retirees with the huge deficit and our benefits make a huge bulls-eye! We did not get these benefits out of the goodness of the government's heart and the stroke of the pen can hurt us all.

I do not see how the annual \$43.00 cost of membership dues can possibly be the reason for members not renewing their membership. The \$43.00 a year is being recovered many times over each year due to the Bailey Decision that says the State cannot collect taxes on your annuity for the rest of your life. This ruling saved me \$365.00 this year so you see what it means to each of us. Stay with us, we need your support.

The meek shall inherit the earth, but not the mineral rights.

J. Paul Getty

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February 13th Chapter meeting recap: Twenty-four chapter members were in attendance.

President Geisert extended a warm welcome to Glenn Lazarus, recently retired from the Office of Secretary of Defense.

Copies of the agenda, minutes and treasurer's report were provided to the members at the meeting. Legislative Report: Paul Sams referred to a Federal Times Newspaper article complementing NARFE for its part in keeping alive the Premium Conversion, WEP, and GPO. He visited the offices of Republicans Representative Coble, Senators Dole and Burr to make them aware of the memberships' disenchantment with Congress, and their lack of positive action on our behalf. Paul stated all three are mindful of our concerns, but for the near term express pessimism toward any favorable outcome.

Membership: George LeVander reported the membership team planned to have their first meeting as a body immediately after the chapter regular business meeting adjourned. He has been writing welcome letters to new members, and to those members who have let their membership expire.

Service Officer: Clarence Martin invited the membership to help themselves to the brochures, he recently received, that provide information about the necessity of keeping our immediate family member informed of the location and meaning of special documents.

Sunshine Program: Louise Klabbitz reported she sent 2 get-well cards to members.

Public Relations: Lloyd Geisert reported the DAY'S Inn, formerly the Holiday Inn, will continue to honor our quarterly eating meeting contract.

Telephone Tree: Ed Klingenschmidt has not been able to replace the person who recently turned in their list of 10 names of the Telephone Tree. Lloyd volunteered to take the 10 names to assist Ed. Paul Sams commented that the Telephone Tree is alive and working well.

The Convention committee encourages chapters to bring their chapter banners to be prominently displayed during the convention. Our Chapter does not have a banner.

Henry Seufert will attend the Asheville State Convention as a delegate, which increases our representation to 7 delegates. Judith Sams will attend as an alternate delegate.



**Frank West,
Program
Chair**

Program News: In January, Sallie Beth Johnson, MPH CHES, a Health Educator for FirstHealth Community Health Services, spoke about the Active for Life ® program. FirstHealth of the Carolinas is offering Active for Life ® to adults age 50 and older as one of nine national demonstration efforts funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The program is not an exercise class, but a behavior modification course, designed to help people incorporate physical activity into their daily life. At the beginning of the initial FirstHealth program 25 percent of the participants reported being fairly active. Upon completion of the program 81 percent reported they were active most days of the week.

During the twelve week course, participants learn: the benefits of physical activity, how to set goals, the importance of rewards,

how to handle barriers to physical activity, as well as time and stress management. Each session is 90 minutes and led by a certified facilitator. All participants receive a workbook and step counter.

Active for Life classes are offered in Hoke, Montgomery, Moore and Richmond counties, and there is no charge to participate. If you are interested in obtaining more information on FirstHealth's Active for Life program or in learning about upcoming classes in your community, contact FirstHealth Community Health Services, toll-free, at (877) 342-2255.

In February, our own Henry Seufert told us about changes in the 2005 income tax code and gave us recommendations to consider in the preparation of our 2005 income tax return. As expected, Henry gave an excellent presentation. He also sat

down after the meeting with members who wanted more detail on their own particular situations.

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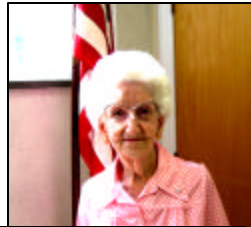


**Sally B. Johnson,
Health Educator**



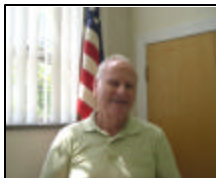
**Henry
Seufert,
Treasurer**

January 9th Chapter meeting recap cont'd from page 2: support the impoverished human disaster and cleanup in those states impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Another area of concern is the rising cost of health insurance premiums.



**Rosetta Smothers,
Chapter Chaplin**

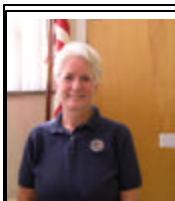
Chaplin's Note: We encourage all NARFE members to attend all meetings. We encourage Federal Retirees and Active Federal employees to also attend and become members of NARFE. We look forward to seeing you at our next monthly chapter meeting.



**Ed Klingenschmidt,
Telephone Tree**

Telephone Tree News: Death of a member: Request anyone knowing of the death of one of our members, please notify me. I recently contacted a former member and his wife informed me he had passed away about a year and a half ago. He had been an occasional attendee, especially at 'eating meetings'.

Somehow I missed the announcement in the obituary section of the newspaper. Please do contact me at (910) 692-2527 when you have such information.



Darie Davis

Good Luck, Darie! Wishing Darie best of luck in all her pursuits. Darie resigned as Chapter Secretary. She is one busy person; has her own consulting business, very active on the Givens Library Board, grant writer, and committed to a host of other projects. Darie, try to fit in a monthly Chapter meeting, occasionally.



**Henry Seufert,
Treasurer**

Treasure Chest: All NARFE Chapter 1895 members should be interested in saving some of their hard earned retirement benefits. If you have not looked at the NARFE National Dues structure the NARFE Retirement Life magazine usually has a page with the Application for Membership in NARFE National. You will find it on Page 62 of the February copy. Note it lists only the National Dues for ONE, TWO, and Three years. Chapter 1895 Dues are an additional \$10.00 a year. But you could SAVE \$15 by applying for the THREE YEAR Payment Plan. You can pay using your credit card or making a check out to NARFE, using the Address to send the check as shown on the Application form. So where can you save "20%" this quickly and easily.

If you wish you can send a copy of the monthly Retirement Life to a friend or Other Federal Retiree as a gift for only \$33 a year.



**L. Geisert,
Public Relations**

Public Relations Corner: Monthly announcements of our Chapter meetings are now published in 6 local newspapers: Seven Lakes Times; The Pilot; Independent Community Newspaper; Daily Journal Newspaper; Raeford News Journal; and Fayetteville Observer. Announcements appear under Club News or Calendar Events. This medium provides a two prong venue: First, it's a reminder to the membership at large of the date, time, and place of our meetings. Second, it reaches a wide range of active, retired Federal and Postal employees and their spouses, inviting them to come to a meeting and determine for themselves the functionality of NARFE, then hopefully decide to join our chapter. Perspective members may also call one of three point of contacts listed for information, or inquire about renewing membership.

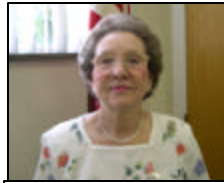
March 13th meeting recap: The regular business meeting of the Sandhills Chapter of NARFE met on Monday, March 13th, 2006, at DAY'S INN, Morganton Rd & US Rt #1, Southern Pines, NC. Twenty two chapter members were in attendance.

President Geisert extended a warm welcome to returning members Ernestine McFadyen, Stanley Hyrowski, and new member Larry Sandall.

Copies of the agenda, minutes and treasurer's report were provided to the members at the meeting. Financial Records Audit: Paul Sams reported the audit the chapter financial records were found records in order.

Service Officer Report: Clarence emphasized the importance of maintaining credit card security. Stolen identity occurs through disclosure to unauthorized persons the credit card number(s), and unsolicited telephone scams requesting credit card numbers and/or bank account numbers under the pretense of monetary awards or winnings. Clarence reminded the membership to make every attempt to record all major purchases, and to the extent possible, photograph high dollar items. All this becomes record, so secure for safe keeping. You may be glad you did!

Darla Davis (past Public Relations Officer) turned over a scrapbook containing chapter news articles and pictures dating to the chapter's inception. The scrapbook was kept by several chapter officers over the years.



Julina LeVander, Alzheimer's Fund Chair

Fund Progress: A letter was read at our February meeting that was sent to me by the Alzheimer's Association, thanking me for all of our contributions to Alzheimer's Research. This letter should have been addressed to the members of Chapter 1895 for your support of our monthly raffle by your gifts and purchase of tickets. Our chapter is closing in on \$9,000.00 total in contributions.

Every member of this chapter knows of someone who suffers with Alzheimer's. It has no respect of race, creed, color, gender or age and it seems to be taking on epidemic proportions. Rest assured that your money is going to research and that eventually a cure will be found. Keep up the good work – every dollar helps.

In the March/April issue of our Federation paper the Alzheimer's Report showed that only 5 chapters out of the 54 had contributed more money last year, than we had. Stick out your chest and pat yourself on the back – you deserve it!

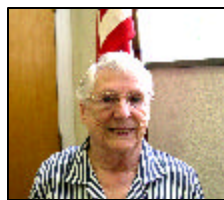
Contributions: January meeting \$46.00; February meeting \$46.00; March meeting \$57.00

Members donating gifts for the raffle table: January—Klabbatz, Martin, Geisert, Smothers, LeVander, Beasley, Seufert, Feeney, Sams, Winnie, Eppel, Streicker, Klingenschmidt; February—LeVander, Klabbatz, Davis's, Streicker, Martin's, McLeod, Seufert, Winnie, Beasley, Geisert, March—Eppel, Smothers, Lazarus, Klingenschmidt, Seufert, Davis, LeVander, , Martin, Winnie, Beasley, Geisert.

Upcoming Events

May 3-5, 2006 - 50th Annual State Convention, Asheville, North Carolina

Sep 10-14, 2006 - 29th NARFE National Convention—Albuquerque, New Mexico



Louise Klabbatz, Sunshine Chair

Sunshine Notes: I do wish members would call me if they become aware of illness or death of a member in our chapter. My phone is (910) 944-7900. To date, I have sent only two get well cards. One to Nell Winnie and one to Mary Becker. Through Harry, I have heard from the Vinal's. Like so many of us, they have some difficulty getting out and about.

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Program Speakers cont'd from page 3: Henry retired from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) after 28 years. His last assignment was as the Director of the Brookhaven Data Processing Center in New York. He previously served in the Collection, Audit, Intelligence and Data Processing Divisions of the IRS. From 1979 to 2005 he had his own Tax Consultant service.

On April 10 at 10:30AM in the Community Congregational Church in Southern Pines, Scot Brooks, Director of Public Safety for Moore County, will speak about what to expect after we dial 911. If you wish more detail on his presentation, please send me your e-mail address. E-mails will be sent via "bcc" to limit distribution of personal addresses.



**Paul Sams,
Legislative
Officer**

Legislative Update: As of right now, the pressing issue is the proposed budget for 2006 to the congress. The senate version doesn't have anything about cuts to Medicare, Medicaid or federal retirement benefits, but the problem might come from the house, if you didn't call your congressman the week of the 20th you need to do it

now. Let him know you don't want to lose any of your benefits. We are also going to have to watch the Medical Savings Accounts and see what affect they have on our insurance premiums going up. The thinking is that the more young people who get into the MSA's the higher our cost will be but my opinion is wait and see what develops, it will not happen all of sudden so we can watch and wait, as long as the congress listens to our concerns. Hope all of you called your senators and congressman during NARFE LOBBY WEEK if you didn't call them when you read this.

Elizabeth Dole 202 224 6342

Richard Burr 202 224 3154

Howard Coble 202 225 3065

When you call Washington you might want to get the local numbers so you can call the local office also.

We still need the energy, enthusiasm, ideas and the presence of you members who do not attend the meetings, we would like to see you next month.



**Clarence Martin,
Chapter Service
Officer**

Activity: We were honored to be able to attend the Area V district meeting, held February 28th in Lumberton, NC. Opening with coffee, pastries, and a get acquainted opportunity, we were welcomed by our Area V Vice President, Paul Sams, followed by comments by our Federation of Chapters President, Tom Hob-

good, and NARFE Region X Executive Vice President Bill Austin. Further comments by Federation Vice President Paul Curew, was followed by remarks by Theron Rumsey about recruiting and retention. This was an excellent presentation.

After breaking for lunch, we continued at 1:00 with the afternoon session. Robert Bartlett, our State Service Officer provided many good points and assistance to the Chapter Service Officers. As Chapter Service Officer I found his presentation valuable and interesting. Charles Pratt followed at 2:00 PM with a wonderful presentation about the Federation Web page. We then broke for a question and answer period. There was much discussion on the planning of the up coming State Convention May 3, 4, & 5, 2006 in Asheville, NC at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

Within us all there are wells of thoughts and dynamos of energy which are not suspected until emergencies arise. Then oftentimes we find that it is comparatively simple to double or treble our former capacities and to amaze ourselves by the results achieved. Goals, when set up for us by others, are challenges which goad us on to surpass ourselves. The outstanding leaders of every age are those who set up their own goals and constantly exceed them."

Thomas Watson

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**Vilma Geisert,
Chapter
President**

President's Message: The first step in 2006 was to appoint the Membership Team, chaired by George LeVander, Vice President, to concentrate on recruitment and retention efforts. I followed Federation's lead in placing this responsibility at the highest level to focus on the prevention of loss of members (retention) and emphasizing the opportunities in attracting active Federal and Postal employees. George's dedication, support (4th quarter newsletter) and leadership will guide the team in developing strategies and mapping out short and long range plans through which our chapter will experience growth. As noted by National and our State Federation, this inspiring feat will test our mettle.

A challenge for all our members is the common goal of increasing attendance at monthly chapter meetings. We are off to a good start with Frank West, our Program Chair. The speakers provide information that is well received by our members. As individuals we can take the initiative to call or e-mail members we know, to remind them a few days before the monthly meeting. It is a great way of getting together and maybe even having lunch after the meeting. If they live close by, or on the way, offer to drive them.

Committee chairs input valuable information into the chapter newsletter that provides a bird's eye view to all members about chapter happenings, including to those physically unable to attend monthly meetings.

Members attending monthly chapter meetings now receive a copy of the agenda, minutes and treasurer's report prior to the start of each meeting for their information and use, something to take with them.

Every member is responsible for increasing attendance at meetings, participating in recruitment and retention efforts, as well as being active in the chapter such as holding office, chairing committees, etc. The entire responsibility does not and can not rest on only a few individuals. All members share in the benefits reaped through united action, hence all members must work toward achieving important shared goals. Our benefits are as safe as we are willing to protect them! United we stand, divided we fall!

“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with each other; and along those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and they come back to us as affects.”

Herman Melville

Rumors Refuted**SAY IT ISN'T SO---IT ISN'T SO****SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON CONGRESSIONAL RETIREMENT**

In recent years, the internet has provided a new medium for malcontents and maligners to spread fiction as fact to a wide swath of the public through mass distributed e-mails. These messages have become known as "urban legends". One recurring "legend", which is particularly popular in election years and has generated numerous inquiries, distorts the retirement benefits of Members of Congress. Among other things, it claims our legislators are exempted from Social Security and enjoy full pay for life. The Senators/Representatives cited as examples change from time to time, but the gist of the charges remain the same. In an attempt to set the record straight, NARFE's legislative department has responded to the most prominent and preposterous of the assertions.

1. *"Our Senators and Congressmen don't pay into Social Security, and of course, they don't collect from it."*

This statement is false. Public Law #98-21 required Social Security coverage for all federal employees, including Members of Congress, who entered federal service after 1983. The law also required all incumbent Representatives and Senators to be covered by Social Security regardless of when they entered Congress. Like all other workers covered by Social Security, Members of Congress have Social Security taxes withheld from their paychecks (6.2 percent of the first \$90,000 of salary). Members of Congress also are subject to the same benefit eligibility and payment formulas as other Social Security beneficiaries.

2. *"When they [Members of Congress] retire, they continue to draw their same pay until they die, except that it may be increased from time to time, by cost of living adjustments."*

This statement is false. When Members of Congress retire, resign or are not reelected, they no longer receive a salary. However, if eligible by age and years of service, they may receive a retirement annuity like other federal employees. Annuities are calculated by a formula using their highest three years of salary, years of service and an accrual rate. As for other federal retirees, the annuities of Members of Congress are less than the salary they received while in office. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service (CRS), a Member of Congress who retired at age 50, with 20 years of service would receive 42.5 percent of salary from a Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuity. The annual salary of a Member of Congress in 2005 is \$162,100. At the end of FY 2003, there were 413 former Members of Congress on the Civil Service Retirement rolls; 324 retired under the CSRS; 89 retired under the FERS (most of those retiring under the FERS had switched from CSRS to FERS during the 1987 open season.). The FY 2003 average annual annuity paid to those retired under the CSRS was \$56,484, or \$39,132 under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).

Since 1962, CSRS annuities for all retired federal employees – including Members of Congress – have been protected from inflation through periodic cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Retired Members of Congress receive the same COLAs as other federal annuitants.

3. *...they (the named Senator/Representative) paid nothing in on any kind of retirement, and neither does any other Senator or Congressman."*

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This statement is false. Although Members of Congress participate in the same retirement systems as all other federal civilian employees, their contribution requirements are higher than for other civil service workers, and their retirement computation formulas are more liberal than most others. That is because the average tenure of a Member of Congress is significantly shorter than other federal employees. However, Members of Congress under the CSRS are required to contribute 1.0 percent more of their salaries than general schedule employees to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF), while those covered by the FERS are required to contribute 0.5 percent more. CSRS-covered Members of Congress presently contribute 8.0 percent of total salary to CSRDF, and FERS-covered Members contribute 1.3 percent. This is in addition to the 6.2 percent of the first \$90,000 of salary they all pay to Social Security.

4. *“This fine retirement comes right out of the General Fund: our tax money.”*

This statement omits crucial information about the financing of the federal retirement system. When Federal employees and their employing agencies make contributions to the CSRDF, such money is deposited in the general fund and a government security of equal value is created and credited to the CSRDF. These securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government and have the same standing as U.S. Savings Bonds. When funds are needed to pay retirement benefits, securities credited to the CSRDF are converted to cash with money from the general fund.

This assertion also attempts to make the reader forget that U.S. taxpayers are the employers of Members of Congress and other federal employees. The Bureau of Labor Statistic reports that 97 percent of all medium and large employers in the United States pay for their employee retirement pension benefits without worker contributions.

Finally, many of the same false claims and arguments being circulated about Members of Congress also have been used against federal retirement and health benefits in general. Perpetuation of these false claims undermines NARFE’s efforts to preserve our earned compensation. NARFE members should also recognize that there are a number of lawmakers—past and present—who are fellow members of NARFE.

Updated 2/05

Extracted directly from www.narfe.org website

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 the NARFE, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Member's Page

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 15, 2006

NARFE APPLAUDS HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTEREST BUT ASKS CONGRESS NOT TO HARM FEHBP IN THE PROCESS: *FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan Adcock, Jill Crissman 703-838-7760*

Charles L. Fallis, President of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), welcomed Chairman Jon Porter's (R-NV) legislation (H.R. 4859) to establish electronic health records within the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). "We recognize the clear medical benefits stemming from health information technology (HIT), and believe greater coordination of an individual's medical records for use by providers could save lives and eventually control health care costs."

In addition, NARFE is supportive of the bill's commitment to individual privacy protections required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The Association is also pleased that the creation of a personal-based health record is at the request of the individual. Interested individuals will be able to input medical data such as family health history, over-the counter and prescribed medication use, diet, and other relevant health information. "We believe that absolute access to electronic health records must be guaranteed by calling for an input system that can be utilized by individuals who may not have access to a web-based portal or who are lacking the necessary computer literacy," stated Fallis.

NARFE's chief concern with H.R. 4859 relates to the funding for the establishment of the electronic health records. "We appreciate the attempt made to ensure that these initiatives will not increase FEHBP premiums at a time of soaring health care costs, but NARFE remains troubled with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) taking the unprecedented step of applying the unused portion of the FEHBP premiums [the one percent administrative fee] to fund the initial phases of implementation," said Fallis. Since FEHBP's inception, the one percent administrative fee has been employed to cover OPM's personnel costs and expenses in administering the program, and to provide additional contingency reserves to plans. Traditionally, neither OPM nor its predecessor, the U.S. Civil Service Commission, has ever exceeded the one percent administrative mark, and all unexpended balances have regularly been reallocated to the contingency reserves. "Tapping into these contributions in order to satisfy additional program spending represents a clear departure from past practice in the administration of the FEHBP program and sets a precedent that could lead to future abuse." pronounced Fallis.

Fallis pledged that NARFE is ready to work with all parties to find successful ways to implement electronic health records within FEHBP, without jeopardizing FEHBP's solid footing. "Today's and yesterday's federal workforce should be able to take advantage of exciting, new technology, without sacrificing FEHBP's past tradition of sound financing."

Directly extracted from www.narfe.org website

Letters to the Sandhills Chapter 1895 Newsletter

<p>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</p>

IMPORTANT NOTICE:*********

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

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Julina LeVander.....(910) 895-9657
Peter Feeney(910) 695-1554
Henry Seufert(910) 692-6466
Dale Streicker.....(910) 944-3999
Frank West.....fewest@charter.net

HAIL & FAREWELL**Members Transferred In, Reinstated or New**

Amey, Wiilliam, Southern Pines, NC
 Barns, Joan, Southern Pines, NC
 Geist, Brenda S., Southern Pines, NC
 Lazarus, Glenn, Pinehurst, NC
 Sandall, H.L., Pinehurst, NC
 Shipley, Jessie, West End, NC

Dropped for Non-Renewal:

Apffel, Kathleen S., Pinehurst, NC
 Patterson, Donna L., Pinehurst, NC
 Ray, Dolores, Pinehurst, NC
 Steece, Philip, J., Pinehurst, NC

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Attend Chapter Monthly Meetings! Protect your benefits!

Remember—50th Annual State Convention May 3-5th Asheville, NC

Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month

Apr. 10, 2006 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., So. Pines

May 8th, 2006 10:30-Noon Community Congregational Church 141 N. Bennett St. So. Pines

Jun. 12th, 2006 11:00-12:30 PM DAYS Inn (Holiday Inn) Morganton Rd & Hwy 1, So. Pines

NARFE—Your future—Our focus!