



National Active and Retired
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NARFE SANDHILLS CHAPTER 1895 Serving Active and Retired Federal/Postal Employees

National Dues Referendum Results:

Our members have spoken: 65.41 percent voted for, and 34.59 percent voted against. Having failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority of votes cast, the referendum was defeated.

We mailed 1,508 ballots to our chapters and delegates-at-large. Out of this total of 1,508, 224 ballots were invalid (wrong number of votes, no signatures, etc.), and 256 ballots were not returned.

We will post this in the February issue of NARFE magazine.

Margaret Baptiste
National President, NARFE

NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 Election Results:

Officers were re-elected for 2010:

President	Lloyd Geisert
Vice President	Paul Sams
Secretary	Nellia Jenkins
Treasurer	Shirley Moser

Elections were held at Kenny's Restaurant, Rte 1, Pinebluff.



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Upcoming North Carolina Federation 54th Convention

May 5—7, 2010

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Federation Newspaper

October 12, 2009 meeting recap: The Sandhills Chapter of NARFE held their monthly meeting at Sandhills Community College Horticultural Garden Center, 3395 Airport Road Pinehurst, NC at 10:30 AM on October 12, 2009. There were thirteen members in attendance and our tour guide. **Chapter Business:** Minutes distributed to all members present; approved as written. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report distributed to all members present. Balance of funds on hand since last report: \$1,216.76. Receipts: \$927.84. Disbursements: \$178.20. Balance on hand for use: \$1,915.40 as of October 2, 2009. Treasurer report filed for audit. **Committee Reports: Legislative:** Paul Sams: provided over view of results of Congressional Committee on Appropriations. Annuitants are not affected and active FERS employees will be able to use sick leave for retirement. **Membership:** We gained two new members and lost one member. **Programs:** Deloris Muller (Moore County Master Gardener and tour guide for SCCHG) spoke about the SCC Horticultural Gardens and what services were available at the Gardens and through the Agriculture Extension Service in Carthage. The presentation was



L. to R. Chapter 1895 Pres. L. Geisert, Speaker D. Muller, Past Chapter Pres. G. LeVander, and Paul Sams, Chapter Vice President.

followed by a tour of a portion of the gardens. Members on the tour commented about the many plants. There were comments about trials and errors and successes with plants at home. Ms. Muller responded to many questions and members were appreciative for the tour and her extensive knowledge.

Alzheimer's Research Raffle: Today's raffle netted \$35.00. **Unfinished Business:** Chapter will vote on the NARFE Dues Referendum, at our November 9, 2009 monthly meeting at the Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett Street in Southern Pines, NC Chapter members must be present to vote. **NEW BUSINESS:** Premiums going up on all insurances, Paul Sams called his Congressman to voice his concerns.

November 9, 2009 meeting recap: The Sandhills Chapter of NARFE held their monthly meeting at the Community Congregational Church at 141 N. Bennett Street in Southern Pines, NC, November 9, 2009, 10:30 AM. There were fifteen members in attendance and one guest. **Chapter Business:** Minutes distributed to all members present. Approved as written. **Treasurer's Report:** Written report distributed to all members prior to meeting. Balance of funds on hand since last report: \$1,915.40. Receipts: \$184.10. Disbursements: \$0.00. Total to be Accounted for: \$2,099.50. Total Obligations: \$107.25. Balance on hand for use: \$1,992.25. Treasurer report filed for audit.

Committee Reports: Legislative: Health care changes are still open for discussion in Congress. Membership has an opportunity to let your congressman and representatives know how you feel. The President has signed bill (H.R. 2647) retired employees who return to work on limited basis pensions will not be affected and FERS workers to credit sick leave toward retirement. **Programs:** Guest speaker Cynthia Pizzini



Cynthia Pizzini, Classic Home Care Agency, LLD.

of Classic Care Home Care Agency LLD, provided an over view of the services. One area her agency does different from other agencies is free evaluation which distinguishes the type of care patients may need. She also left us brochures, calendars and monthly desk planners. **Service Officer:** President Geisert:

Provided assistance visit to an annuitant regarding their insurance benefits. **Alzheimer's Research Raffle:** Julina LeVander: today's raffle netted \$43.00. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The members were polled for the 2009 Dues Referendum. Our Chapter approved the referendum.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion and passed to donate \$100 to Community Congregational Church for the use of the church. Pete Feeney will put together a slate of candidates for officers. We will vote and install elected officers at the December meeting.

December 14th, will be our quarterly eating meeting, 10:30 AM, Kenney's Country Restaurant, U.S. Rt 1 North, Pinebluff, NC.

If you don't think about the future, you won't have one.

December 14, 2009 meeting recap: The Sandhills Chapter of NARFE held their monthly meeting at Kenny's Restaurant on Route 1, Pinebluff, NC, at 10:30 AM. There were 20 members at the meeting.

President Lloyd Geisert, Vice President Paul Sams, Secretary Nellia Jenkins, and Treasurer Shirley Moser were reelected to office for 2010.

Membership was notified that the Dues Referendum did not pass (see front page of this news letter for details).

President Geisert announced that two Sandhills Chapter 1895 members are seeking Federation offices at the 2010 Federation Convention. Paul Sams is running for NC Federation President, and Vilma Geisert is running for NC Federation Executive Vice-President.

At the next meeting (January 11th) guest speaker will be Dr. Rhonda Faircloth of Wake Forest School of Medicine. Dr. Faircloth is working on a research paper about diabetes and is seeking volunteers over sixty years of age to participate in a diabetic study. Volunteers participating in the study will receive a small stipend.

Alzheimer's raffle collected \$65.00 today.

January 14th meeting will be held at the Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett Street, in Southern Pines.



People can be divided into two classes:

Those who go ahead and do something, and those people who sit stiff and inquire why wasn't it done the other way?

—*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

Chapter President message: As you know, the Fifty Fourth North Carolina Annual State Convention of Chapters will be held May 5-7, 2010, at the Embassy Suites, Greensboro. This year sees the changing of the guard (Federation change of Executive Leadership), and two very qualified people are preparing to step-up and take hold of the reins. I anticipate our Chapter membership will take full advantage of the opportunity to attend the convention, to hear, and support the candidates running for Federation President, Executive Vice-President, Federation Secretary and Federation Treasurer. NARFE is our organization! We determine, based on best qualification, who is going to lead us, provide sound strategy to retain current members, recruit new members, and most importantly, guide us through the bureaucracy of retaining our current earned benefits, and help us fight when that becomes necessary. Walk the walk, not only talk the talk!

May I suggest you make plans now to attend the convention! Avoid having to pay the late, or on-site, registration cost of \$5.00. Today, complete and send the registration form (see Registration Form, Nov-Jan issue of Federation Newspaper), along with your \$25, and \$30 for the banquet not later than April 10th, that's per person. And while you're at it, make your hotel reservations directly with Embassy Suites, (336) 668-4535, or 1-800-367-2229. Accommodations (\$89.00 + tax per night) include free full breakfast each morning. That's a deal you can't refuse! Again, see Federation Newspaper for further details.

As you know, these Federation and Nat'l Conventions cost money to convene and operate. The success of conventions has always been borne by its members and this one is no different. So...purchase a 'Booster' Booklet advertisement, Chapter 'Booster', and donate Door Prizes and/or send a check toward door prizes. The convention chairpersons tend to be creative and give away prizes (some pretty hefty) several times throughout the 3-day convention. Most everyone goes home with something. If you're favorably inclined, send an individual \$10.00 (or what you can afford) gift certificate, or collectively, an amount mutually agreed upon at the next meeting, to the Booster Booklet. See details in the Federation Newspaper. I look forward to seeing many of you as can make it.

Lloyd Geisert, President
Sandhills Chapter 1895

From: NARFE National Headquarters [mailto:gems@narfe.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 2:01 PM
Subject: Special NARFE Legislative Hotline: Victory in Senate

Special NARFE Legislative Hotline: Victory in Senate Health Care Compromise

This is a special edition of the NARFE Legislative Hotline released on Tuesday, December 22, to inform NARFE members about a victory on health care reform legislation. The next scheduled, and first Hotline of 2010, is set for January 15, and will report December consumer price news. As always, a special edition is issued whenever needed. (388 words; 2:29)

The Senate leadership's negotiated compromise to get the 60 votes needed to pass health care reform contains language drafted and suggested by NARFE that would move to safeguard the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). The protective language was added by the Senate leadership in response to concerns raised by NARFE and federal-postal organization allies regarding a proposal that would have the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) play a significant role in national health care reform -- partially administering a health care delivery system consisting of at least two national, private nonprofit insurance plans.

The compromise will be added to the bill through the approval of the 383-page "manager's amendment" which includes the OPM-administered "multi-state" health plans and following FEHBP protections:

- Premiums of FEHBP and the proposed OPM-administered multi-state plans would be calculated in separate risk pools.
- The OPM Director would be required to ensure that the multi-state plans are administered separately from the FEHBP.
- FEHBP insurance carriers would not be required to offer coverage through the multi-state program.
- The OPM Director may establish separate units or offices within the agency to ensure that the administration of the multi-state plans do not interfere with the effective administration of FEHBP.
- The OPM Director may not allocate fewer financial or personnel resources to the agency's administration of FEHBP.
- The OPM Director may appoint additional personnel to carry out the administration of multi-state plans. Senators voted 60-39 to accept the manager's amendment around 8 AM Tuesday, December 22, clearing the way for one remaining procedural vote on Wednesday, December 23 and a final vote on the legislation Thursday, December 24.

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 sent to over 51,000 GEMS e-mail addresses. Each delivery channel is a service of NARFE, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

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New Chapter Members:

Allred, L. F.	Mt. Gilead, NC
Caperton, G.H.	Pinehurst, NC
Kelley, R. J.	Southern Pines, NC
Lemke, R.	Pinehurst, NC
Miller, C.	Whispering Pines, NC
Upton, J.	Cameron, NC
Wood, W.J.	Raeford, NC

Members Transferred from Another Chapter

Tatam, F.J.	Southern Pines, NC
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Reinstatements:

Carmen, R.	Pinehurst, NC (<i>Mr. Carmen, Thank you for renewing your NARFE membership</i>)
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Members Sent 2nd Renewal Notice:

Apffel, E. H.	Pinehurst, NC
Barton, C.	Troy, NC
Bloomfield, D. J.	Hamlet, NC
Casey, R. J.	Jackson Springs, NC
Eggleston, M.	Pinehurst, NC
Graham, W.E.	Rockingham, NC
Gabriel, V. B.	Pinehurst, NC
Jelochen, W.F.	Pinehurst, NC
Littlefield, MJ A	Southern Pines, NC
Locklair, T.S.	Pinehurst, NC
Matlock, S. S.	West End, NC
Nommensen, A.A.	Southern Pines, NC
Raup, D.	Seven Lakes, NC
Reetz, A.	Whispering Pines, NC
Seabolt, J.	Aberdeen, NC

Members Dropped for Nonrenewel

Benson, B.	West End, NC
King, G.	Pinehurst, NC
Miller, L.	Carthage, NC
Turk, G.	Southern Pines, NC
Upton, J.	Cameron, NC

***Renewing your NARFE membership supports your efforts
in fighting for and retaining your benefits!***

2009-10 NARFE Sandhills Chapter 1895 Officers

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Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month

Jan. 11th, 2010 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., So. Pines

Feb. 8th, 2010 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., So. Pines

Mar. 8th, 2010 10:30-Noon, Kenny's Restaurant, US Hwy 1, Pinebluff

Apr. 12th, 2010 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., So Pines

May 10th, 2010 10:30-Noon, Community Congregational Church, 141 N. Bennett St., So. Pines