



Merry Christmas—Come Celebrate

Well it's that time of year again for the annual Christmas party. Even if you don't regularly attend a meeting, or even if you never attend, this is one that you don't want to miss. This is one of the better times of the year for us. We get to share good food and good company with people of like interests. I sincerely hope that you plan on attending. We will once again have chicken, ham, assorted salads and breads and, if it holds true to form, many delicious desserts. Come on out and join the fun and bring a friend/spouse or prospective member.

Mike McCoid
Chapter President

Christmas Party Details

This is just another reminder that the Chapter's Christmas Party is less than a week away. Since our normal meeting day is only three days before Christmas Day, our Christmas Party and December meeting will be Thursday, December 17th at the Lloyd Andrews Building at the corner of 7th and Jackson Streets in Roanoke Rapids. We'll gather at 1:00 PM. So mark your calendar for that date.

As in the past, this will be a covered dish event with the Chapter providing the drinks, the entree and bread. Please RSVP and coordinate the dish you plan to bring with Cindy McCoid at 537-2096 (cmccoid@embarqmail.com) or Marg Prescott at 586-3453 (prescotta@schoolink.net) as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate head count. Also, please bring a serving spoon for your dish.

See you there!

NOTE: This is a change from our normal meeting date.

NARFE National Dues Referendum Falls Short

The national referendum to standardize chapter dues across all chapters failed to garner enough votes to pass. National President Margaret Baptiste's memo follows:

December 9, 2009

To: Federation Presidents, Chapter Presidents & Chapter Secretaries

Subj: NARFE Dues Referendum:

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.

Upcoming Events

Chapter meeting

Thursday, December 17th,
1:00 PM

Lloyd Andrews Building,
7th & Jackson Streets

This is not our normal meeting date

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

*Margaret Baptiste
National President*

Based on the input of those Chapter members that submitted ballots—2 “Yes” votes and 16 “No” votes, we cast our Chapter’s two votes against the referendum.

Minutes of the November 2009 Chapter Meeting

President Micheal McCoid called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM, November 24th, 2008 at Ryans Family Steak House in Roanoke Rapids. He led the Chapter members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes of the October meeting as distributed in the November newsletter.

Treasure’s Report

Barry Van Scoyoc reported that the current check book balance is \$1,105

Guest Speaker

Bennie Saunders, Area IV Vice President, discussed several topics:

- Next year’s Federation convention will be at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro in early May.
- The Area Legislative Coordinating Office (ALCO) concept is working well. Carolyn London is the Area IV ALCO.
- The Area IV officer training session will be January 14th, 2010 at the NC Club in Raleigh. He would appreciate any suggestions concerning topics that should be included in the session
- Chapter audits have to be completed each year and the results recorded on an F-131.
- Concerning the future of the Chapter in light of the fact that have been no volunteers yet to serve as President, Vice President, and Secretary, there are several options:
 - `Get volunteers for the offices. One way to get volunteers to serve would be to reduce the frequency of Chapter meetings from monthly to bi-monthly or quarterly.
 - Rotate presiding officers at each meeting. This still requires having someone listed on the F-7 as chapter president since the National by-laws require that there is a president.
 - With no President, there is no Chapter.

Old Business

The Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 17th at the Lloyd Andrews Building. It will be the same format as previous years.

New Business

None

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Tim Stone
Secretary

Congressional Contacts

Congressional contact information is listed below.

Capitol Toll-free number: 1-866-220-0044

Dial the number and ask the operator to be connected to the Congressional office you wish to reach.

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Note: Each web site has a form for e-mailing the respective Senator/Congressman. That form can generally be accessed by clicking "Contacts" on the Home Page.

Updating the Chapter Directory

Please note that this newsletter has a complete directory of Chapter members. Please review your information and notify me (Tim Stone) of any needed corrections.

If you got this newsletter through the regular mail even though you have a valid e-mail address, there are a couple of possible explanations—the membership directory lists an incorrect e-mail address or your spam blocker is keeping the e-mail with the newsletter from being delivered into your mail box. To fix the problem:

1. Forward your correct e-mail address to me (Tim Stone) at tfdnstoneagain1@embarqmail.com
2. Set your spam blocker so e-mails from that address get through to your mail box.

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Roanoke Valley Chapter 2297

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