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Salisbury Delegation Attends State Federation Convention



Ron Buffaloe, Bob Holzmann, Anne Boone-Carroll, and Ken Carroll comprise the Salisbury, NC Chapter 0720 delegation.

Four Chapter 0720 officers and committee chairs represented the chapter at the 54th North Carolina State Federation of Chapters Convention on May 5-7. President Ron Buffaloe, Treasurer Anne Boone-Carroll, Membership Chair Bob Holzmann, and Alzheimer's Chair Ken Carroll joined 201 other delegates in Greensboro to discuss and vote on the most pressing issues facing the NC Federation and NARFE.

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Thirty-five of the fifty-one chapters statewide were able to send delegations. They heard from NARFE's National Vice President Joe Beaudoin and the Region X Vice President Paul Carew as well as other speakers.

The state federation's elected and appointed officers, led by President Elaine Hughes, spoke about issues and led orientation sessions and workshops. The Salisbury delegates attended workshops on such topics as Legislation, Membership and Public Relations, the NARFE and NC Federation websites, Leadership Development, and Writing and Submitting Bylaws and Resolutions.

Three of the Salisbury delegates were selected to serve on Federation committees which met on Wednesday afternoon immediately prior to the convention opening. Anne Boone-Carroll served on the Credentials Committee, Bob Holzmann served on the Rules Committee, and Ron Buffaloe served on the Audit Committee.

The delegates heard statewide committee reports plus debated and voted on several resolutions and bylaws amendments. The most pressing issues discussed were those of recruitment and retention, both statewide and nationally.

While both the state federation of chapters and NARFE nationally have been losing more members to death and resignation

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than are joining, that trend shows some sign of balancing out. Nonetheless, nationally in the past year there were 23,000 new members and 10,000 current members renewing, but offset by 8500 deaths of members, 32,000 letting their memberships lapse and 359 cancelling their memberships. It is extremely important that every member renew their membership and help recruit new members.

Salisbury's delegates felt the convention was very worthwhile and appreciated the opportunity to represent Chapter 0720.

President's Report

By Ron Buffaloe

On page one you can find a report on the NC NARFE Federation Convention recently held in Greensboro. While I have attended both regional and national conventions with two management associations when I worked for the Social Security Administration, this was my first convention with this organization and I went not really knowing what to expect.

I can tell you that after two half days and one full day in Greensboro I was extremely impressed with the energy, dedication and expertise shown by the 205 delegates and the state federation officers there. I had to keep reminding myself that most of these people are retired and many are several years older than me. You wouldn't know it based on the enthusiasm they showed, the amount of time they spent to make sure everything we did was correct, and in the continued dedication they exhibited, even though many had already spent 10 or 15 retirement years involved in NARFE activities.

There won't be another convention nearby for two or three years as they rotate across the state but I hope you make plans to

attend one the next time it's in this part of North Carolina. Those of you who can only attend one day can attend a "Commuters' Special" abbreviated session on the first day of the convention. You can also attend as a chapter delegate if you're interested. Either way I think you would come away pleased with how your organization is being managed.

I want to finish by advising you of the outcome of two statewide elections held during the convention. Our new federation president is Paul Sams, formerly the Executive VP. Sue Hawkins, our Area VI Vice President, was reelected to that position for another year. We will try to get each of them to one of our meetings over the next year.

Our Newsletter

This newsletter is produced on a regular basis as a means of communicating with all members of Chapter 0720. It is distributed both by paper and by email.

You can also visit us on the internet as we're a member of Yahoo Groups. Chapter 0720's group page can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/narfe0720>. For those who can't attend our meetings, but want to know what's going on, we post each month's minutes on our group page.

If you received this newsletter by mail but would prefer to receive it through our chapter email list, or want to join our list to receive this and other chapter information, please send your name, phone number and email address to ronbuffaloe@gmail.com.

Welcome to Our New Members

Daniel H. Contine	Mint Hill
Susan B. Owen	Salisbury

2010 Chapter Officers

President	Ron Buffaloe
Vice President	Gladys Earnhardt
Secretary	Robbie Davis
Treasurer	Anne Boone-Carroll
Membership Chair	Bob Holzmann
Service Officer	Clarence Bailey
Legislative Chair	Ron Buffaloe
Public Relations	Gladys Earnhardt
Alzheimer's Chair	Kenneth Carroll

Chapter Financial Report

By Anne Boone-Carroll
Treasurer

May

Opening Balance	\$1562.56
Receipts	\$ 174.31
Disbursements	\$ 596.56
Closing Balance	\$1140.31

Chapter Meetings

NARFE Chapter 0720 meets the third Monday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center, with two exceptions. The Center is located at 1120 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. S, Salisbury, NC. Meeting locations for January and December will be announced.

Jul 19	Speaker will be Glenn Hester, Auctioneer, speaking on disposing of personal property.
Aug 16	Speakers will be Margaret Moody and Becca Carpenter of the NC Alzheimer's Association, speaking on brain health and the Alzheimer's Association.
Sep 20	Speaker will be a representative of the Salisbury Police Department, speaking on personal safety.

NARFE Commitment to Alzheimer's Research

By Bob Holzmann

Did you know NARFE members have raised over \$8.5 million dollars since 1985 for Alzheimer's research? Across the country NARFE members raise funds through donations and fund raisers, plus they volunteer at local day-care centers and other respite-care facilities. Through our partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, 100% of the funds we collect are used to support research for finding the cause, prevention and treatment of this debilitating disease.

In recognition for our contributions, the Alzheimer's Association recognizes us as a member of their Zenith Society, which is composed of a group of approximately 50 donors that represents the highest level of giving. Of the four organizations in this donor group, NARFE is the number one contributor. Our organizational goal, established at the 2008 National Convention, has been to raise total contributions of \$9 million by our 90th birthday in 2011.

The NARFE Alzheimer's National Committee is working on this goal. The committee meets annually and is composed of one member from each of NARFE's ten regions with oversight from our National President Margaret L. Baptiste. The committee also answers questions and provides resources for NARFE federations and chapters in conjunction with NARFE National Headquarters and the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter Office is located in Charlotte and serves our area. We are very fortunate to have Margaret Moody and Becca Carpenter scheduled to speak at our August 16th meeting, so mark your calendars now to reserve the date for this informative meeting.



Why You Should Recruit Federal Employee

Friends and Co-Workers to Join NARFE

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association is the *only* association dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the benefits of America's active and retired federal employees, and their survivors. It has over 310,000 members nationwide. For only \$33.00 a year you get:

- A voice on Capitol Hill,
- Advance information on changes to your federal retirement, health and other benefits,
- An award-winning monthly magazine and exclusive Web site access,
- Information on local, state and national issues affecting NARFE members through chapter meetings and newsletters,
- The ability to influence town, county and state issues affecting all seniors,
- Direct assistance with questions on annuities, health benefits, Medicare, life insurance, tax withholding, survivor benefits, Social Security, etc.,
- Many occasions to broaden contributions to, and benefits from, increased social, political, economic and civic activities, and
- Fellowship and social interchange with other federal retirees, survivor annuitants and current employees, the renewal of friendships with former associates, and the making of many new friendships.

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