



# NARFE NEWS

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## Chapter Participates in Senior Expo for the First Time



Vice President Gladys Earnhart and President Ron Buffaloe are ready to recruit new members at the Senior Expo.

NARFE Chapter 0720 participated for the first time in the Senior Expo held at the Salisbury Mall on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Chapter officers Gladys Earnhardt, Anne Boone-Carroll, Bob Holzmann, and Ron Buffaloe all worked the NARFE booth at various times between 10 am and 2 pm, joining 20 other area vendors and organizations.

Chapter 0720's participation was the idea of Membership Chair Bob Holzmann and was

approved by the chapter members. It is part of the chapter's effort to become better known and more active in the community, hopefully benefitting the on-going recruitment and retention program.

Through Bob's efforts the chapter was able to qualify for a matching grant from NARFE headquarters, cutting in half the cost of the ad in the September edition of the Salisbury Post's Prime Time supplement and our participation in the Senior Expo.

The chapter's booth seemed to be one of the most visited, as it had one of the best locations in the mall. Many people stopped by to see what NARFE was, what it did, and to look over the brochures, pamphlets, book marks, NARFE magazines, NC Federation newsletters and new chapter newsletters. NARFE headquarters really worked with the chapter on this effort, sending more NARFE recruiting materials than could be given away.

Space was also made for several pamphlets provided by the Charlotte office of the Alzheimer's Association. The chapter is working to strengthen its relationship with the Charlotte office as nationally NARFE is one of the greatest contributors of financial support for Alzheimer's research. Chapter 0720 wants to do its part in supporting that effort.

As a result of the Prime Time ad and participation in the Senior Expo the chapter has already gained three potential new chapter members and at the Expo handed

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out membership applications to several more interested individuals. All the chapter members who participated believe being a part of the Prime Time supplement and the Senior Expo was well worth the effort.



Membership Chair Bob Holzmann and Ron Buffaloe discuss NARFE membership with a visitor at the Senior Expo.

## President's Report

By Ron Buffaloe

Over the past few weeks local NARFE members have participated in different events as part of our attempt to make our organization and chapter better known and more active in the community. As the cover article shows we successfully participated in our first Senior Expo at the Salisbury Mall.

Membership Chair Bob Holzmann and I also presented a program at the local Social Security Administration office about NARFE and the many benefits of membership to both younger employees and those nearing retirement age. We gave out membership packets containing membership applications and pamphlets giving detailed information about issues important to current federal employees. Most importantly we answered several questions from the SSA employees in attendance. We have several former SSA employees in our chapter and we hope our visit will result in the addition of many more over the coming years.

Bob and I are very willing to continue giving our recruitment presentation to any group with potential NARFE members. We are particularly interested in reaching potential members currently employed at the VA hospital, the county's largest federal government employer, as well as those former VA employees still living in Rowan County who haven't joined NARFE. We have attempted to reach out to those in administration at the VA hospital but have so far been unsuccessful in our efforts.

We are also interested in reaching out to federal employees in other agencies in Rowan County. If you know of a contact we can talk with in any agency please share that information with us. We are particularly interested in being part of any agency pre-retirement seminar for its employees.

The chapter has also decided to hold a combination bake sale/yard sale on Saturday, October 9 as a chapter fundraiser and to raise our profile in the community. More details are in this newsletter and will be sent by email. Please contribute your no longer needed household items as well as baked goods to sell but also come by and make some purchases for the benefit of our chapter.

As always we appreciate your feedback and suggestions as the officers try to make your chapter what you want it to be.



Bob Holzmann, Ron Buffaloe, and Treasurer Anne Boone-Carroll work in the booth at the Senior Expo.

## First Chapter Yard Sale And Bake Sale Scheduled

Mark Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! The chapter is holding a combination yard sale/bake sale as a chapter fundraiser this year. It will be held in the parking lot of the Moose Pharmacy at 1408 West Innes Street. This is the former location of the Salisbury Farmer's Market. The rain date is the following Saturday.

Donations of new or used household items and baked goods to sell are needed and should be delivered to the parking lot early on Saturday morning. Please mark your donated items with the selling price. The loan of several tables and chairs to use during the sale would also be appreciated. Contact Anne Boone-Carroll at (704) 636-3237 if you need someone to pick up your donated items. Such items will be picked up on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 2 pm. Further details will be shared with members closer to the sale.

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## 2010 Chapter Officers

<b>President</b>	Ron Buffaloe
<b>Vice President</b>	Gladys Earnhardt
<b>Secretary</b>	Vacant
<b>Treasurer</b>	Anne Boone-Carroll
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Bob Holzmann
<b>Service Officer</b>	Clarence Bailey
<b>Legislative Chair</b>	Ron Buffaloe
<b>Public Relations</b>	Gladys Earnhardt
<b>Alzheimer's Chair</b>	Kenneth Carroll

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## Chapter Financial Report

By Anne Boone-Carroll  
Treasurer

### August

Opening Balance	\$1383.25
Receipts	\$ 125.12
Disbursements	\$ 254.75
Closing Balance	\$1253.62

## 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.

Oct 18	Speaker will be Sue Hawkins, our Area Vice President
Nov 15	Speaker will be Len Clark, discussing Fibrant - Salisbury's new fiber optic service for telephone, internet and television
Dec 20	There will be no speaker as we meet offsite for a Christmas luncheon. Location will be provided at a later date.

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## 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](mailto:ronbuffaloe@gmail.com).



## Why You Should Help Recruit New Members for 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, spouses and 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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