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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy 90th Birthday to All of Us!

For those wishing to celebrate in a special way, NARFE has published an Anniversary Book.

I hope to see many of you at the Federation Convention.

SHERMAN SMITH

COMING ATTRACTIONS — SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS.

APR 20 Joe Wahlen, District 3 Vice President—"The State of the NEW NARFE"

MAY 18 Ann Wethington, Dept. of Public Health and Wellness—"Need to Know Re Budbugs"

JUN 15 To Be Announced via Automated Telephone Tree

46th ANNUAL NARFE KY FEDERATION CONVENTION — APRIL 12, 3, & 14

Clarion Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), Lexington — I - 64/75 Exit 115 on Newtown Pike

Registration begins at 10 a.m., April 12. The Opening Session is at 1 p.m. with a welcome from the City of Lexington, a workshop on how to write and submit a Resolution, and a Legislative Report from Chris Farrell from National Headquarters. Wednesday's sessions feature Region X VP Bill Martin's report, a review of the changing demographics in America, and a brain-storming session on how our Federation can make KY NARFE the best in the country. District Caucuses and Officer Training will fill Wednesday afternoon's agenda. The Banquet will be Wednesday evening and a Memorial Breakfast hosted by Lexington Chapter 97 kicks off Thursday's activities followed by Election of Officers, Installation (if necessary) and a Business Session. Convention ends Thursday Noon.

Congressman Ben Chandler will speak before the Convention at 12:00 noon on Tuesday.

We encourage everyone to be seated before then.

Thank all of you for your support these last two years.

Nathan W. Henderson, Sr., President

Kentucky Federation of Chapters



THE FEDERATION CONVENTION IS A COMIN!! By Joseph Wahlen, Dist 3 VP

The host chapters of District 5 in central and eastern Kentucky have worked very hard to put together a convention chock full of training and information you can use.

The Keynote address will be by Christopher (Chris) Farrell, a member of NARFE'S award-winning Legislative Staff. This is of importance, especially in view the Fed bashing going on in certain Legislative circles. Now is the time to participate in the governance of the Federation.

Our Chapter has made attending easy; we will pay the \$15 Registration fee & the \$27 dinner fee for each of our allotted 22 delegates. If you want to be a delegate, call Barbara Wahlen ASAP (502-495-2036); the deadline for registrations to reach the Convention committee is April 1.

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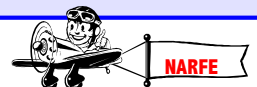


COMMENT BOX Comments and short articles of interest to our active and retired NARFE family are welcome. *NED*



TREASURER REPORT

3/16/11 balance on hand for use— \$936.98 plus CD's of approx. \$13,000.



Please note Chair appointment: Charlie Walter will help us fly our flag as Publicity Chair!



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**MORSELS from
MEETINGS** ⇒⇒⇒

BEST DEFENSE, GOOD OFFENSE

One of the casualties of the recent budget battles was former House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer's proposal for government to pay 80% of our health care premiums—the standard for the private sector—instead of the current 72% average which declines to 67% for those with Blue Cross Standard. Another casualty was premium conversion for retirees.

The Deficit Commission proposals would severely impact active federal employees as well as retirees — a 3-year freeze in federal salaries, a 10% reduction (3 leave; 2 replace) in the federal work force, computing retirement annuities based on high five rather than high three, and increasing retirement contributions from ¼ of salary to ½. Retirees would not escape either. The debt commission proposals eliminate the government contribution to health care premiums and replace it with a deduction based on the Blue Cross Standard premium. They eliminate first-dollar coverage on medi-gap universal co-pay and place a catastrophic cap on Medicare parts A & B. They advocate a chained COLA which would reduce COLA increases for retirees by 3% over a 10-year period. If this were not enough, proposals from the House of Representatives would eliminate within-grade increases and generate a pay freeze for 5 years and cut the federal workforce by 15% (2 leave; one replaces) over 10 years. They would mandate 2-week furloughs and prohibit federal workers from serving as union officials on government time.

There is an urgent need to fight such proposals, which are based on a lot of false information about Federal Salaries and the Retirement System. The claims by some that the average

Federal worker makes \$120,000 or even \$74,000 a year are without foundation. The latter figure is based on Bureau of Economic Data on Federal Salary Accounts that does not factor out the cost of annuities which each federal facility is responsible for and is included in their salary account. One-half of Federal employees work in the nine highest paying occupations as opposed to less than one-third of private sector workers. For accurate, non-partisan information, go to President's Pay Agent <http://www1.opm.gov/oca/payagent/2009/message.asp>. They compare pay for similar occupations—federal versus private and illustrate that we earn 24% less than the private sector. Unlike the Social Security System, the Civil Service Retirement System is solvent. Over the next 10 years, Social Security will take up another 2% of GDP, but the Civil Service Retirement will decline by 0.06% of GDP over the same 10 years.

If the House proposals go through and Defense and Homeland Security are exempt from cuts, this would mean a 42% cut in every other agency which would impact Social Security benefit claims, food safety, FBI, drug enforcement—just to name a few. If spending is cut this much and staffing is reduced, the question for these lawmakers is, "What services will you cut?" The March 5-8 NARFE Legislative Conference will address these issues. I will attempt to obtain a record of the proceedings to share with you. As Joe Wahlen, our 3rd District VP, pointed out, NARFE is going to hire a public relations firm to help get out an accurate picture of the Federal workforce and the Civil Service Retirement System. The best defense is a good offense.

by Maurice Jeffries



WIN! WIN! WIN! WITH STATEWIDE ALZHEIMER'S RAFFLE — by Joseph Wahlen, 3rd District VP

NARFE'S KY Federation of Chapters, is again selling raffle tickets in support of Alzheimer's research. NARFE has a longstanding relationship with Alzheimer's. A special fund was created — the NARFE-ALZHEIMER'S Fund,—whereby all donations go directly to Alzheimer's research. No salaries. No buildings. To date, more than \$9 million has been raised for Alzheimer's research.

TICKET SALES PERIOD: THRU 4/30/11 - PRIZE: \$100 PER WINNING TICKET - COST: \$10 PER TICKET - 1ST DRAWING: 5/9/11

Tickets will be available at the March 16 and April 20 Metro Louisville Chapter meetings. We must have all ticket stubs and monies to KY NARFE by last day of April to be eligible for the first drawing on May 9, 2011. You don't have to attend the Federation convention to participate. As much as we would like you to do that, you can purchase raffle tickets at our Chapter meeting or you may call our Chapter Treasurer Barbara Wahlen at 502-495-2036. There will be 12 drawings—one a month. Your ticket will stay in the hopper, unless or until drawn, at which time it will be removed. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS.**

There is no limit to the number of tickets you can buy. This raffle is a funding event for Alzheimer's research and not limited to NARFE members. Tickets can be sold to friends and family members.

In **January**, psychologist, **Dr. Ryan Wetzler**, one of only 150 people certified in Behavioral Sleep Medicine in the U.S. and one of two in KY, spoke about the benefits of good sleep and how to get it without pills.

In **February**, **Bob Mueller** of Hosparus, spoke on the six mistakes people make in life and gave insights for overcoming them—the same six Roman orator Cicero named 2,000 years ago in his "Six Mistakes of Man."

In **March**, **Kelley Wilkerson**, Associate Curator at Frazier International History Museum, previewed Frazier's 2-years-in-the-works exhibit set to open in October. Exhibits will bring to life the pathos of the Civil War in border state Kentucky. The Exhibit runs through April 2012 and is titled "Civil War: My Brother, My Enemy."



NARFE-PAC Month (March) is over but anytime is a good time to support NARFE-PAC, arguably the most respected Political Action Committee in the nation. It is our way of helping elect congresspersons who demonstrate a willingness to support federal employees and retirees.

New NARFE-PAC pins are available at most chapter meetings. You can have one for a donation of \$20, cash or check (payable to NARFE-PAC). Button-hole O.J. Jennings, NARFE-PAC Chair, and tell him you want a NARFE-PAC pin. Your donation may not be passed through the chapter. *by Joseph Wahlen*

If you can't attend meetings, please donate via <http://www.narfe.org/narfepac/> or use the coupon in NARFE Magazine. NED

FIVE OF SIX KY REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT FEDS' STEP INCREASES

On February 16, NARFE President Joe Beaudoin sent a letter to all 435 Representatives urging them to vote "NO" on amendment #569 to H.R. 1 offered by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-CA. The Issa amendment went beyond the current two-year federal pay freeze by banning step increases as well. **On February 19 all of KY's Reps, except Edward Whitfield in District 1, voted "No" on this amendment — i.e., five voted to support federal employees.** NARFE urges that we contact our Representative to say "THANK YOU" (if he supported us; contact info on p.2). Or use the toll-free number for the Capitol switchboard (1-866-220-0044) & ask for your representative. Mr. Issa's amendment failed by a vote of 191-230.

From GEMS of 2/25/11

Withholding Wizards

Salutations to Susan Arnold, Donna Walker, John West who opted for dues withholding.

Wizards motto:

Wise up and join the Wizards

(It'll save you money & will assure you always remain in the Free Cash Pot raffle!)

Dues Withholding Application Form for Retired Federal Employees is in the NARFE Magazine.

Or go to <http://www.narfe.org/pdf/dw-2.pdf>.

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World Sauntering Day, observed June 19, is a day to saunter here and there, wherever you go. You can spend your life walking through life, jogging through life, or being dragged through life. But, life is far more enjoyable, if you saunter through it. Its doubly true if you saunter with a friend or loved one.

Sauntering is not a walk, jog, trot, or run. Sauntering is a form of strolling. Sauntering is a very casual, yet stylish, form of movement from point A to Point B. The dictionary defines sauntering as walking along slowly, happily and aimlessly. Now, doesn't this sound like a grand way to get around? On *World Sauntering Day*, practice your sauntering technique. Saunter everywhere you go.

This day was created in the 1970's by W. T. Rabe at Mackinac Island, Michigan, while he was the Public Relations Director for a hotel on the island. Rabe was well known for his publicity stunts.

From www.holidayinsights.com

THE NEW NARFE

"What's new?" you may ask. Just read your March issue of NARFE Magazine. Or come to a chapter meeting Ask questions during the business part of the meeting. (Special program at the April 20 meeting devoted to this subject).

I call it the "NEW NARFE" because we are re-inventing ourselves to combat the dire threats to our earned retirement benefits by some members of congress. You know, the Fed bashing and making us all out to be a bunch of fat cats who don't or didn't earn our keep.

For many years, NARFE has successfully worked behind the scenes to protect these benefits. However these new, dire threats compel a more public pro-active strategy to defend our earned benefits.

NARFE will vigorously stand up to those who say we are not deserving of our earned retirement benefits which we worked long and hard for while diligently serving the public. **Welcome to the "NEW NARFE"**

by Joseph Wahlen, 3rd District VP



- 15 Fed. Taxes Due
- 18-26 Passover
- 22 Good Friday
- 24 Easter Sunday
- 30 NARFE Scholarship



- 8 Mother's Day
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 30 Memorial Day



- 6 FERS Enacted in 1986
- 14 Flag Day



May 7—Derby

The first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby was Diane Crump on May 2, 1970.

REMEMBER recruit an active Federal employee and get \$8 from National NARFE.



For 2010 MetroNEWS cost \$ 987.54.

Need a Name Tag?
Notify Joe Scheuring

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<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/potus-tracker/>

Feelin' bloggy? Don't miss NARFE's Blog at
<http://www.narfe.org/departments/member/articles.cfm?ID=1828>

The Alzheimer's Store — Unique products & information for Alzheimer's caregivers.
www.Alzstore.org or 1-800-752-3238



FREE CASH POT RESULTS

Names drawn from the "virtual" Hat* are:

- Jan 19 — James P. Marks of ZIP 40023 (\$100)
- Feb 16 — Michael J. Spalding of ZIP 40228 (\$100)
- Mar 16 — Jack P. Chivatero of ZIP 40245 (\$100)

Unfortunately, none of the three was present to collect.

April's FREE CASH POT will be \$100.

At each monthly meeting, \$10 will be added until someone claims the Free Cash Pot or until it reaches \$100 where it will remain until a winner is present to collect. All names drawn, whether the member is present to win or not, will remain in the pot.

Join Dues Withholding so your name will always be in the Free Cash Pot raffle.

Software compliments of www.harmonyhollow.net/hat.shtml.



AUTOMATED TELEPHONE TREE

Bob Burckle keeps those phone calls coming in each month to remind us of upcoming meetings and special events. Always keep your tel #,

address and e-mail info up-to-date in one of the following ways:

> go to www.narfe.org (click Departments & then Membership)

> send e-mail to memberrecords@narfe.org

> write NARFE: 606 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314, Attn: Member Records

> or phone Membership Records 1-800-456-8410

Also notify O. J. Jennings of phone/address changes; e-mail Jack Ostwalt of e-mail additions or changes. (Contact info on p.1)

IN FEB., 371 CALLS MADE; ONLY 11 UNREACHABLE.

FEDERAL GOVT. EMPLOYMENT LEVELS (INCLUDING USPS)

	Exec. Branch Civilians	Total U.S. Population	No. Per 1,000 Pop.
1962 (Kennedy)	2.48 million	186.5 million	13.3
1964 (Johnson)	2.47 million	191.8 million	12.9
1970 (Nixon)	2.94 million*	205 million	14.4
1975 (Ford)	2.85 million	215.9 million	13.2
1978 (Carter)	2.87 million	222.5 million	12.9
1982 (Reagan)	2.77 million	232.1 million	11.9
1990 (Bush)	3.06 million*	249.6 million	12.3
1994 (Clinton)	2.9 million	263.1 million	11.1
2002 (Bush)	2.63 million	287.8 million	9.1
2010 (Obama)	2.65 million~	310.3 million~	8.4~

Counting methods vary, but the above counts workers using figures from George W. Bush's administration that tallied the total number of Executive Branch employees -- including U.S. Postal Service workers -- and determined the number of federal workers per 1,000 Americans.

*Includes Census Bureau Temps ~ Estimates by OMB & Census Taken from *Federal Eye* article in **The Washington Post**

http://voices.washingtonpost.com/federal-eye/2010/09/how_many_federal_workers_are_t.html

<http://www.cspan.org/Events/Pay-for-Federal-Workers-Examined-During-Hearing/10737420051-1/>

C-Span video of 3/9/11 House Oversight & Government Reform Subcommittee hearing on the question of compensation for federal workers (a bit over 2 hours).

NARFE President Joseph Beaudoin released a statement labeling the material presented by some spokespersons at the above hearing as "grossly misleading." See Mr. Beaudoin's statement at:

<http://www.narfe.org/departments/home/articles.cfm?ID=2390>

"GETTING TO KNOW US"

The "Getting to Know Us" column needs **YOUR input.**

Include information such as: work history highlights; when & from where you retired; where you grew up; special accomplishments; family information; special interests; what keeps you busy currently; OR whatever YOU want to share.

PLUS — why YOU think NARFE is important

You may either write your article (up to 250 words) or provide information for me to write it.

Please provide your info via e-mail (fair@bellsouth.net) or send it to me at 8900 Middle Pointe Rd., Louisville KY 40241. **The next deadline for MetroNEWS publication will be Jun 15 so please let me hear from you by then , or earlier!!** *Marj Fair, Newsletter Editor*

BE ALL WELL & BACK WITH US REAL SOON, JUDY!

Chapter 262 has missed Judy and Jerry Fletcher at the last three meetings while Judy recuperates from January surgery and ensuing radiation treatments to remove and treat a benign tumor on her pituitary gland which was affecting her vision.

Judy sends thanks for the expressions of concern and the cards she has received. **NED**

"GETTING TO KNOW LOIS SCHULER ROACH"



Born in Louisville and raised in the Crescent Hill and St. Matthews areas, Lois graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and attended Ursuline College. Her first job was as a clerk in the Medical Records Dept. at Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital. She left to attend cosmetology school. After becoming a hairdresser, she owned a small neighborhood shop in the Clifton area. Within a couple years, her former instructor contacted her to join her alma mater's faculty. After passing the State Board exam and receiving a license to teach cosmetology, she spent the next 14 years as an instructor — with short periods off to marry and have two children, a girl and a boy.


She joined the Postal Service in 1977, as a casual clerk in Mail Processing. In 1978, she switched to the Letter Carrier craft. She worked in the Parcel Post and Collection Unit and delivered foot routes in various parts of the city. In 1982 she was promoted to Delivery Supervisor and spent 10 years at carrier units at the Downtown Station (7th & York Sts.), Main Office (Gardiner Ln.), and the Special Delivery Unit at the airport facility. In early 1993, she was appointed Postmaster of Milton, KY — a small associate office in Trimble County and spent 7 happy years there before retiring in January 2000.

She now spends time gardening (flowers not veggies), doing crossword puzzles, reading, following U of L sports (football and basketball) and caring for a rescued beagle-mix dog named "Scooter". She has three grand-daughters (ages 24, 4, & 10 months), a grandson, age 17, and one great-grandson, age 5 months. She enjoys babysitting when called upon.

Since joining NARFE Middletown (now Metro Louisville) Chapter, she has served as Membership Chair, 2nd Vice-President and Program Chair, and currently is Hostess/Reservations person.

FRIENDSHIP CORNER
 When you wish to report your own information or are aware of accomplishments or important milestones of fellow NARFE members or of illness or deaths, please contact **Lucille Severance**: 425-9415 or lsever@insightbb.com
Lucille Severance, Chairman
All members confined to home, in nursing homes, or facing illness, bereavement or difficulties are in our thoughts & prayers.

Recent meetings welcomed newcomers & members not seen for awhile:
Irv & Gwen Lambert, Collis Ormsby, Ray DeMasters, Duane Schwartz, Faye Steiden, John B. & John H. Werkman, Michael Parker, Elinor Jeffcoat, Nona Preher, Jack Ostwalt, Nathan Henderson, Elizabeth Robb, Dorothy Halbleib. Apologies to any omissions. All comers--old & new—are always **welcome & encouraged to attend. NED**

 I so appreciate the greeting cards several of you have given me to use in my Friendship responsibilities. **Lucille Severance**

 **NARFE NewsWatch** 

Be sure to have a look at NARFE's new electronic news brief, "NARFE NewsWatch."

<http://multibriefs.com/briefs/narfe/NARFE022211.php>

NARFE has partnered with MultiView Inc. of Dallas, TX, to produce the weekly electronic newsletter. The advertising-supported news brief will include a variety of stories on topics of interest to NARFE members culled from thousands of news sources. Topics include Finances, Legislative Update, Health, Second Careers, Travel and Retirement Trends. It also will include news from NARFE. . . .

The news brief also will be a means to reach out to prospective new members and enhance NARFE's name recognition. So . . . please forward NewsWatch to friends and colleagues who are eligible for NARFE membership. Each issue will include a message for nonmembers to subscribe to the news brief free of charge or, better yet, join the Association and receive all the benefits of membership in NARFE.

To be on the e-mail list to automatically receive "NARFE NewsWatch," NARFE members must have their e-mail addresses on file at NARFE Headquarters. Recipients will be able to "unsubscribe" to the news brief if they so desire.

From an article at www.NARFEKY.org.

WE SUPPORT OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN, VETERANS, & THEIR FAMILIES



In Memory
Roland E. Kint, Jr., 79, of Louisville, passed away January 29, 2011. He was a retired civil engineer for the U.S. Government with 35 years of service and a Natl. Member of NARFE.

Virginia French "Sissy," Hesterman, 87, passed away, January 19, 2011. She retired from the federal government, Division of Alcohol Tobacco Tax and was a member of NARFE.

Samuel J. Mellett, 90, a member of Chapter 1756, died October 31, 2010, at U of L Hospital. He was a retired foreman for Naval Ordnance and a WWII Army veteran, (3259th Signal Service Co.) His NARFE membership has been transferred to his wife of 65 years, Elsie.

Lillian Werkman, 91, passed away Jan. 31, 2011. Lillian was a member of Chapter 262 as well as actively serving Buechel Chapter 1586 prior to merger with 262. Her husband of 70 years John B. Werkman and her son John H. Werkman (Geri) remain active in Chapter 262.

Metro Louisville Chapter members extend heartfelt sympathy to family & friends.
 Read full obituaries at:
www.legacy.com/louisville/Obituaries.asp

OVERHULTS MEMORIAM by Joe Wahlen

Patty Jo Overhults, a valued member of Central KY Chapter 97, passed away Dec 27, 2010, after a long illness. Though suffering with multiple sclerosis, she was a tireless NARFE activist in her chapter and the KY Federation. She was instrumental in establishing an early Federation newspaper, *KY NARFE NEWS*, serving as editor for several years. She also played a key role in supporting her caring husband Kenneth as he rose through the ranks to become KY Federation President. She is survived by Kenneth and their children Marcia and Joseph.

WELCOME NEW / RENEWED MBRs. 

DEC Mary Nation, Sarah Orrender, Karen Wright, Mary Bowling, John Jarowski, Karen Pendergrast, Syed Ibrahim — new members

Katherine Bicket, Jean Donovan, & Edward Obryan — x-fers from Chapter 1445

JAN Jacqueline Haysley, Franklin Jones, Susan Kirk, John Thomas, Michael Blair — x-fer from Chapter 1445;

Elinore Jeffcoat, x-fer from Chapter 228.

Anita Downs, Catherine Keefe, Martha Malone, Dorothy Rothel — reinstatements.

FEB Elsie Mellett — spousal mbrsp. from deceased husband; **Patrick Madden**—new mbr.

126 members — x-fers from Chapter 1756 (Sorry space limitations prevent listing each of name.)

\$100 Winners in KY NARFE's STATEWIDE 2010 ALZHEIMER'S RAFFLE
Jan—David Bunten of Petersburg, KY (Marlene Bunten bought a ticket for each of her children & David won!)
Feb—Joyce Mason, Chapter 1760, Campbell County
Mar—Barbara Moss, Chapter 1283, Paducah .

WELCOME IROQUOIS
 Iroquois Chapter 1756 is now officially retired. Chapter 262 has received around 130 members from Iroquois. We welcome each of you and hope to see many of you at meetings SOON!!

KY NARFE WEBSITE
 Just a reminder to log on to KY Federation's new website at <http://narfeky.org/>.
 It is well run by Tom Diaz in western KY, our webmaster. It's easy to navigate and has all kinds of links. You'll even find this Newsletter on there.
Come on! Try it. you'll like it.
Joseph Wahlen, 3rd District VP

Voting records on Key NARFE Issues are at:
www.capwiz.com/narfe/dbq/officials
 Click the "Issues and Legislation" tab and enter your ZIP to get the voting record of your Senator or Representative.

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 White House Comments 1-888-225-8418
 (All tel #'s with prefixes of 800, 888, 877 & 866 are Toll Free!)

Mid-day Chapter Meetings are held third Wednesdays of all months except July & August & Dec* as follows:

11:30 a.m. — Social Period followed by
2:00 p.m. Lunch, Program, Business

Cost: \$12.75 - Check payable to NARFE Chapter 262.

*The annual Christmas Party is in Dec; date announced yearly. July and August meetings are held 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesdays with a Social Period followed by Dinner and Program (no business unless an urgent issue needs attention).

Reservations REQUIRED by Friday preceding the meeting:
Lois J. Roach, 2103 Dogoon Drive
Louisville, KY 40223-1146

If you miss sending check, call or e-mail Lois by the Friday deadline. Tel: 425-9519 e-mail: ljadybug@att.net
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. IF PLANS CHANGE, PLEASE CANCEL 48 HRS. AHEAD OF THE MEETING — THE MEAL COST MAY BE ASSESSED FOR NON-CANCELLATION.

*Meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne
1325 So. Hurstbourne Pkwy. (at I-64), Louisville, KY*

CHAP 262 APR-JUN 2011 CALENDAR

11:30 AM, WEDNESDAY, APR 20, CHAPTER MEETING

Menu French dip sandwich au jus, French fries, coleslaw, iced tea and fresh brewed coffee

Program Joe Wahlen, District 3 VP, "The State of the NEW NARFE"

11:30 AM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, CHAPTER MEETING

Menu Roadhouse burger with all the fixings, French fries, coleslaw, iced tea and fresh brewed coffee

Program Ann Wethington, Environmental Health Educator, KY Dept. of Public Health and Wellness
"What You Need to Know about Bed Bugs"

11:30 AM, WEDNESDAY, JUN 15, CHAPTER MEETING

Menu Fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, rolls & butter, iced tea & fresh brewed coffee

Program "To Be Announced via Automated Telephone Tree"

If you have a food allergy or problem with a menu selection, call Lois Roach—425-9519. Based on many member comments, the chef will cook meals w/o salt. It will be on table.

A TAXING TIME *by Joseph Wahlen*

You, like many of us, were probably blindsided by the sudden increase in Federal withholding tax deducted from your annuity due to the demise of the "make work pay" law which reduced the formula for taking federal taxes out of our annuities. Many of us have far too much withheld and have to wait a year to get it back. No interest of course. The amount of your total tax owed at the end of the year is not affected—simply the amount withheld each month.

Dave Snell, who heads the NARFE Benefits Department, reports that the Office of Personnel Mgmt. (OPM) has established a new toll-free line retirees can call to reduce the amount of Federal tax withheld from their monthly annuity. **The # is 1-800-307-8298.**



NED's Notes (Newsletter EDitor) *It's refreshing these days to hear or read positive comments about the government and civil service employees. So I am sharing some I read recently. In closing remarks to shareholders, Bruce Berkowitz, head of Fairholme Funds, Inc., commented in their latest Annual Report as follows:*

"Over the past few years, Fairholme's performance is due in large part to thousands of patriots in civil service who rescued the global financial system with much intelligence and hard work, demonstrating government at its best during a time of national crisis. On behalf of nearly 500,000 shareholders and clients, Semper Fi... Government is doing its job. We'll continue to do ours...."

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