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JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON JUNE 20, 2007 AT THE ODD FELLOWS HALL, 26 7TH ST, SF
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM; MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1:00 PM 6th FLOOR
SOCIAL HOUR, DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE, BINGO 11:30 AM
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JUN 20 SPEAKER FROM GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
JUL 18 SUMMER LUNCHEON AT CAESAR ITALIAN RESTAURANT
AUG 15 REGULAR MEETING**

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE.... We recently received the minutes of the California State Federation of Chapters (CSFC) executive board's February meeting. One of the issues they discussed was the importance of doing a better job at the retention of members. Accordingly, we are promoting "dues withholding" as a painless way to maintain your membership while saving National money, as there would be no need to mail renewal notices out every year. So, this is just a reminder that you can sign up for dues withholding very easily, it's only \$2.71 per month for our members, and you'll never have to think about paying dues again. In the April issue of Retirement Life - on page 47, or in the May issue on page 42, is a form with a few blanks to complete, and that's all there is to it. And if you do sign up, you'll get a \$10 rebate from the CSFC. To receive your rebate, just send a copy of both sides of your dues withholding form to me and I'll take care of it. The CSFC has been doing excellent work. They have devoted many hours to promoting and furthering the interests of NARFE. The minutes of their meeting will be available for your review at the June meeting.

Our next meeting in June will have an interesting speaker from the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, so if you want to learn about this huge area with tremendous variety, we hope you'll come.

Chapter 65 has, as of 4/14/07, 817 voting chapter members, 23 national life members (non-voting) and 104 national only members (non-voting).....for a total of 944 members. This is just a fraction of the potential members in San Francisco. But we do represent the interests of all those retired federal employees and current federal employees as well who live in San Francisco, and who could be members. Everyone (current and retired federal employees) should be advocates for NARFE, so that we can recruit many more of those folks who are not yet members.

Remember our July luncheon at Caesar's Restaurant!! We hope to see you there.

ALZHEIMER'S: JESSE RAMOS, 875 SANCHEZ ST., SF, CA. 94114; 826-3337

As I mention in every newsletter, if you wish your contribution to be used to support local programs and services to individuals and families coping with Alzheimer's disease, please make your donation check payable to the "Alzheimer's Association". On the other hand, if you wish your donation to be used solely to support Alzheimer's research, please make your check payable to "NARFE - Alzheimer's Research". To ensure that your contribution is correctly acknowledged as coming from a NARFE Chapter 65 member, write "NARFE Chapter 65" in the memo section of your check. Mail your contributions to me at the above address; I'll then forward your donations to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Donations to help defray some of the expenses of the Chapter's delegates to the California State Federation of Chapters Convention on May 18-20 in Costa Mesa began arriving shortly after our monthly newsletter to the membership was mailed. Prizes to the lucky donors will be drawn at the **July 18, 2007 Chapter 65 Summer Luncheon that will be held at Caesar's Italian Restaurant, Bay and Powell Streets.** You need not be present to win; winners will be notified by mail. Below are the names of our donors as of May 9: **Georgia Askew, Sumiko Akashi, Linda Boyd, Rosemary Bacy, Audrey Barrett, Herman Bracey, Michael Crahan, Ursula Clark, Helen Cope, Vurnell Culbert, Duane Coviello, Sandra Driscoll, George DeVincenzi, Leo Debernardi, Dona Fuchiwaki, Charlie Fleweller, Roger Fahlstrom, Adan Figueroa, Sheri Fatout, Euphemia Felicitas, Kathy Guerrero, Ruben Garcia, Julia Gregg, Edith Higa, Noboru Hanyu, William Healey, DorisMarie Hagopian, Ida May Jones, Lucille Jackson, Abner Kuperstein, Rita King, Morris Latimer, Rosemary Loughman, Dorothy Liston, Cecelia Leo, Irma Leone, Miyoko Lee, John Lockley, Charles Minster, Thomas Machida, Anna Meadors, Paul Moslander, Frank Morelli, Leo Michelini, Bobbie McGee, Michael Martin, Paul McCarthy, Richard Navarro, John Nobriga, Misao Otsuki, Mary Perata, Heidi Palacios, Lita Peralta, Ida Persily, Trinidad Robb, Claire Rains, Michael Radke, Ruth Rosenbaum, Martha Raup, Walter Slater, Beatrice Swink, Peter Sikora, Betty Sexton, Doris Sasaki, Rosita Smith, Victor Sun, Virginia Sustarich, Martha Soeldner, Roy Santana, Eldon Sozzi, Mary Toki, Alice Troughton, Mary Taylor, Yolanda Thompson, Jimmie Takeuchi, Matea Van Horn, Edward Wong, Marguerite Worsley, Linda Wade, Cheryl Willis, Phillip Woolfe, Carl Yano, Charlie Young, Mary Yerman.**

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On May 1, 2007, NARFE President Margaret L. Baptiste praised Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and George Voinovich (R-OH) for introducing the Government Pension Offset Reform Act, bipartisan legislation that would amend the Social Security Act by lessening the burden of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) on retired public servants, including Federal retirees. This must be the companion bill to H.R. 726, a Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) modification bill introduced in the House by Rep. Barney Frank and which NARFE also supports. The GPO, in effect since 1983, prevents government retirees who were first eligible to retire in 1982 and later from collecting both a government annuity and Social Security benefits based on their spouse's work. Two-thirds of the amount of the government annuity that the retiree has earned is used to offset whatever Social Security spousal or survivor benefits that might have been payable. In December 2003 approximately 394,000 Social Security beneficiaries were affected by the GPO. Of these about 75 percent were women, approximately 40 percent were widows or widowers, and 20 percent had a noncovered pension of less than \$1,000 a month.

President Baptiste highlighted NARFE's ongoing work with other organizations to persuade Congress to address the adverse economic impact of the GPO. The loss of earned survivor Social Security benefits can result in poverty among elderly women despite their years--and their spouses' years--of work. "There is no legitimate reason for a certain segment of seniors being denied their Social Security benefits for which full Social Security taxes were paid". "The GPO arbitrarily penalizes the earned Social Security benefits of public sector retirees--devastating the income security of many federal employees, teachers, and county and state workers. NARFE calls for Congress to immediately take up this discriminatory provision under the Social Security Act," Baptiste asserted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JESSE RAMOS 826-3337

Balance forward	\$3,787.18
Income	\$ 323.68
Expenses	\$ 347.74
Balance at 4/30/07	\$3,769.12

ANNUAL JULY LUNCHEON is scheduled for **Wednesday July 18, 2007 at Caesar's Restaurant 2299 Powell Streets at Bay.** There will be No Host Cocktails at 11:30 AM with lunch at 12:30 PM. **The cost is \$26.00 and the choices of Entrees are Veal Parmigiana, Roast Beef Au Jus, Combination Seafood Plate (Scallops, Prawns, and Filet of Sole). Valet Parking** is available for \$6.00. **Public Transportation: the 15-Third, the F-Market, the 47-Loop and the 30-Stockton all stop nearby. Your door prize donations are welcomed.**

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