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**AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON AUGUST 15, 2007 AT THE ODD FELLOWS HALL, 26 7TH ST, SF  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM; MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1:00 PM 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR  
SOCIAL HOUR, DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE, BINGO 11:30 AM  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

AUG 15 REGULAR MEETING  
SEPT 19 BAY CRUISE  
OCT 17 REGULAR MEETING

**PRESIDENT: JANE RAMOS, 875 SANCHEZ ST., SF, CA. 94114; 826-3337 chilberg@ix.netcom.com**

**GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST... Remember - August is Lobby Month - contact your representative!**

Our July luncheon was a big success! In addition to the usual delicious, abundant food served by Caesar's Restaurant, Forney Lundy, National Field Vice President for Region VIII, covering CA, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Okinawa and the Philippines gave a very interesting talk.

He acknowledged that Chapter 65 is now in its 56th year and informed us that his job is to make sure that any concerns we have are brought to the attention of the National Executive Board. And he emphasized the importance of NARFE member's contacts with our Congressional Representatives. Try to make an appointment with either Tom Lantos or Nancy Pelosi, and our Senators. Please let me know if you do, so that we can report back to Forney Lundy.

We were also reminded that we are all recruiters for NARFE. Carry a NARFE application with you - so that you can give it to Federal retirees (or current feds) you might meet during the day. Also, if you'd like to earn \$100, just provide NARFE with a lead that develops into a pre-retirement seminar contract! Call us for more information.

In addition to the many Chapter 65 members in attendance, we also had the pleasure of the company of Judy Lynn, District V Vice President and 2nd VP of Chapter 1317 in San Mateo and Marilyn Reynolds, President of Chapter 50 in San Jose and her husband, Don. It was a very sociable affair with lots of meeting and greeting of old friends and fellow NARFE members. The meal ended with our raffle and the awarding of door prizes. This year's raffle winners were: **\$100 Norbu Hanyu, \$50 Dianne Joseph, \$25 Michael Crahan and \$25 Margaret Worsley.**

In September - instead of a meeting - we usually plan a "picnic", but this year, we're trying something different -- we're planning a combination **"bay cruise"** on the Blue and Gold line, and then **lunch** at a **restaurant** on other side once we get there. Whether it's Tiburon, Sausalito or Jack London Square, will depend upon the ferry schedules after Labor Day which don't come out until mid-August. We want to leave San Francisco in the mid morning - around 10:30 am -- in time to arrive on the other side by lunch time. Return to the city should be before 3pm. Mark your calendars for September 19. Watch for further developments in the September newsletter. This promises to be a fun and scenic adventure. So, if you haven't been out on the bay recently, we hope you'll join us. And consider bringing a friend along to share in the fun. For early updates, visit our website!

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

The Chapter wishes to publicly thank and acknowledge the generous donation from Gloria O'Leary, a Chapter 65 member, to the NARFE-Alzheimer's Research Fund. Our member's donation will be used to support research efforts toward finding a cure for this terrible disease that mostly affects individuals 65 and older. If you wish to make a contribution and wish it to be used to support programs and services to help those individuals and families coping with the affects of the disease, please make your checks 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. Please mail your contributions to me at the above address; I'll then forward your donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

**RAFFLE DONATIONS: JESSE RAMOS, 875 SANCHEZ ST., SF, CA. 94114; 826-3337**

The members listed below made donations between June 16 and July 16 to help defray some of the expenses our Chapter delegates incurred to attend the California State Federation of Chapters recent convention. By the time you read this report prizes to the lucky donors will have been drawn at the chapter's Summer Luncheon on July 18th at Caesar's Italian Restaurant in San Francisco. Prize winners did not need to be present at the luncheon: **June Atkinson, Frances Chan, Patricia DelCarlo, Cezaria Gonzalez, Ralph Hockley, Nobuko Kamatani, Judy Lynn, Jane Ramos, Versa Sarabia.**

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**LEGISLATION: BEATRICE BERTWELL, 650 754-9962**

August is Lobby Month! The summer recess (August 6th through September 3rd) is the perfect time to lobby our Congressional delegations. On page 16 of the July issue of NARFE Magazine, Judy Park, NARFE Legislative Director, said: "August is a good month for citizen lobbyists to meet and talk with legislators on their home turf." Again on page 14 of the August issue and on the top of the home page of our website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), there is a call to all NARFE members to participate actively in Lobby Month.

The latest cosponsors of NARFE priority legislation are solely additions to Premium Conversion. Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM), Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT) became cosponsors of Sen. Warner's (R-VA) Premium Conversion legislation, S. 773, bringing the total to 43. On July 10th and 12th, 18 Representatives were made cosponsors of H.R. 1110, Rep. Tom Davis' (R-VA) Premium Conversion bill. Premium Conversion now has 228 cosponsors. Thanking recent cosponsors is an excellent way to show appreciation and attentiveness. NARFE activists in Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, and Washington have persuaded both Senators to cosponsor both NARFE priority bills. This means one or both Senators in 46 states need further persuasion to cosponsor one or both NARFE priorities. Many legislators, 23 Senators and 123 Representatives, are "lapsed" cosponsors. "Lapsed" means NARFE activists convinced a legislator to cosponsor during 2005-2006 but not yet in the current Congress. Use the Legislative Action Center on the NARFE website, that is, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), or call toll free 1-877-217-8234 to find your delegation and their current status on NARFE priority legislation and then take action.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: JESSE RAMOS 826-3337**

Balance forward	\$4,349.62
Income	\$1,099.08
Expenses	\$ 673.31
Balance at 6/30/07	\$4,775.39

**SUNSHINE: MARY TAYLOR, 661-1476**

Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of **Elizabeth Brekle, Bing T Kwon, John R Maher, Lawrence P Marks, Fred Perata, Ruth E Ramirez, Frank E Randall, and Ethel Smith**. Also, **Betty Clark** was recently admitted to the hospital on two occasions and is currently at home recovering from surgery.

**MEMBERSHIP: HERMAN BRACEY, 651 COLE ST APT 2, SF, CA. 94117; 668-2337**

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: **Holly Bundock, Kathleen Campbell, Patricia Daley, Larry J Farrell, Janet R Huey, Clyde A Jasper, Nannie Lustan and William J Nocetti**.

Even though we have had some success with recruiting, our membership numbers continue to decline and it has become necessary to shift our efforts more to retention. Each month we send letters to the members who have recently dropped their membership asking them to reconsider. We also enclose an exit survey form asking them to tell us the reason(s) they have chosen to discontinue their membership. Sadly, we get few replies that could possibly guide us to the areas where we need to improve.

Perhaps it would help if we could get some of you who do renew your annual membership to drop us a few lines about why you choose to stay with NARFE and we could pass the reasons on, in some collected form to those who drop their membership.