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**OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER
NO REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH
SEE YOU AT SF STATE'S VISTA ROOM**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 7 SKY GARDEN SOCIAL EVENT 4PM TO 6PM (11TH FLOOR 90 7TH STREET)
OCT 20 SF STATE VISITA ROOM- BURK HALL 4TH FLOOR (11:30 AM -1:30PM)
NOV 17 REGULAR MEETING / SAN FRANCISCO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
DEC 15 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT DELANCY STREET/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER... Last week I received notification that Loretta Grouix, from NARFE Chapter 1317, was hospitalized due to the gas explosion that occurred in her San Bruno neighborhood. She sustained 3rd degree burns on her back and legs. Her house was destroyed as well as her car. District V is attempting to assess Loretta's needs and determine how it can assist her as she builds a new life after the fire that sent her to intensive care. She will likely need a wheelchair and other household items. Jane Ramos, your Chapter 65 Secretary, has volunteered to coordinate donations from our San Francisco Chapter. If you would like to donate items or money, please contact Jane at 415-826-3337 or email her at jecramos@sbcglobal.net as to how you may assist Loretta.

Again this year we will hold our wine and cheese social in the Sky Garden on the 11th floor of the new federal building. All members are invited to attend and encouraged to bring prospective members to this event anytime between 4 pm to 6 pm on October 7th. This second annual event celebrates the success of our recruitment drive and gives current federal employees an opportunity to socialize with other NARFE members. Please stop by to enjoy light snacks and various soft drinks or wine.

Please note that in place of our October meeting we will have lunch again this year at the Vista Room at San Francisco State University in Burk Hall, 4th floor, right next to the Student Union complex on campus. The food is excellent and the price is right, only \$15 for the 3 course meal with coffee and tea included. See additional information on how to make arrangements in this newsletter.

Finally, at our November meeting, November 17th, we will have a presenter from the San Francisco World Affairs Council to highlight the role and opportunities this excellent organization provides our San Francisco community. The World Affairs Council is dedicated to engaging the public in international issues and opportunities.

New Officers Elected to National Posts

The delegates to the 31st Biennial NARFE National Convention have spoken, and the Association has four new national officers for the next two years. The election results were announced by Ballot & Teller Committee Chairman Jimmy Coleman of Georgia, and the winners were declared officially by National President Margaret L. Baptiste.

Joseph A. Beaudoin of Winchester, VA, was elected National President with a vote of 4,472 (74%).

Paul H. Carew of Pittsboro, NC, was elected National Vice President with a vote of 3,109 votes (51%).

Elaine Hughes, Asheville, NC, was elected National Secretary garnering 3,163 votes (52%).

Charles W. Saylor, Towson, MD, was elected National Treasurer and won with 3,132 votes (52%).

Nominations for New Chapter Officers (President, First & Second Vice Presidents Secretary and Treasurer) will be held during our November meeting with elections to follow. This year's nominating committee members, Herman Bracey, Jess Ramos and Leslie Ching are reaching out to all Chapter 65 Members. As in the past, all positions are open. Please submit your name or the names of your nominees to one of the following committee members: ramosjess38@gmail.com - hiandry@juno.com - moonchild749@gmail.com If you don't have a computer, the committee members' telephone numbers are on this newsletter. We look forward to receiving the names of your nominees! Nominations can also be made from the floor.

Our members are the heart of our chapter. The more members we have involved in the operation of the Chapter the better it makes our chapter. Active members keep our chapter alive; without them we'd have nothing. We ask you to become more involved in your chapter

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NARFE Convention delegates approved a dues increase. Here is the new dues structure for NATIONAL DUES:

- One year National Dues - \$40.00
- Two years National Dues - \$72.00
- Three years National Dues - \$102.00

The above is for National Dues only. Chapters will continue to establish their dues and National will continue to collect those dues and remit them to the chapters.

Those members who are on dues withholding will receive a 15% reduction on National Dues. Their annual dues will be \$34.00 plus chapter dues of record. Again, Chapters will continue to establish their dues and National will collect them and remit them to the chapters.

Finally, the National Executive Board (NEB) established a new First Year Membership Fee of \$45.00. Under our bylaws, "One-third (1/3) of the Membership Fee shall be returned to the Chapters in lieu of the first year's Chapter dues." Implementation target date for these increases is 1 January, 2011.

OKTOBERFEST: Please set aside **the 20th of October for our Oktoberfest luncheon** and brief meeting at the **SF State Vista Room (11:30 AM – 1:30 PM)**. The restaurant is located in Burk Hall on the campus of San Francisco State in Room 401 (fourth floor). Burk Hall is located right behind the student center and bookstore in the main campus area. It is approximately one block from Muni bus stops (28, 29, 17, and M) at 19th and Holloway Ave. It is approximately two to three blocks from the Stonestown Galleria parking lot. Don't miss this opportunity to taste a luncheon prepared by Chef Dan Honan, served by an excellent student staff; it's said to be the best lunch in town for only \$15, coffee & tea included. The number of accommodations are limited, so do reserve early. Payment needs to be in by 11th of October.

Please make checks payable to NARFE Chapter 65 and mail to Fran Chan, 1333 Gough St Apt 9J, SF 94109. You can also call me at 415-771-7892 if you have any questions about this event.

TREASURER'S REPORT: DIANNE JOSEPH; 179 CHILTON AVE, SF, CA 94131; 334-6380

Balance on: 08/01/10	\$ 6,271.51
Income	\$ 524.60
Expenses	\$ 324.11
Balance on: 08/31/10	\$ 6,472.00

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Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of **Morris J Latimer**.

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A warm WELCOME to our newest members: **Judy Bauer, Cecilia Carrasco, Anita M Gheno, L Ariana Honeycutt, Ramon Huaracha, Marian Kerbleski, Engarcia Reyes, Lemmie J Robinson, Karl Spargur, Richard M Spector, Laura Trizuto, Elane G Vazquez, Brenda L S Ward, and Donna Young.** We also THANK **Estella Garcia, Patricia Garcia, Providencia Ramirez and Ann Rae Withers.**

ON THE WAY TO SECOND YEAR WITHOUT COLA: On September 17th, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the consumer price index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, the CPI-W, for August is 214.205, an increase of **0.1 percent** from the July index of 213.898. As reported in earlier Hotlines there is unlikely to be a retiree COLA for 2011. In fact, the July/August average index (214.205) is **1.3 percent LOWER** than the third quarter average base index in 2008 (215.5). With only one month remaining, three beneficiary groups, social security, military and federal civilians, should plan to receive **NO COLA** in 2011.