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**NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 16, 2011 AT FOB, 90 7TH ST,  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM; 12TH FLOOR RM 12300  
GENERAL MEETING 1:00 PM - LOWER LEVEL - "RM B-120"  
PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO ENTER BUILDING.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

NOV 14 - DEC 12 FEHBP OPEN SEASON

NOV 16 FINANCIAL ADVISORS, THE HARRIS GROUP-MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY

DEC 14 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT THE TECHNIQUE RESTAURANT AT LE CORDON BLEU

JAN 18 REGULAR MEETING/PROGRAM TBA

**PRESIDENT: JERRY HALL; 229 De Montfort Ave, SF, CA 94112; 412-0488, fritz1313@hotmail.com**

**GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER...**Daily we hear about the need to cut the federal deficit. Targeted cuts seem appropriate where there is waste or inappropriate use of tax dollars. However, to suggest that Federal workers, who provide vital services to the country's citizens, are a major contributor to the federal debt is simply inaccurate. Government, excluding the military and the Veterans who have served their country, is less than 15% of the budget. In fact most of the interest being paid on the federal debt stems from military spending.

Additionally, NARFE's president, Joseph Beaudoin, in his letter to USA Today on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 indicates that the federal workers' retirement fund is healthy and sound. He writes, "According to the OMB, at the end of the year, the US Treasury will hold nearly \$800 billion in the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund that has been growing from federal employee contributions for decades. OPM projects that assets will reach \$1.1 trillion in 2020, \$2.4 trillion in 2040, \$6.5 trillion in 2060, and \$15.3 trillion in 2080". In addition, a 2011 report by the impartial Congressional Research Service said, "Actuarial projections indicate that the CSRDF will be able to meet its financial obligations in perpetuity." This fund is so stable that it was used this summer to prevent the nation from financial default as our nation's leaders struggled to come to an agreement on the debt ceiling. The fund is invested in Treasury securities, much as anyone who holds a goo savings bond or Treasury bill. These securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and are as d as cash"

As the national NARFE campaign suggests, federal workers have and do "Protect America's Heartbeat." Putting more middle class workers out of work (reducing the federal workforce by 10%) is not a targeted reduction that will reduce the federal deficit. Most economists agree that increasing employment in our country and creating a tax structure that doesn't depend so heavily on the middle class to pay a disproportionate amount of their earnings will have the largest impact on the federal deficit. Please take the time to contact your representatives (so easy to do on the NARFE website, NARFE.org) and let them know that you don't think reducing federal workers or federal benefits is the appropriate way to reduce the deficit.

On a lighter note, I hope you will come to celebrate Chapter 65's 60th Anniversary this December 14<sup>th</sup> at the California Culinary Academy's Technique Restaurant, in the Potrero Hill area. This special event and holiday luncheon will feature a three course meal for only \$18.00. Please see the information about the event in this newsletter.

Thanks to all our members who came to our annual Sky Garden wine and snack event on October 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful warm afternoon in the Sky Garden. Special thanks to Lennie Lund, District Vice President, for her attendance. A number of members brought prospective members with them and introduced them to the NARFE family. The event demonstrated the importance of reaching out to other federal workers and retirees and letting them know the importance of joining and/or maintaining their NARFE memberships. Challenge yourself to recruit one new member this year so NARFE can maintain its voice as a representative of federal workers and retirees.

Please feel free to contact me about any concerns or suggestions you may have to help Chapter 65 be the best NARFE Chapter it can be.

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

Balance on: 9/01/11	\$ 5,314.38
Income	\$ 1,024.10
Expenses	\$ 754.54
Balance on: 9/30/11	\$ 5,583.94

**SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA 566-7358**

Our condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of our deceased member **Frank Boone**.

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

We send out a warm **WELCOME** to our newest members **Maryann P Leuker and Ian McLean**. Also our thanks to **Charles A Chasse and Robert R Smith** for reinstating their memberships.

**OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, at **Technique at Le Cordon Bleu, California Culinary Academy, 350 Rhode Island in San Francisco**. The entrance is on 16<sup>th</sup> Street between Kansas and Rhode Island. Our social starts at 11 a.m., and lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$18 for a three-course meal, which includes coffee, tea, soda, tax, and the Academy's scholarship fund. Alcoholic beverages are paid separately at the bar or at your table.

You are to choose a salad and entrée. Salads are: **Caesar Salad** - with romaine, grated reggiano, brioche croutons, classic dressing, white anchovy, or **Caprese Salad** - served with fried mozzarella, heirloom tomatoes, roasted red peppers, basil, olive oil, balsamic vinegar reduction. Entrees are: **Beef Short Rib** - served with potato puree, sauté of seasonal vegetables, three onion relish and gravy; **Pork Schnitzel** - served with braised red cabbage, spaetzle with sauce charcuterie; or **Salmon** - served with English pea puree, asparagus, Parisian potatoes with butter sauce; and, **Dessert** - a surprise! **Parking** - A pay-for-parking lot is located at the Academy (350 Rhode Island); **Public Transportation**, Routes - 10 Townsend, 19 Polk and 22 Fillmore buses, all stop within a very short walking distance. For individual lines and bus route maps: [www.sfmta.com](http://www.sfmta.com)

All NARFE members and their guests are welcome--we have a reservation for 50 people! Please contact Leslie Ching if you have any questions: 415-641-6245. **Your donations for door prizes are welcomed.**

**====ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE DECEMBER 7====**

Mail Reservation coupon and check to: Leslie Ching, 160 Gardenside Drive, Apt 101, San Francisco, CA 94131

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check Choice of Salad: Caesar Salad [ ] Caprese Salad [ ]

Check Choice of Entree: Beef Short Rib [ ] Pork Schnitzel [ ] Salmon [ ]

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 each Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attach names of guests and their choice of salad and entrée. Make checks payable to **NARFE CHAPTER 65**