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FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 15, 2012 AT FOB, 90 7TH ST,

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM; 11TH FLOOR RM 11010

GENERAL MEETING 1:00 PM - LOWER LEVEL - "RM B-120"

PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO ENTER BUILDING.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB 15 JAMES MOLINARI, STATE DIRECTOR—SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S OFFICE
MAR 14 LUNCH SF STATE'S VISTA ROOM IN BURK HALL
APR 18 MAIL FRAUD, IDENTITY THEFT AND MORE
AUG 26-30 32ND BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION-SPARKS-RENO, NV

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY...The House passed a bill last month that asks fewer than 2 percent of America's middle-class workers to pay for almost two-thirds of the entire payroll tax cut extension. House members are targeting federal workers and retirees to the tune of \$65 billion of the cost of the \$100 billion reduced payroll tax extension. I agree with NARFE president, Joseph Beaudoin, when he says, "These cuts are unacceptable, unfair and certainly aren't shared sacrifice. If we don't act now, this egregious proposal could become law when Congress returns to Washington and convenes a conference committee to come to a final deal."

There are several things you can do (one or all of them). First, there is a new letter on the Protect America's Heartbeat site at <http://www.narfe.org/heartbeat/>. Simply fill in the requested information and select the button to submit online the new NARFE letter, which will go to your congresspersons, senators, and the president. The letter requests your members of Congress to not unfairly burden America's federal workers and retirees with so much of the cost of the payroll tax cut extension.

The second thing you can do is write your own letter to any of your nationally elected officials, expressing your concerns about the method being proposed to pay for this extension. A sample letter that you can use or modify can be found on our website. www.Narfe65.org. (There is a link to the letter on our home page and it can also be found on the Legislation page listed under Reports.) Addresses for your representatives can be found at the top of your monthly newsletter.

Thirdly, you can participate in NARFE's request for members to **call the Capitol on Wednesday, Feb 15th**. Call NARFE's toll free numbers for the **Congress (1-866-220-0044)** and the **White House (1-888-225-8418)** and voice your disapproval of federal workers and retirees being targeted for a disproportionate burden. During the week of February 22nd most members of congress will be in their offices and you can visit them personally to express your concerns. I believe doing nothing sends the wrong message to congress and the president. Your letters and calls can and have made a difference in the past. You are working hard and have worked hard for your earned benefits. Putting the burden of the tax extension on a small group, federal employees, is not only unfair but also disrespectful of your service as federal workers.

Please remember that if you sign up for dues withholding from your annuity you receive your membership for \$42 instead of the yearly \$48 for Chapter 65 members. That is only \$3.50 per month, which is automatically taken from your annuity. Go to our website www.narfe65.org and click on membership and then on dues withholding and download the form you can send in to *Attn: Member Records, NARFE, 606 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314*. The CA Federation offers a \$10 rebate to annuitants who sign up for Dues Withholding. Their spouses who also sign up for dues withholding will receive a \$5 rebate. If dues withholding is not for you, you can receive a similar discount in membership dues when you renew for three years instead of one.

The January edition of the NARFE magazine has information about the upcoming national convention in Sparks, Nevada, August 26th thru 30th. I need to know by February 14th whether you would like to be a delegate representing our Chapter. The Chapter will pay all delegates and alternates registration fees (\$65) and provide a small amount of funds to offset your expenses, depending on the number of Chapter delegates attending. Please email, call, or write me about your interest by 2/14/2012.

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NARFE DUES: Currently National Dues are \$40.00 and Chapter 65 Dues are \$8.00 annually. Mail check for the full \$48.00, along with your **DUES RENEWAL NOTICE**, when you receive it, to NARFE, Membership Services, 606 Washington St, Alexandria, Va. 22314-1914.

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

Balance on: 12/01/11	\$ 6,711.85
Income	\$ 1,586.70
Expenses	\$ 2,308.29
Balance on: 12/31/11	\$ 5,990.26

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA 566-7358

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of our deceased member **Libby Chizick**, 3520 May LN, San Jose, CA 95124-2505.

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

We send out a warm **WELCOME** to our newest members **Edward Carranza, Richard T Hansen, Joseph Y Hsu, Glenn D Kwan, Rita Pragneri, Carol P Sachs, Richard L Sugarek, Jennifer Villalobos, and Jane M Voeste**. Also our thanks to **Ben Q Jung and Laura Trizuto** for reinstating their memberships.

NARFE-PAC: DORISMARIE HAGOPIAN, 776-5199

This is a big election year and your contributions count more than ever. The NARFE-PAC Contribution Coupon is on page 14 of the February issue of NARFE Magazine.

ALZHEIMER'S: FRANK MORELLI: 1237 Filbert Street, San Francisco, CA 94109-1713; 563-8361

Region VIII Vice President **Helen Zajac** sends her thanks to all the Federation members who contributed to the Alzheimer's Association. Word from the Alzheimer's Association in Chicago reports that during December NARFE members throughout the country contributed \$74,898.41 for a fundraising total of **\$9,509,434.28** from NARFE members to date.

In March, we will again have our luncheon at San Francisco State's Vista Room. The restaurant features an excellent three course meal for only \$15.00. I hope you and your guests will join us on March 14th, one week earlier than our previous notice due to Spring Break at the college. Simply fill out the coupon below and mail it to me by March 5th to ensure your participation.

===== Please respond **NO LATER** than Monday, **MARCH 5th** =====

For RESERVATIONS: make CHECKS TO NARFE Chapter 65 and send to Jerry Hall, 229 De Montfort Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112, 415-412-0488. Lunch begins at **11:45, in the SF STATE VISTA ROOM in BURK HALL Room 401**, which is behind the Student Center & Bookstore on the Main Campus Area, just about a block walk from MUNI junction at 19th & Holloway; for buses: 28, 29, I7, & M. (There is also parking at the college and nearby.)

Name _____ Telephone No: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

There will be three entrees to choose from and two deserts on the day of the event.

Number in Party _____ @ \$15 per person Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please attach names of each guest. Make checks payable to: NARFE Chapter 65.