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OCTOBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT FOB, 90 7TH ST.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM; 11TH FLOOR RM 11-010

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 3 SKY GARDEN MEMBERS RECEPTION
OCT 17 FEHBP APPROVED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER(S)
NOV 12-DEC 13 FEHBP OPEN SEASON
NOV 14 REGIONAL DIRECTOR HHS
DEC 12 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER...

I wanted to personally thank the Chapter 65 members who attended the National NARFE Convention in Sparks: Charles Minster, Frances Chan, Jon Lampman, Herman Bracey, Dianne Joseph, Martha Raup, Jane and Jess Ramos. The expense for most of the convention is born by those attending. The convention can be grueling and tedious. While some minor adjustments were made to the new bylaws, they were passed by a substantial margin. The current national officers were re-elected for another term. Our regional VP, Helen Zajac, was also re-elected for a second term. The keynote speaker was OPM Director John Berry who said his agency is currently addressing the retirement backlog (the time it takes a retiree to receive his/her full annuity rather than a lower estimated annuity) and expects at least 90% of all retirees will receive their full annuity within 60 days of retirement by July 2013.

Again this year we will be holding our annual NARFE Sky Garden event on October 3rd from 4pm to 6pm at the 90 Seventh Street Federal Building. The event celebrates new members during the past year and encourages all current active federal employees to enjoy free snacks and drinks at the end of their workday. All current NARFE members, their guests, and all federal employees or annuitants who are interested in becoming a member are encouraged to attend.

One of our Chapter 65 members recently wrote an email thanking NARFE for the article in the September 2012 issue of the national magazine entitled, The Fed Next Door, Where We Live and Work. The article helps clarify just who are the federal workers and where they work. Here are some interesting facts you may want to be aware of that were taken from the article: The federal workforce is about 500,000 employees less than a decade ago. In the early 60s there was one federal employee for every 75 Americans. Today there is one for every 140 Americans. The federal workforce makes up .8% of the population. Only 15% work in the Washington DC metro area. California is home to the largest number of active federal employees and also has the largest number of federal retiree annuitants. The article contains a chart that shows the number of workers and annuitants for each state. Approximately 90% of new employees in the last four years were hired into The Department of Defense, The Department of Homeland Security, The Department of Veterans Affairs, and The Department of Justice, the very agencies politicians want to bolster. DOD is home to more than 30% of the approximately 2.5 million federal civil servants. Agencies that serve a national security function account for two-thirds of the entire federal workforce.

I might add that the risk that Federal Civil Service Employees encounter became all too clear recently with the deaths of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three other American officials in Benghazi, Libya. These patriots remind us of the challenges and the hazards of federal service, and the commitments that federal employees make and have made. NARFE strives to ensure that the contributions and dedication of Federal workers and retirees are seen as valuable and important to our country. Your membership in NARFE enables NARFE to have a stronger voice in communicating the value of the federal workforce and the accomplishments of those now retired.

Visit OUR CHAPTER 65 WEB SITE: (<http://www.narfe65.org>) for more Chapter information, photos, archived newsletter, etc. NATIONAL WEB SITE: (<http://www.narfe.org>): CSFC WEB SITE: (<http://www.csfcnarfe.org>) **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'S REPORT: DIANNE JOSEPH, 179 CHILTON AVE, SF, CA 94131; 334-6380

Balance on 8/1/12	\$3,952.10
Income	\$ 318.93
Expenses	\$ 448.75
Balance on 8/31/12	\$3,822.28

Income breakdown as follows:

- \$318.93 NARFE Chapter 65 dues from CSFC

Expenses breakdown as follows:

- \$113.80 Compensation for 9th delegate to 2010 National Convention
- \$252.27 August newsletter printing and distribution fees
- \$ 58.62 Reimbursement for stamps & postcards
- \$ 30.00 Reimbursement for 2 coffee urns at July meeting

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA, 566-7358

Our prayers and condolences to the friends and families of **Charles A Chasse, 326 Mission Ave Apt 412, San Rafael, CA 94901-3497; Harland A Nichols, 1991 46TH Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116-1006; Martha K Soeldner, 4516 California ST, San Francisco, CA 94118-1215; Bertha M Zamora, 3537 Vicente ST, San Francisco, CA 94116-2623.**

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

A Warm Welcome to our newest members: **Cheryl Adams, Jay Johnson and C.L. Page.** We also thank **Patricia Dangerfield, Patricia L Dodson, David Kahn, Catherine J Parac, Christina Perez, Joseph P Scholten, and Lynda J Tom** for reinstating their membership.

ALZHEIMER'S: FRANK MORELLI, 1237 FILBERT STREET, SF, CA 94109; 563-8361

Speaking at the 31ST NARFE National Convention on Monday August 27, 2012, Harry Johns, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, praised NARFE for what the Association has helped to accomplish in the world of Alzheimer's Research. He said: "You have heard that, since 1985, you have raised just short of \$10 million and are extending that. But what I want you to realize is, in the world of Alzheimer's research, you are leaders of what has occurred in research over that time period."

Johns also thanked NARFE members for their support in helping to bring about the creation of the National Alzheimer's Plan. He said that he is working very closely with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Administration on Aging to implement the national plan.

Also reporting on the latest in Alzheimer's research, Johns said the Food and Drug Administration has approved the first compound that, while not approved for diagnosis, is approved for ruling out Alzheimer's. He also told delegates about an important finding, released just this week, on the treatment of early-stage Alzheimer's disease. A clinical trial on a potential drug failed to meet its endpoints; but when scientists looked at two separate parts of the trial, they saw for the first time ever what the scientists call a signal – actual improvement for people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease. Johns said that the information will go into an extension of that clinical trial and, in about a year, scientists will have an indication if that drug will work in early-stage Alzheimer's.

The scientific community now believes that it is most likely that the best way to treat the disease is to find it earlier and then actually apply those treatments even earlier in the process. "All of the research that NARFE funds has led us to that point," he said.

He closed by saying that it is not a question of "if" but a question of "when" toward the Alzheimer's Association's goal of a world without Alzheimer's.

With the Association's goal of raising \$10 million in 2012 within reach, Jane Rogers, chair of the NARFE-Alzheimer's National Committee, gained overwhelming approval from delegates to set a new national goal of \$11 million in 2014. As of August 26, 2012 \$9,897, 488 has been raised

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OCTOBER 2012
CHAPTER 65 FUND RAISER

Next year the Fourth Biennial CSFC Convention will be held in Sacramento, CA May 3-4, 2013. Your help is needed to help defray some of the expenses of our convention delegates. While the registration fee is covered by the Chapter, the hotel and transportation are not. The funds raised will be disbursed among the delegates from Chapter 65 who go to the convention to assist them with these added expenses. If there are any remaining proceeds from the fund raising, we will use them to offset the increasing costs of printing and assembling the chapter's monthly newsletter.

We ask a donation of \$2.00 for a single ticket, \$5.00 for three tickets or \$10.00 for all six tickets.

To show our appreciation for your generosity, the prizes as indicated below will be awarded:

- FIRST PRIZE \$ 100.00**
- SECOND PRIZE \$ 50.00**
- 3rd and 4th PRIZES \$ 25.00 each**

The drawings for these prizes will be held at our **December 12, 2012 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON. YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. Winners will be notified by mail.**

Please cut off the attached stubs and forward them, along with your check made **payable to Chapter 65**, to our *Treasurer: Dianne Joseph* 179 Chilton Ave. San Francisco, CA 94131.

As you know, we must depend upon the Goodwill of our members for the financial support necessary to keep our chapter functioning. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to count on you this year. I ask all Chapter 65 members to support this worthy effort. Moreover, if you are interested in attending the convention and representing the chapter as a delegate, please let me know.

This is not a lottery. Free tickets will be available at the FOB, 90 7th Street, during our general Membership meeting. I thank you for your generous assistance.

JERRY HALL
President, NARFE 65

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