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**DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER**  
**NO MEETING THIS MONTH. SEE YOU AT**  
**RISTORANTE TI PIACERA, 1507 POLK STREET**  
**NEAR CALIFORNIA FOR OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DEC 12 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT RISTORANTE TI PIACERA; INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
JAN 16 MICHELLE DOWDS-SENIORS AT HOME, 'IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE.'  
FEB 20 SPEAKER FROM SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
MAR 20 LUNCHEON AT "VISTA ROOM" BURK HALL SF STATE UNIVERSITY

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**GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER...**Please consider coming to our annual Holiday Lunch at Ti Piacera, 1507 Polk Street in San Francisco on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Please send in your reservation by December 5<sup>th</sup>. All information about the event is available in the November newsletter you received and it can also be found on line at our website, [www.narfe65.org](http://www.narfe65.org). It should be a fun event for all. We will have a drawing for cash prizes, another for Holiday gifts, the installation of officers, a wonderful Italian lunch, and a social in the bar area of the restaurant at 1:30 pm prior to the luncheon at 2:00 pm.

During November your San Francisco NARFE Chapter had the opportunity to meet with a number of active and retired federal employees at the health care fairs at the federal facilities in San Francisco. Some employees and retirees are still not familiar with NARFE and what it provides: excellent information about benefits and helpful decision-making prior to retirement and during retirement, representation on Capitol Hill, advocating that "shared sacrifice" occurs across the population and not attacks on easy targets such as federal workers and retirees. Your service to your government is valuable and a special commitment. It should be valued and cherished by everyone and not the target of those who did not choose to serve their country with their service. I have always seen my NARFE membership as a type of insurance, an insurance against those who do not appreciate public service and who see public service as some kind of "easy road" or "fat cat freeway." I worked hard for my benefits and hope you did too.

There continues to be proposals to reduce your COLAs in retirement (which recently seem to only cover increases in health insurance) and to reduce federal employees' and retirees' health benefits and increase their contributions. Sometimes I wonder whether there is not some kind of belief that all seniors should be poor since they are no longer working. I find this to be an insulting and denigrating perspective, to deny those who have spent 35 or more years of their lives working at moderate income positions from enjoying their last years and being able to have and pay for health insurance.

One of the joys I have experienced as your president during the past few years has been meeting the many active and retired federal employees in the San Francisco area. They are bright, committed, and thoughtful. They have inspired me to be a better leader for our organization. They are worthy of representation via NARFE. They epitomize the goodness and dedication of public servants. I will continue to represent you to the best of my ability during the coming year. I wish you all a happy holiday season and an excellent New Year. Please feel free to contact me at any time, if I may be of assistance to you.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The chair of the Nominating Committee, Jesse Ramos put forth the following candidates as officers of Chapter 65 for 2013: **President, Jerry Hall; 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President, Martha Raup; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Herman Bracey; Treasurer, Dianne Joseph; and Secretary, Jane Ramos.** The floor was opened for any further nominations, there being none, the afore mentioned candidates were duly elected and will be installed at the holiday luncheon.

The committee was composed of Jesse Ramos, Frank Morelli, and Herman Bracey.

## DECEMBER 2012

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

Balance on 10/1/12	\$4,102.23
Income	\$ 930.52
Expenses	\$ 488.43
Balance on 10/31/12	\$4,544.32

(Please see the treasurer's report on our website for a breakdown of income and expenses)

**SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA, 566-7358**

Our prayers and condolences to the families of *Richard L Endres, 41-C W Etruria St, Seattle, WA 98119-2607* and *Louis C Stewart, PO Box 190181 San Francisco, CA. 94119-0181.*

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

We send out a warm **WELCOME** to our newest members, *Adriana Iglesias, David Ishida, Lawrence Skaggs, and Carole Word*. Also, we wish to thank *Norma A Delgaudio, Gary H Kahn, Walter Slater, and Margaret TY Tong* for reinstating their memberships.

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:** Our annual Holiday luncheon this year will be held at **Ristorante Ti Piacera, 1507 Polk Street, San Francisco, near California St., (415) 771-9946 on December 12. Lunch will be served at 2pm, with a social before lunch at 1:30 PM in the bar area of the restaurant.** Each entrée will be served with a **Mista Salad** which includes seasonal mixed greens, tomato and onion, tossed in lemon-herb vinaigrette. On the coupon below please indicate your choice of entrees, either **Penne al Matricciana** with spicy Italian sausage, red onion, and tomato, in white wine and garlic sauce or **Ravioli ai Funghi al Pesto**, portobello stuffed raviolis with pesto, topped with sautéed cherry tomatoes and goat cheese. The luncheon will conclude with coffee and a Biscotti (Italian almond dipping cookie). Other beverages can be purchased individually at the bar. Price for the three course luncheon, including tax and tip will be \$25. Please send your check with the attached coupon by December 5<sup>th</sup>, as the restaurant will need the number of attendees by the 6<sup>th</sup>. **Also, please consider bringing a door prize to add to the fun. Public Transportation:** The California Cable Car, the 19 Polk, the 47 and 49 Muni lines all service the area. There are three public parking garages nearby at Old First Garage on Sacramento between Polk and Van Ness, on Clay between Polk and Van Ness, and at the corner of Polk and Bush. There is on street metered parking throughout the area for those with disabled parking passes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jerry at 415-412-0488 or via email at [fritz1313@hotmail.com](mailto:fritz1313@hotmail.com).

==== ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> ====

Mail Reservation coupon and check to Jerry Hall, 229 De Montfort Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check Choice of Entree: Penne al Matricciana [ ] Ravioli ai Funghi al Pesto [ ]

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attach names of guests and their choice of entrée. Make checks payable to: NARFE Chapter 65