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**SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER**  
**NO MEETING THIS MONTH, SEE YOU AT**  
**THE PALACE HOTEL**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SEP	03	TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO'S PALACE HOTEL WITH RICHARD HARNED
SEP	21	SF WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S, MISSION CREEK PARK, SAN FRANCISCO
OCT	16	SUE HORST, SF SENIOR CENTER - OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE OVER 50
NOV	20	CHRISTINE HARRIS SF JAZZ HERITAGE CENTER-HISTORICAL & MODERN DAY JAZZ

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**GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER...**As your president, sometimes I volunteer for NARFE related events, presentations, and committees. Most recently I volunteered to participate in a national committee that will address "THE FUTURE OF NARFE." That may seem like a strange committee to some, but others may be nodding their head in agreement...that any organization needs to plan, address strengths and deficiencies, and decide how it can become stronger, relevant, and important to its members. I spent much of my career convincing federal workers in my agency that change was inevitable and valuable, that standing still was actually a step backward, and that viable organizations need to grow, evaluate, and create support among its members to make meaningful changes that improve the organization.

Volunteers need to realize that they may actually have to take on the task for which they volunteered. In short, I am now a member of the National NARFE Committee on the Future of NARFE. The dozen members of the committee will meet numerous times, mostly electronically to draft a proposal for the members, a plan that looks at NARFE's current status and structure and creates a vision of what it should be in the future.

Over the past several years, federal employees have been singled out by a congress which has enacted pay freezes, increased worker contributions to retirement, and proposed multiple ways to reduced retirees earned benefits. Now more than ever NARFE needs to speak up and remind our country that government works because it has competent, effective, and committed employees, and to say that earned benefits are just that, earned and committed to over an employee's career. Yet, NARFE's memberships continue to decline to barely more than 250,000 members out of more than 5 million active and retired federal employees. At one point in its history there were 2360 NARFE Chapters and now there are a little more than 1300. NARFE needs to engage the 4.75 million perspective members, inspire them to want to belong, to believe in NARFE and what it represents. It is easy to point the finger and find the faults, but it takes fortitude, wisdom, and vision to seek out and plan for the future, making NARFE relevant and impacting for the next thirty years.

The Future of NARFE Committee will look at the issues that affect the growth and viability of NARFE. It will recommend ways to strengthen NARFE and make it effective for many years to come. This committee will not address changes to the Bylaws, as there is another committee already working specifically on the Bylaws. NARFE members are encouraged to provide any comments or ideas addressing the future organization and structure of NARFE and how it will operate in the future.

We have hundreds of thoughtful and intelligent members in our San Francisco Chapter. All have probably thought about what they like or don't like about NARFE, and have suggestions for improving NARFE. **I am asking you today to either mail or email me your comments**, so I can represent you, bring exciting and innovative ideas to the national group, and hopefully bring some consensus to what NARFE should look like 10, 20, or 30 years from now. NARFE will still be here for many years, but only with planning and refocusing will it be relevant, viable, important, and effective.

I take my role as your president seriously. I listen to your concerns. I enact many of your suggestions. I share with you information that affects you now and in the future. I value your membership and want NARFE to be worth the money you pay to maintain your membership. Now I need your thoughts and inspirations to make NARFE more attractive to its current and future members. Please support this effort as NARFE plans for the future.

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

<b>Balance on 7/1/13</b>	<b>\$3,323.24</b>
Income	\$ 429.20
Expenses	<u>\$1,534.79</u>
<b>Balance on 7/31/13</b>	<b>\$2,217.65</b>

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

Our condolences go out to the friends and family of **Oscar A. Ortiz, 731 Girard St, SF, CA 94134-191716**

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

We **WELCOME** these new members **Tim Kinsell, Sherman Lee, Judy Mattias, Nelia B. Nacor and Spencer R Peterson.**

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

We wish to thank Heidi Palacios for her generous donation to Alzheimer's Research.

**The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®** is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide and 17 locations in the Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter region, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions.

**The San Francisco Walk to End Alzheimer's** is being held Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Mission Creek Park 290 Channel Street. All participants are required to check-in on the morning of the walk and receive an event wristband in order to access the event festivities and participate in the walk. Check-in opens at 8:00 AM and the walk starts at 9:30 AM; closing remarks are scheduled for 11:00 AM. Although there is no registration fee for this event, we encourage all of our walkers to make a personal donation and raise money for the cause. Raise \$100 or more and receive an official Walk t-shirt.

You will be able to make a 3-mile walk or a 1.5 mile walk. The walk will begin and end at Mission Creek Park. From Channel Street we will walk over the 3rd Street Bridge, behind AT&T Park, up The Embarcadero along the water to Folsom Street and return back in front of the ballpark. This route is scenic, flat, and wheelchair accessible. Two comfort stations will be located along the walk route for participants to access temporary restroom facilities, first aid services, and water. If you are a past participant, please be sure to bring your 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's water bottle to the event. For more information contact Erin McKenna, 650-962-8111 or email [sfwalk@alz.org](mailto:sfwalk@alz.org).

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**THE NARFE-PAC CONTRIBUTION FORM IS ON PAGE 12 OF THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF NARFE MAGAZINE!**