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APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON APRIL 16, 2014 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-130"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 16 FRANCINE ROBY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
APR 23 DISTRICT V TRAINING MEETING WITH LUNCH; SAN MATEO; 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
MAY 21 NATIONAL PARK RANGER COMBS ON THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL REC AREA
JUN 18 TOUR ANCHOR BREWING CO. 10:00 AM (LIMITED TO 10); 1:00 PM (LIMITED TO 8)
JUN 25 TOUR ANCHOR BREWING CO. 10:00 AM (LIMITED TO 10); 1:00 PM (LIMITED TO 8)
AUG 24-28 NATIONAL CONVENTION ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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 APRIL...

I just wanted to thank all of you for your membership in NARFE. That may sound strange or silly, but I think that your membership is very important to NARFE and to Congress and to all the federal employees and retirees. (Some may not realize that it is your membership that communicates to congress that Federal employees deserve respect and recognition for their service to their country.) So congratulate yourself for being a leader and supporter of good government and appropriate compensation and benefits for federal employees and retirees. Government does not work without appropriately compensated employees. Appropriate compensation and benefits communicates that our nation values government service and the security and safeguards that government provides.

I attended the District IV NARFE meeting in Livermore last weekend and was excited by the presentation and support for Federal employees that Eric Swalwell gave to those attending. He reiterated the value of public service, the importance of appropriately paid and benefited federal workers. He understands public service since his father was a police officer and later an IRS agent. He is young but not naïve. He understands that solutions come from working together to find agreement, to compromise, yet solve problems. He even said that he would look into the huge disparity between FEHB premiums for Northern and Southern California. Vivian Nathanson deserves recognition for arranging to have Congressman Swalwell give a timely presentation at her meeting.

FUTURE OF NARFE COMMITTEE REPORT: The FON Committee was appointed by the National President in August 2013 with 12 volunteers from around the country to provide a vision for the future of NARFE. Region VIII was represented by Jerry Hall, District V Vice President & President of San Francisco Chapter #65 and Bob Davidson, President of Palomar Chapter #455. I thank them for their service to NARFE in presenting this vision. Co-Chair Evelyn Kirby reported at the November NEB meeting that they had established the ground rules for the committee, and that they would not address any policy or procedure issues, but deal with the significant issues that could affect the future growth and viability of this association. The Committee met three times in person at National Headquarters and held several meetings utilizing the technology of "Go-To-Meeting".

In a Power Point presentation (posted on the NARFE website) it was noted that only about 68-69% of our revenue comes from dues and that we are facing several issues including: declining membership, less member participation, fewer members taking leadership roles, numerous non-core related activities, a lack of leadership continuity at HQ, wasted resources on administrative matters, and an organizational structure that is of little interest to new members and no longer serves NARFE's mission. Essentially NARFE must adapt to thrive, or die. The committee reviewed previous organizational studies commissioned by NARFE, ideas volunteered by the members, and performed their own review of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis. They also studied other organizations in similar situations. The vision presented will provide an organization with leaner governance, a more mission focused organization, professional management, a new branding strategy and an enhanced mission. They put forth 35 recommendations, some which must be addressed by the delegates at the 2014 National Convention to set the vision for the future of NARFE in motion; others will not take place until 2015, and the delegates will vote on other recommendations at the 2016 National Convention.

Future of NARFE report continued...

The NEB endorsed the recommendations of the FON Committee. With that endorsement, four items were implemented immediately: **Recommendation #4:** Reduce the number of Regional Vice Presidents. The NEB voted to reduce the number of Regions from ten to five. **Recommendation #1:** Engage in viable strategic planning on an on-going basis; **Recommendation #2:** Conduct a comprehensive branding study, (the NEB authorized \$30,000 to conduct the branding study) to include whether or not a name change is warranted for NARFE; and **Recommendation #3** Enhance NARFE's mission to include championing good government and public service. Headquarters will begin working on these items immediately.

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Balance on 2/01/14	\$2,128.43
Income	\$ 642.78
Expenses	\$ 336.95
Balance on 2/28/14	\$2,434.26

Prize winners of the annual fundraiser raffle: 1st Prize: \$100 - Effie Thomas; 2nd Prize: \$50 - Leslie Ching; 3rd Prize: \$25 - Denise Gretz; 4th Prize: \$25 - Frances Foree. Congratulations to the winners and a big **THANK YOU** to all, for continuing to support NARFE.

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA, 566-7358

Our thoughts and prayers to the family of **Minnie K Chin, 917 Greenwich St, San Francisco, CA, 94133-2625.**

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

We WELCOME **Naomi Taylor** our newest member and we THANK **Clemence J Blondo, Francisco Dacosta, and Pearlina Hamilton** for reinstating their membership.

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

We thank **Roy E Santana** for his contribution to the Alzheimer's Association; additionally \$40 was collected at our Spring Luncheon for Alzheimer's Research.

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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ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND: District V meeting in San Mateo on April 23rd. It starts with registration at 9:30 AM. The meeting is from 10 AM to no later than 2:30 PM, at the **San Mateo Elks Club, 229 20th Ave, San Mateo.** The program includes a presentation on legislative and federal benefits issues, more on the Future of NARFE, and modern media issues, including Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. Besides coffee and snacks upon arrival, there will be lunch at noon. There will be a choice of three entrees: **Half Roasted Herb Rosemary Chicken, Panko Encrusted Herb Mahi, Mahi,** with herb dill sauce, and **Beef Burgundy Tips** sauté with Burgundy wine, herbs, mushrooms and Worcestershire. Coffee, tea, salad, bread, seasonal vegetables, rice or potatoes, and dessert will be included. To reserve your space, please use the coupon below and send checks with coupon to **Jerry Hall, 229 De Montfort Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112** by **April 14th.** Cost for registration, snacks, and lunch is **\$27.00.**

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Lunch Choice: Chicken _____ Fish _____ Beef _____

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