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## JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON July 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-120  
PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO ENTER BUILDING**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUL 16 JANET ALLEN DIRECTOR OF PEACE CORPS WESTERN REGION  
AUG 18-20 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT DRIVE FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING 8:30 AM – 1 PM  
AUG 20 ANN LINDSAY DOL BENEFITS OFFICER "PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT"  
AUG 24-28 NATIONAL CONVENTION ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
SEP 17 LUNCHEON STONESTOWN OLIVE GARDEN WITH DALY CITY CHAPTER

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**GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY....**Well it looks like we are back to square one in regards to the Future of NARFE. The

National Executive Board decided to not reduce the number of regional vice presidents from ten to five, even though earlier they had decided to do so. Not sure where the leadership is going but they seem to want to go slowly if they make changes. I felt that moving to five vice presidents was a definite message to members that something needs to be done. I struggle with how you can have less than half the members and chapters that we had 20 years ago and not make a reduction in the number of regional vice presidents. It seems like financial suicide, but I have thought a lot about this and some folks are just beginning to consider the need for change. Change is difficult but leaders lead; politicians just represent those who speak the loudest.

I am pleased to let you know that in September we will have a joint luncheon with the NARFE Daly City Chapter at the Stonestown Olive Garden. There is great public transportation to this restaurant and excellent free parking. So I hope you will venture to take the time to spend with other federal employees and annuitants from San Francisco and Daly City. I will provide you more information in the next newsletter but please set aside the 17th of September for a lunch at Olive Garden.

The California Federation is planning its bi-annual convention in San Luis Obispo April 29 and 30 of 2015. I hope you will consider visiting this beautiful central coast area next year. All voting members will receive a small subsidy from your Chapter's fundraising.

I will be attending the national convention in Orlando, Florida in August. Please feel free to contact me to let me know what your perspective is on the many Bylaws, Standing Rules, and General Resolutions that will be voted on at this convention and are available for review on the national website. I sincerely hope that the convention will also address how to focus on its mission in the coming years.....to protect the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees and to provide members with information as it relates to these benefits.

A final note for those who are active federal employees: We will again this year have Ann Lindsay, national Department of Labor Benefits Officer, present at our August 20th meeting. Ann is extremely knowledgeable and presents information that can be most valuable to those considering retirement in the next five years. Feel free to invite non-members who you work with who might have questions or issues they would like addressed. This year Ann will be available before and after the presentation to discuss issues with individuals attending this important presentation.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON CHANGE:** I want to thank Rolene Walker for serving the past three years as our Legislative Officer and welcome Jon Lampman to that position starting this month. Jon will be keeping us apprised of legislative issues affecting our earned benefits and what measures we can take to communicate our concerns to members of Congress. See the article on the back page for a quick and easy way to send a message to your Representative and Senators.

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

Balance on 05/01/14	<u>\$2,348.19</u>
Income	\$ 399.20
Expenses	<u>\$ 304.76</u>
Balance on 05/31/14	<b>\$2,442.63</b>

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A warm WELCOME to: *Marcus Combs and Al Zemsky*. We also thank *Annie Louie* for reinstating her membership.

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

Donations for Alzheimer's Research can be made anytime by completing the coupon in the NARFE Monthly Magazine or by sending a check payable to NARFE-Alzheimer's Research, (with Chapter 065 noted on the check) to the address above. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: JON LAMPMAN, 925-228-8501**

One of NARFE's core missions is to lobby Congress to protect our benefits. Part of this work is done by NARFE Headquarters staff. However, most of lobbying requires individual members to lobby their own elected representatives. The NARFE hotline lists a number of important issues for active and retired Federal employees. By providing minimal information you can send a "NARFE" e-mail letter to your Federal representatives in Congress. I have used the following web site <http://capwiz.com/narfe/home/> to send numerous letters. In a number of instances, Senators Boxer and Feinstein have responded. I also frequently call the elected representative offices to express NARFE concerns about proposed legislation such as the infamous Chained CPI. Your individual contribution to the NARFE lobbying effort is the best way to protect our benefits.

**PIER-TO-PIER WALK AT AQUATIC PARK**

Saturday, September 6, 2014

At the lower entrance of Aquatic Park Center, 890 Beach Street

Registration starts at 8:00 AM; Walk starts at 9:00 AM

Free and open to all groups and ages.

Aquatic Park Senior Center (the oldest non-profit senior center in the nation) is promoting outdoor exercise for adults 50+ in the natural beauty of the San Francisco Maritime Historical National Park.

We encourage and welcome diverse walkers of all generations to join us. Walk as a family and educate you and your children about this area's rich Maritime history by Park Rangers, while watching Yoga on the beach, listening to music or maybe joining a Zumba class.

Walking the Municipal Pier to the Hyde Street Pier, our morning route is approximately one mile. However, you can walk as many times as you choose or as far as you want. There are breathtaking views of Marin County and both Angel and Alcatraz Islands. Plus view all of the Maritime ships on the Hyde Street Pier.

Come on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> and celebrate healthy aging in the great outdoors!

**"NARFE – Your voice in Congress!"**

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