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SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

**NO MEETING THIS MONTH SEE YOU AT THE OLIVE GARDEN
SAN FRANCISCO STONESTOWN SHOPPING CENTER AT 1:00PM**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEP 17 LUNCHEON STONESTOWN OLIVE GARDEN WITH DALY CITY CHAPTER**
OCT 15 BILL TAMAYO EEOC REGIONAL ATTY. DOCUMENTARY FILM "RAPE IN THE FIELDS"
NOV 18 *Note Day Change* ROB PEPPER SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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

First, I want to thank the many members who helped make this year's annual recruitment effort a success. Leslie Ching, Herman Bracey, Jane Ramos, Frank Morelli, Helen Rogers, Juanita Lott, and Stella Garcia all contributed in making our three-day effort to recruit NARFE members in the Federal Building a success. Ann Lindsay, a long time NARFE member and benefits officer for USDOL, gave a fine presentation on retirement and benefit issues to complete our effort to introduce active federal employees to the efforts and benefits of NARFE and to provide them with the information needed to make informed benefit decisions. The lunch time presentation, with light snacks provided by our members, had approximately 60 in attendance, most were active federal employees. As a result of all these efforts, several active Federal Employees working in the Federal Building became NARFE members and others renewed their memberships as a result of our Chapter's efforts to make them aware of NARFE and the benefits of being a NARFE member. NARFE is becoming widely known by the more than 1000 employees who currently work in the 90 7th Street Federal Building. One of the active employees who is currently a NARFE member came up to the table we staffed for three days, at the entrance to the Federal Building, and stated how much she appreciated NARFE, for the information it provides, its legislative efforts, and the efforts of the local NARFE members to spread the message about NARFE and provide speakers of interest.

I am writing this a couple of days before leaving for the National NARFE Convention. I am hopeful that NARFE members will listen to each other at the convention and begin to address the declining membership and loss of Chapters throughout the country. It will require everyone to listen, to be open to new ideas, to understand that structures can be altered without undermining the mission, the purpose, or the value of NARFE. WE must approach change positively, with the belief that change can enhance and is not a threat. The current NARFE membership are the leaders of the future of NARFE. We have a big responsibility and we must undertake that responsibility with enthusiasm and a belief that change is inevitable, but that thoughtful and guided change undertaken by leaders who are committed to the success of NARFE will make NARFE even stronger for the next 50 years. We must look forward, while not forgetting the accomplishments of the past.

Finally, our September 17th luncheon will be held at the Stonestown Olive Garden, (415) 661-6770, 3251 20th Ave, in San Francisco at 1:00pm. We will have this luncheon meeting with the NARFE members who belong to the nearby Daly City Chapter. I hope you will make an effort to attend and meet and share with our guests and fellow NARFE members from Daly City. Feel free to invite friends and non-members. There is excellent public transportation to this location, including the Muni 29, 28, 18, and 17 lines and the Metro M line and SamTrans 122, all stopping less than a block from the Olive Garden. There are 100's of free parking spots at the Mall as well. We will have a large separate room for our event. Please see the attached coupon for menu choices and reservations.

===== ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AND PAID by September 10th =====

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Tel No. _____

Meal includes soft drinks or coffee plus soup or salad. Other drinks including beer and wine can be purchased separately at the bar. Lunch begins promptly at **1pm Wednesday, September 17th.** Please choose from **Grilled Chicken Flatbread** ____, **The Italiano Burger with Fries** ____, **Spaghetti and Meat Sauce** ____, **Five Cheese Ziti al Forno** ____, **Fettuccine Alfredo** ____, **Cheese Ravioli** ____, **Eggplant Parmigiana** ____, Number in Party ____ @ \$18.00 each Total Enclosed \$ _____

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

Balance on 07/01/14	\$ 835.28
Income	\$ 454.86
Expenses	\$ 249.58
Balance on 07/31/14	\$ 1040.56

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

We wish to thank *Maxine Fickling and Elsa Palacios* for reinstating their memberships.

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA, 566-7358

Our prayers and condolence to the families and friends of *Frank A Frucci, 2321 Rosecrans Ave, FL5, El Segundo CA. 90245-7902; Leroy F Gillead, PO Box 4976, Oakland, CA. 94605-6976; Bernard Goldberg, 2180 Post Street Unit 625, San Francisco, CA. 94115-6009; Theodore C McCarthy, 8 View Ridge DR, Novato, CA. 94949-6810; Lillian Watson, 1246 Palou Ave, San Francisco, CA. 94124-3333 and Abner D. Kuperstein, 41 Garcia Av, San Francisco CA 94127-1007.*

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Congress is in the midst of a 5 week recess and the NARFE legislative hotline is also taking a vacation. NARFE members are urged to meet with elected representatives during this hiatus.

Recently NARFE published an update on the Social Security Fund: "The annual Social Security Trustees Report was released earlier this week, finding little change overall in the finances of the Social Security Trust Fund. The trustees predicted the Social Security Trust Fund will remain solvent until 2034, while the Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund requires rebalancing before 2016. The full report can be found on the [Social Security website](#)."

At the October Meeting there will be a showing of Rape in the Fields Presented by Bill Tamayo EEOC Regional Attorney. The video will be followed by a question and answer session.

Documentary Synopsis: *There are over 2.5 million farm workers in the U.S. Many are women, and nearly 1/2 of these women allege that they have been subjected to some form of sexual harassment on the job. The award winning Frontline/PBS/Univision documentary Rape in the Fields discusses the problem and the efforts of the EEOC in partnership with other advocates to address a problem that runs deep and wide. The EEOC's San Francisco District Office brought some of the first sexual harassment cases for farm workers in federal court and Regional Attorney Bill Tamayo will discuss the efforts to make a federal agency relevant and meaningful to a very vulnerable and historically neglected population, and the ongoing challenges.*

Don't forget about the 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.

Look For: Health & Resource Tables! Fitness Demos, Scan Health Van & Wii Bowling, and GREAT Raffle Prizes!

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