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OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 15, 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 15 BILL TAMAYO EEOC REGIONAL ATTY. DOCUMENTARY FILM "RAPE IN THE FIELDS"
NOV 18 *Note Day Change* ROB PEPPER SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
DEC 10 LUNCHEON – TIME AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

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

I found this year's convention to be well focused and efficiently run. I believe the biggest news is that the convention voted by 82% to implement a two-officer concept for NARFE. Since DC law (which governs NARFE) allows for only two officers, and the cost of maintaining officers, both in salary and moving them to the Washington area every two years is a significant cost (\$500,000 for two), this was a way for NARFE to control costs in a time of decreasing membership and also an opportunity to look at how to run the national office more efficiently. The current officers were in favor of this move and it was also a recommendation by the Future of NARFE Committee. Anyway, it is probably worth trying to see how it works. If it is not the way to move forward, a change back to 3 or 4 officers could be made in 2 years.

Personally, I think it is important for NARFE to look at new and innovative ways to reduce costs, maintain membership, and keep focused on its mission of protecting the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees. This may be a step in the right direction to streamline and make NARFE a supportable organization for many more years.

Additionally, more than 85% voted to support the resolution authorizing the National Executive Board to continue developing the model for Future of NARFE, using the Future of NARFE report as a foundation or starting point. The resolution directs the NEB to provide implementing resolutions and bylaw amendments for consideration at the 2016 National Convention in Reno, NV. "This will be done through strategic planning, with stakeholder participation, to decide the best organization for the future of the Association." As you may know, it will take a two-thirds consensus to implement most changes. Thus, consensus building will be an important component to create change within NARFE.

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to focus on the new member recruitment program in place from September through the end of the year. While there are both national and state incentives for the September recruitment drive (\$20 total), it is your passion for the mission of NARFE and your belief that NARFE is worthy of Federal employees' and retirees' support that will bring new members to NARFE. Consider giving your mailperson, mail clerk, friend, or relative the gift of a NARFE membership. Their monthly NARFE magazine will be a great source for information about issues that affect Federal employees and retirees. NARFE needs your efforts to increase membership and get the message out about the value and importance of NARFE. Please focus on this for the next three months.

RECRUITMENT TIPS: Recruitment begins at home – literally! If your spouse is not a member why not sign them up today? It's a great way to get them involved in your NARFE activities and reasonably priced. For example, if you are a retired member on dues withholding, adding your spouse would make your monthly dues withholding only \$7.00 for BOTH of you. If you are hesitant to broach the subject of NARFE membership with a prospective member, try asking, "Has anyone ever asked you to be a member of NARFE?" If the answer is "no" your response could be "well I'm asking you now." If their answer is "yes" then your response is "well are you?" Either way the door is opened for you to extoll the benefits of being a NARFE member.

Let them know "NARFE is the *only* organization dedicated solely to protecting the health care and retirement benefits of federal employees and their survivors." www.narfe.org

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

Balance on 08/01/14	\$ 1040.56
Income	\$ 335.52
Expenses	<u>\$ 333.44</u>
Balance on 08/31/14	\$ 1042.64

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

Thank you to those individuals at our September luncheon who donated \$64.00 to the fund. Remember, 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.

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

We wish to thank *Aline F Banks, Maryann P Leuker, and Jennifer Martin* for reinstating their memberships.

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Our prayers and condolence to the families and friends of *Edda P Dziejwit, 260 East Market St, Daly City, CA 94014-2920; and Abner D Kuperstein, 41 Garcia Ave, San Francisco, CA 94127-1007.*

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Jessica Klement, the NARFE Legislative Director gave a very informative presentation at the recent NARFE National Convention. Her presentation highlighted NARFE accomplishments in maintaining federal benefits, listed specific challenges in the upcoming Congressional sessions and challenged NARFE members to petition their elected representatives to protect our hard earned benefits. A link to Ms. Klement's presentation follows.
<http://www.narfe.org/pdf/LegislativePresentationNationalConvention82614.pdf>

PROGRAM: JUANITA TAMAYO LOTT

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*

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