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NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 18, 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

NOV 18 ***Note Day Change*** ROB PEPPER, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

DEC 10 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, RISTORANTE TI PIACERA, 1507 POLK ST, SAN FRANCISCO

PRESIDENT: JERRY HALL, 229 De Montfort Ave, SF, CA 94112; 412-0488, fritz1313@hotmail.com

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER...Members are invited to attend a meeting on **Nov. 13 at 11:30 at Beresford Recreation Center, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, in San Mateo** to hear **Brian Perkins from Rep Speier's office. This event is being sponsored by the San Mateo NARFE chapter.** Any questions just email or call Pat D'Larzelere, president Chapter 1317, (patandfrank_63@msn.com or 650-321-1993). Since they will be providing lunch, please advise Pat if you will be attending, by November 10th. For this ten-year cycle for congressional districts, I am in Ms. Speier's District so I will be attending. (The previous cycle I was in Ms. Pelosi's.)

I guess the question that arises frequently is why should I (as a NARFE member) go to a meeting with a "rep" from Jackie Speier's office? She regularly votes for issues that NARFE supports, she seems to care about the issues facing those who are in retirement, those who serve their country by being dedicated public servants for the Federal Government. And why should I go if she is not going to be there, but "just" a representative from her office?

First, I think we can never take anything for granted. We need to always communicate our belief that Federal Service is "a higher calling." We need to remind others that government can and does do good work every day, that those who "belittle" federal service do not understand (nor maybe care to understand) that a strong government makes for a strong country, and that our country is safer, fairer, and a strong example of democracy because we have civil servants that perform important jobs for the country every day. (Our program in October clearly demonstrated that government officials such as Bill Tamayo do important work with enthusiasm and commitment to ensure that civil rights are protected and workers are not abused.)

Second, NARFE's legislative office has advised me that they spend most of their time with the congressional "staffers" because it is they who advise and guide Congresspersons on issues, how to vote on various bills, and what their constituents' interests are. More and more the myriad of bills and issues are very complex and require study and analysis. Our Congresspersons depend on their "reps" and "staffers" to guide them and synthesize these issues.

I will make my voice heard on November 13th to ensure that the issues of "good government" are heard and heard loudly. I will be a part of the process and not sit back and let others with negative messages monopolize and influence unduly. I will speak up about the value of a strong civil service system and ensure it is not taken for granted, and that my representative continues to support Federal Workers and Retirees.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Our annual Holiday luncheon will be on **December 10th** at **Ristorante Ti Piacera, 1507 Polk Street, San Francisco, near California St., (415) 771-9946. Lunch will be served at 1:30pm, with a social at 1:00 PM in the bar area.** Each entrée will be served with a **Mista Salad, which** includes seasonal mixed greens, tomato and onion, tossed in lemon-herb vinaigrette. On the attached coupon please indicate your choice of entrees, either **Penne al Matricciana** with Spicy Italian sausage, red onion, and tomato, in white wine and garlic sauce or **Ravioli ai Funghi al Pesto**, Portobello stuffed raviolis with pesto, topped with sautéed cherry tomatoes and goat cheese. The luncheon will conclude with coffee and a Biscotti (Italian almond dipping cookie). Other beverages can be purchased individually at the bar. Price for the three-course luncheon, including tax and tip will be \$30. **Please send your check with the attached coupon(see back page) by December 5th, Public Transportation:** The California Cable Car, the 19 Polk, the 47 and 49 Muni lines all service the area. There are public parking garages and on street metered parking throughout the area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jerry at 415-412-0488 or via email at fritz1313@hotmail.com.

In addition to our luncheon, we'll also have our annual holiday gift drawing. Please feel free to bring a donated, wrapped gift to the luncheon.

SEE THE INSERT FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE CHAPTER 65 FUND RAISER

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

Balance on 09/01/14	\$ 1042.64
Income	\$ 952.64
Expenses	\$ 952.38
Balance on 09/30/14	\$ 1042.90

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

Thank you to **GLORIA O'LEARY** for her donation 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

A *Welcome Aboard* to our newest members: **Cecilia Cervano, Konstantinos Dimoyannis, Mary Fest, Marie Fong, Tatum King, and Jean V. Santos**. We also wish to thank **Mary E. Carberry, Cezaria R. Gonzales, Isai Kaufman, Jim Miller, Ann Nutt, and David Often-Brown** for reinstating their memberships.

SUNSHINE: EDITH HIGA, 566-7358

Our prayers and condolence to the family and friends of **Tad Murano, 121 Swallowtail CT, Brisbane, CA 94005**.

HEALTH BENEFITS IN RETIREMENT: Peter Bauer from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services will be hosting the last seminar on Thursday, December 18, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It's being held in the Federal Office Building at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, second floor in the Arizona Room. Participating representatives are: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Kaiser, GEHA, Mailhandler's, Social Security and Medicare. **PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING.**

OPEN SEASON HEALTH BENEFITS FAIRS: There are several Health Benefits Fairs in San Francisco during this current Open Season as follows:

- November 3, 2014, **VA Medical Center**, 4150 Clement St Bldg 7 Rm 112, 8:00 am -11:00 am
 - November 4, 2014, **Federal Building**, 90 7th St, Rm 12-300, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
 - November 5, 2014, **U S Immigration & Customs**, 630 Sansome St Rm 1070 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - November 6, 2014 **U S Postal Svc.**, 1300 Evans Av, 6:30 am – 9:30 am and 2:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- Representatives from major health insurance carriers will be in attendance to answer your questions.

SERVICE OFFICER: DAVID GARCIA 510235-7750

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NARFE DUES: Currently National Dues are \$40.00 and Chapter 65 Dues are \$8.00 annually. Mail check for full \$48.00, along with your **DUES RENEWAL NOTICE**, when you receive it, to NARFE, Membership Services, 606 Washington St, Alexandria, Va. 22314-1914.

=====ALL LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 5TH =====

**Mail Reservation coupon for the December 10th Luncheon and check to:
Jerry Hall 229 De Montfort Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112.**

Name _____ Tel No. _____

Address _____

Check Choice of Entree: Penne al Matricciana [] or Ravioli ai Funghi al Pesto []

Number in Party _____ @ \$30.00 each Total Enclosed \$ _____

Attach names of guests and their choice of entrée. Make checks payable to NARFE Chapter 65.

CHAPTER 65 FUND RAISER

This year the NARFE State Convention will be held in San Luis Obispo, April 29 – 30, 2015. Your help is needed to defray some of the expenses of our convention delegates. While the registration fee is covered by the Chapter, the hotel and airfare are not. The funds raised will be disbursed among the Chapter 65 delegates attending the convention to assist them with these added expenses. Any remaining proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to offset the increasing costs of printing and mailing the Chapter's monthly newsletter.

We ask a donation of \$2.00 for a single ticket, \$5.00 for three, \$10.00 for six or \$18.00 for all twelve. To show our appreciation for your generosity, the following prizes will be awarded:

FIRST PRIZE	\$100.00
SECOND PRIZE	\$ 50.00
THIRD PRIZE	\$ 25.00
FOURTH PRIZE	\$ 25.00

The drawing for these prizes will be held at our **DECEMBER 10, 2014 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**. The luncheon will be held at Ristorante Ti Piacera, 1507 Polk Street, San Francisco near California Street.(See newsletter for details).

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. Winners will be notified by mail, so be sure to include your address on the tickets.

Tickets stubs are on the back of this page. Please cut off the completed stubs and forward them, with your check payable to NARFE Chapter 65, **BY DECEMBER 8th** to our ***Treasurer, Dianne Joseph, 179 Chilton Av, San Francisco, CA 94131.***

As you know, we must depend upon the goodwill of our members for the financial support necessary to keep our chapter functioning. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to count on you at this time. I ask all Chapter 65 members to support this worthy effort. Moreover, if you are interested in attending the State Convention and representing the Chapter please let me know.

This is not a lottery. Free tickets will be available at 90 7th street during our general meeting on November 18, 2014.

Thank you for your generous assistance.

Jerry Hall

President, Chapter 65

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