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AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON AUGUST 19, 2015 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-040 (NOTE CHANGE)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG 19 OPM CYBER INTRUSION
SEP 16 LUNCHEON: PICARO TAPAS RESTAURANT, 3120 16th St., SAN FRANCISCO CA.
OCT 21 FEHB HEALTH PLAN REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT: JERRY HALL; 229 De Montfort Ave, SF, CA 94112; 415-412-0488, fritz1313@hotmail.com
GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST.... We had a very successful outreach event at the Federal Building on July 13, 14, and 15 which culminated with more than 55 people attending the excellent presentation by Ann Lindsay, Benefits Officer for DOL. The majority of those attending were active federal employees and many committed to joining NARFE. I want to thank the many folks who made it such a success. This major recruitment effort was led by Mike Crahan, your membership chair, and Juanita Lott, your second vice president. However, it was supported by many others including: Leslie Ching, Helen Rogers, Jon Lampman, Herman Bracey, Frank Morelli, Jane Ramos, and Joe Mangiameli. They all ensured the success of this event and gave generously of their time. Our Chapter continues to recruit dozens of new members each year. Thank you all for your efforts to increase our membership and make NARFE a respected organization effectively representing both active and retired federal public servants.

I am sad to say that Edith Higa will be moving to Hawaii and no longer able to function as our Sunshine Chairperson. She has been a thoughtful and effective chairperson for a number of years. I would like to thank Edith for her service to our Chapter and wish her well as she moves to a new setting. I also want to thank Sue Mangiameli who volunteered to take over this important function for our Chapter. Sue can be reached at 415-359-9644.

The saga of the cyber intrusion at OPM continues. After the first announcement, OPM recently discovered that there were additional systems compromised. Estimates are that more than 20 million people may be involved. These systems included those that contain information related to background investigations of current, former, and prospective Federal employees, as well as other individuals for whom a Federal background investigation was conducted.

This separate incident – like the one that was announced on June 4th affecting personnel information of current and former federal employees – was discovered as a result of OPM's efforts to update its cyber-security posture, adding numerous tools and capabilities to its network. OPM, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are working as part of this ongoing investigation to determine the number of people affected by this separate intrusion. OPM will notify those individuals whose information may have been compromised as soon as practicable. You will be updated when we have more information on how and when these notifications will occur.

Last month I suggested that you obtain your free yearly credit reports routinely. This month I am suggesting that you might consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file to let creditors know to contact you before opening a new account in your name. Simply call TransUnion® at 1-800-680-7289 to place this alert. TransUnion® will then notify the other two credit bureaus on your behalf. While many members have received letters from OPM via CSID, many have not. It is my understanding that, **there will be more notifications sent to individuals** whose information may have been compromised. **In the event you did not receive an official notification from OPM** via email and/or mail, you may contact OPM's contract vendor CSID to find out if your personal data was included in the initial **(first one only, not the latest one recently announced)** OPM data breach:

1. Call CSID at: (844) 777-2743.
2. Verify your first and last name, last 4-digits of your Social Security Number, federal agency and current mailing address. If you were among those affected by this initial data breach, the operator will issue you a unique PIN.
3. Utilizing your PIN, enroll in CSID's credit monitoring and identity monitoring services on the website: <https://www.csid.com/opm/>.

More information about the intrusion can also be found on OPM's website: www.opm.gov and NARFE's website: NARFE.org. I will continue to update you as more information becomes available. Again, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. (Continued on back page)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on 06/01/15	\$ 2098.58
Income	\$ 550.20
Expenses	\$ 677.91
Balance on 06/30/15	\$ 1970.87

MEMBERSHIP: We thank *Laura Trizuto* for reinstating her membership.

SUNSHINE: Our prayers and condolences to family and friends of *Guido A. Alasia*, 1676 Union St, SF Ca 94123; *Ruth Callmann*, 1324 Portola Dr, SF Ca 94127 and *William L. Heincelman*, 475 Princeton St, SF, Ca 94134.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: The NARFE National Executive Board recently stated the following regarding the status of benefits for active and retired Federal employees: “What has NARFE done for me lately?” and the answers are: (1) FEHBP “self plus one” option available in 2016; Back pay provided to federal employees furloughed during the government shutdown; phased retirement now available; extension of reemployed annuitants waiver passed; written and oral testimony before Congress; the Senate Postal bill remains stalled; chained CPI has not moved forward and Federal Retirees have not had to pay for deficit reduction talks/sequestration offsets! But it wasn’t all good news! For federal employees there was a three-year pay freeze; with only small raises (1%) in 2014 and 2015; two increases in retirement contributions for new hires; October 2013 government shutdown and sequestration related furloughs. Contributions to reducing the federal deficit from federal employees in 2011, 2012 and 2013 equaled \$120 Billion!

G Fund Proposal: Thanks to your quick response from NARFE Headquarters to phone and write to members of Congress, NARFE and other allies successfully derailed the Senate proposal to raid the G fund. Go to <https://www.narfe.org/legislation/articles.cfm?ID=3867> for details.

2nd Annual Pier-to-Pier Walk: Saturday August 29 from 9 -11 am: Aquatic Park Center is promoting outdoor exercise for adults 50+ in the stunning setting of the SF Maritime Historical National Park. 890 Beach Street. Join the NARFE Chapter 65 Team again. Contact Juanita Lott 415.292.6221 by August 22.

President’s Message (Continued):

September Luncheon: We have a fun luncheon planned for Wednesday September 16th at PICARO TAPAS RESTAURANT, 3120 16th St., SAN FRANCISCO. The casual lunch will be at 12 noon and will consist of a **variety of tapas plates** (including meat, vegetable, and seafood dishes) **for your table** and includes soft drink, tea, or coffee. The restaurant also serves beer and wine which may be purchased separately. The price for this tasty selection of dishes will be \$22 and includes the tip and tax. Please mail in your reservation with your check for \$22 to Narfe Chapter 65. Send your reservations and checks to Jerry Hall, 229 De Montfort Ave., San Francisco, CA 94112 by September 8th.

---My reservation for Picaro Tapas Restaurant, 3120 16th Street for 12 noon on September 16th, \$22 per person. ---

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

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