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SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

NO MEETING THIS MONTH, SEE YOU AT PICARO TAPAS RESTAURANT
3120 16th ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEP 16 LUNCHEON: PICARO TAPAS RESTAURANT, 3120 16th St., SAN FRANCISCO CA.
OCT 21 FEHB HEALTH PLAN REPRESENTATIVES
NOV 18 UNION/EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS ROUNDTABLE
DEC 10 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (DETAILS TBA) (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)

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 SEPTEMBER...

Thanks to all those who attended our program on the cyber security breach at OPM. The program was informative and updated members on the current status of the breach. Special thanks to Regina Sneed (a chapter member) who helped organize this event. The most recent information suggests that OPM is still working on getting a contractor for the second breach. The more than 21.5 million involved in that event will not be notified in regards to whether their data was breached until a contractor is selected, hopefully by the end of August. Those involved include those who had a security clearance, possibly their family members, and folks who may have applied for a federal government job. The large number suggests that it will take some time to notify all these people who were involved. It is not clear as to whether the more than 4 million involved in the first breach have all been notified. Anecdotal information suggests that those who retired before 2000 have not been contacted in large numbers. However, those who retired after 2000 and those who are current employees have been generally in the group contacted. Remember that if you want to see if your data was compromised in the first breach, you can call CSID (OPM's contractor for the first breach) at: (844) 777-2743 if you have not been notified. Also remember that none of the 21.5 million involved in the second breach have been contacted yet.

There was some discussion at the executive board meeting in August about the continued struggle for the Chapter to remain financially solvent in light of the costs it incurs from sending the monthly newsletters. There was some discussion about modestly increasing the Chapter dues to offset the rising costs of the newsletter. Your board is looking at a variety of approaches to reduce costs and to address the cost of the newsletter. There was a general consensus that the newsletter is an effective tool for enhancing communication among members. There is no consensus at this time on how to address the costs of the newsletter. Please feel free to contact any of your officers to discuss your views in regards to this matter.

The Chapter will have a casual luncheon at noon on Wednesday the 16th of September at PICARO TAPAS RESTAURANT, 3120 16th St. Each table will have a number of tapas items meat, fish, vegetables, and salads. The meal will include a soft drink or coffee. The price is \$22 including tip and tax. Beer and wine are available at your own expense. The owners are from Spain and the bistro type restaurant is both relaxing and fun. BART, Muni 14 and 49 all stop approximately one block from the restaurant which is located just to the west of Valencia on the North side of 16th street. Muni 22 stops directly across from the restaurant. Mail your reservations and checks made out to NARFE Chapter 65 to Jerry Hall at 229 De Montfort Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112. Please fill out the coupon and mail it in by September 8th to make your reservation.

Name(s) Telephone

Address

Amount enclosed (\$22 per person)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on 07/01/15	\$ 1970.87
Income	\$ 698.89
Expenses	<u>\$ 427.92</u>
Balance on 07/31/15	\$ 2241.84

ALZHEIMER'S: 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 1237 Filbert St, San Francisco CA 94109-1713. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to our newest members: **Daria Ewin, Diane Kefaurer** and **Susan Malone**. We also thank **Kevin J. Clark, Ruby L. Dale and Edward Law** for reinstating their memberships.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: Recently, NARFE successfully thwarted Congressional threats to active and retired Federal worker benefits. Congress will return September 8. According to NARFE our benefits may be “on the chopping block” when Congress must pass appropriation bills by October 1 and raise the debt ceiling early next year. We should monitor any NARFE hotline messages to see if these legislative initiatives include threats to our benefits.

OCTOBER 21ST MEETING – HEALTH PLAN REPRESENTATIVES: At this meeting representatives from GEHA, Blue Cross and Kaiser will discuss their programs for 2016 which for the first time will include a “Self + One” option. They also will answer any questions you have about their plans, which will provide a head start for the upcoming Open Season.

DID YOU KNOW You can pay your association dues through **Dues Withholding** if you are a retired member of NARFE? With **Dues Withholding** your yearly dues (national and chapter) are taken monthly from your annuity. It is easy to enroll in **Dues Withholding** and by doing so you not only avoid receiving yearly renewal notices but you also receive a discount on your national dues. For example, currently national dues are \$40.00 yearly and Chapter 65 dues are \$8.00 for a total of \$48.00 yearly. If you sign up for **Dues Withholding** you receive a \$6.00 discount on your national dues (\$34.00 + \$8.00 chapter = \$42.00). Your monthly annuity is only reduced \$3.50 and you never have to worry about staying current with your NARFE membership. A **“NARFE Dues Withholding Application For Retirees”** can be found on the back page of the monthly NARFE magazine. Complete it and mail it today. Remember, if for any reason you find you do not want to continue your automatic withholding, it is as easy as sending NARFE written notification of your desire.

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