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FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016 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

FEB 17 THOMAS A. KENNELLY RET. DEP. CHIEF, U S ATTY. GENERAL OFFICE
MAR 16 LUNCHEON AT GILBERTH'S ROTISSERIE & GRILL 2427 3rd ST, SAN FRANCISCO
APR 18 **(NOTE DATE CHANGE)** COMBINED CHAPTER 65/DISTRICT V MEETING

PRESIDENT: JERRY HALL, 229 De Montfort Ave, SF, CA 94112, 412-0488, fritz1313@hotmail.com GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY...

I am excited that our chapter will be hosting a combined Chapter 65/ District V meeting on April 18th (NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM OUR REGULAR MEETING DATE) at the Federal Building, 90 7th St. for the 12 Chapters that comprise the district. Our speakers and presenters will include Katie Gross, Field Representative from Senator Feinstein's office, our Regional Vice President, Helen Zajac, and our own Martha Raup. The topics will include legislative issues affecting NARFE members, the future direction of NARFE as it tries to keep current members and obtain new members, and the challenges of technology facing our organization and us. There also will be group discussions about changes NARFE will need to make to last another 90 years and decide on resolutions for the National Convention. Additionally members will have an opportunity to interact with members from throughout the district. Registration with refreshments will start at 10:45 am. The meeting will begin at 11:00 am ending approximately 2:45 pm. More details on the agenda, lunch, and cost will be provided in our March newsletter.

As you may know the National Convention for NARFE will be held this year in Reno, NV. There are many important issues to be addressed at this year's convention. In my mind the challenge NARFE faces is how to grow and move forward to continue its mission to provide information to its members about issues that affect them, to ensure that congress is aware of the needs and concerns of Federal employees and retirees, and to preserve the benefits being earned or are already earned by its members. I believe change is inevitable and necessary for any organization to remain viable and effective. But this requires a vision freely communicated and shared among the members so they can stand united and supportive of the changes. This is challenging but I believe it is doable if we work together to formulate that vision. Our April meeting will be partially devoted to providing a thoughtful approach to that change and how it might be implemented over the next few years. We will be soliciting \$1 from each member at our next two meetings that will be sent to the National Convention Committee as our support for the costs incurred by the upcoming convention on August 28th in Reno. If you are unable to attend our next two meetings, please consider sending your \$1 to our treasurer Dianne Joseph, 179 Chilton Ave San Francisco, CA 94131.

Our March 16th luncheon will be held at 11:45AM at Gilberth's Rotisserie & Grill in the interesting Dog Patch area of San Francisco, 2427 3rd Street. Transportation is conveniently provided by the T Muni line, and the 48 and 22 buses which all stop at 20th Street about a block away. There is very little parking right at the restaurant during the day, but some several blocks away. Besides providing a social experience for our members, our lunch program attempts to provide unique and interesting venues for our members. Gilberth's is a small family run restaurant with a Pan-American, Latin fusion approach. Beer and Wine are available for purchase if you want to purchase them separately from our prix fixe luncheon. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions in regards to the luncheon.

===== **LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 10th** =====

Mail Reservation coupon for the March 16th luncheon with check to:

Jerry Hall 229 De Montfort Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112.

Name _____ Tel No. _____

Check Choice of Lunch item: Pork loin roast with plantain mash potatoes and roasted veggies [] Chicken rotisserie platter with rice and beans cooked together [], Chimichurri steak sandwich [], Gilberth's rotisserie style chicken salad sandwich with cheese & fresh avocado []. If you select the steak or chicken salad sandwich, please check whether you want salad [], fries [], or the daily soup [] as your side.

Number in Party _____ @ \$25.00 each, price includes iced tea or agua fresca, tax, and tip. Total Enclosed \$ _____. Attach names of guests and their choice of entrée. Make checks payable to NARFE Chapter 65.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on 12/01/15	\$ 3291.50
Income	\$ 1011.84
Expenses	<u>\$ 1868.46</u>
Balance on 12/31/15	\$ 2434.88

ALZHEIMER'S: Last year we collected a total of \$156.00 for this program. We collected \$106.00 by passing the “brown bag” at our luncheons plus we received an anonymous donation of \$50.00. Thank you all for your generosity.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to our new member *Sara Russell*. Also, we thank *Rachealle D. Eddings* for reinstating her membership.

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

SUNSHINE: Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of *Woo Hom* and *Edgar H. Mc Kensie*.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: Although there appears to be no imminent threats to benefits there are several pending legislative proposals that bear watching. NARFE headquarters opposes proposed postal legislation requiring the prefunding of future retiree health premiums paid by the government and mandatory Medicare Part B coverage for some postal retirees. In addition, NARFE supports a proposed rule by the Department of Labor requiring financial advisors to consider the interests of their clients when offering advice. NARFE opposes several Congressional proposals to block this rule.

SERVICE OFFICER: DAVID GARCIA 510-235-7750 : Important numbers: OPM 1-888-767-6738 (Administrative Problems); NARFE 1-800456-8410 (Membership Problems); SOCIAL SECURITY 1-800-772-1213 (Life Cycle Problems); LTC 1-800 582-3337 (For Applications and Information Kits); OPM Toll Number 1-724-794-5216.

DUES INCREASE SURVEY RESULTS: As reported in the December newsletter we conducted a dues-increase survey and had 53 members respond. Of these, 46 prefer a \$4 increase (to \$12/year), 5 prefer a \$2 increase (to \$10), and 2 prefer no dues increase. Therefore, a formal vote to increase Chapter 65 dues to \$12/year will come before the membership at our next meeting, February 17, at 1pm at 90-7th Street in San Francisco. Please join us if you would like to discuss it before the voting.

Many asked how the dues process works. For those who have dues withheld from their OPM pension, any dues increase will begin after National authorizes the change – within a month or two. For those who pay NARFE dues directly, the increase will not begin until your individual membership renewal date. The Officers continue to explore the many suggestions members made during the dues survey, and will continue to provide quality information and consistent service for our membership. This includes a monthly printed/mailed newsletter (posted online at narfe65.org/newsletter), and monthly membership meetings, luncheons, or events. Thanks again for your active participation in NARFE Chapter 65!

FEBRUARY SPEAKER: Our February speaker is Thomas A. Kennelly, Retired Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime & Racketeering Section, U. S. Department of Justice. Mr. Kennelly is the author of “**One More Story and I’m Out the Door; A Life, With Recollection About Jimmy Hoffa, the Mafia...Among Others**”. His presentation takes you into the heart of the American legal system with this first-hand and often amusing recount of a professional life in the courtroom in Washington, DC on both sides of the aisle during the turbulent ‘60’s, ‘70’s, and ‘80’s. Some of the best-known names of the 20th century show up in his life experience, such as Jimmy Hoffa, G. Gordon Liddy, and Ronald Reagan. As a federal prosecutor under Robert Kennedy, he helped initiate the Department of Justice’s Strike Forces against organized crime and created the first federal Witness Protection Program. In his varied private practice, Kennelly represented Watergate figures, high-ranking government officials, and the leader of a D.C. jailbreak.

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