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MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

**NO MEETING THIS MONTH. WE'LL SEE YOU AT GILBERTH'S ROTISSERIE & GRILL, 2427
3RD STREET, SAN FRANCISCO.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 16 LUNCHEON AT GILBERTH'S ROTISSERIE & GRILL 2427 3RD ST, SAN FRANCISCO
APR 18 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) COMBINED CHAPTER 65/DISTRICT V MEETING
MAY 18 SARA RUSSELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD AND
JANIE THOMAS, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, DOL-OASAM

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GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH... I am most appreciative of the calls and letters I receive from members as a result of something they have read in our newsletter. Recently I received a call from one of our long term Chapter 65 members who was an active participant in NARFE activities for many years. Mary Taylor is now 100 years old, still a member in the Chapter, but lives in Utah. She stays connected to NARFE and its San Francisco Chapter via our newsletter which is printed and mailed each month to all members. It is with pleasure that I wish, on behalf of the Chapter, a March birthday wish to Mary Taylor when she turns 101.

At our meeting in February we voted on and approved the \$.33 cents a month dues increase. So next time you renew your membership the yearly Chapter dues will be \$12. I assure you that more than 90% of all the money from Chapter dues is spent on the newsletter that we send our members each month. None of your chapter officers receive any stipends. All money is spent on the business needs of the Chapter. The dues increase will allow us to continue a monthly mailing to all members. Please feel free to contact me or Joe Mangiameli if you have submissions for our newsletter.

I am happy and excited to announce that our Chapter is sponsoring the NARFE District V Meeting, **Monday April 18, 2016 (note date change)**. This meeting will serve in lieu of our regular meeting on Wednesday. Our Guest Speakers will be Helen Zajac, NARFE Region VIII Vice President and Member of the National Executive Board, Katie Gross, San Francisco Field Representative for Senator Feinstein, and Martha Raup, the Region VIII Representative on the National NARFE CAB (Configuration Advisory Board). The meeting will be designed to help prepare our 12 Chapters for the National Convention commencing August 28th in Reno, provide an opportunity to discuss the NARFE Strategic Plan, develop a thoughtful approach to Change, meet with a representative from Senator Feinstein's office, learn about how NARFE is using technology to enhance its image and recruit new members, and provide an opportunity for members from various chapters to collectively discuss important issues facing NARFE. The meeting will be held at the San Francisco Federal Building at 90 Seventh Street in Room B-040, one half-block from the Civic Center BART Station. **Registration is due not later than April 11, 2016 (see coupon below)**. Check in begins at 10:45am. The meeting begins at 11am and will end no later than 2:45pm. There will be a 30-minute lunch break at approximately Noon. The **registration fee of \$15** will include a box lunch with fruit salad, soda, and chips. Additionally there will be cookies, coffee, tea, and bottled water during registration and during breaks. The registration fee is used to pay for the food and materials for the meeting.

*****Please mail this registration form with your lunch choice not later than April 11, 2016*****

Please check the box in front of the Sandwich you want. Condiments will be provided.

- [] Roasted Turkey with lettuce, tomato, on wheat bread, [] Ham and cheese with lettuce and pickles on rye bread,
[] Roast Beef with lettuce and tomato on Sour Dough bread,
[] Vegetable Sandwich, with lettuce, cucumber, sprouts, tomato and avocado on 9 Grain bread.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Chapter:** _____

Mail your registration with lunch choice and check to NARFE Chapter 65 to Jerry Hall, 229 De Montfort Ave, San Francisco, CA 94112. Phone 415-412-0488 for questions.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER: You can read the current newsletter as well as back issues at our Chapter 65 Web Site: (<http://www.narfe65.org/newsletter/>). The current issue is normally available by the first of each month.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance on 1/01/16	\$ 2434.88
Income	\$ 405.27
Expenses	<u>\$ 295.51</u>
Balance on 1/31/16	\$ 2544.64

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 Frank Morelli, 1237 Filbert St, San Francisco CA 94109-1713. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, please be assured your donation is used ONLY FOR RESEARCH.

MEMBERSHIP: We thank **Jennifer Martin** and **Christine Plumb** for reinstating their memberships.

SUNSHINE: Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of **Rita Y. King**.

DID YOU KNOW: A Sympathy Card on behalf of the Chapter is sent to the family of deceased members? A Get Well Card can also be sent to members who are ill and in need of cheering up. If you know of a member who is ill, contact Sue Mangiameli by email at semangiameli@aol.com or call 415-359-9644.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER: The following information was posted on NARFE's webpage and is repeated here to encourage you to take action on this important legislation: "The NARFE Legislative Department thanks all NARFE members who have called or emailed with questions and comments about H.R. 711, a bill that would reform the Windfall Elimination Provision, but not repeal it. A dedicated page has been created on the NARFE website to answer questions about the bill and explain NARFE's decision to support H.R. 711. The page will be updated when more information is known. NARFE continues to ask its members to send the letter urging House members to cosponsor H.R. 711, and we encourage NARFE members to continue sharing their opinions and questions on the bill with the Legislative Department."

DUES WITHHOLDING: If you are a retired member of NARFE you can pay your association dues through **Dues Withholding**. With **Dues Withholding** your yearly dues (national and chapter) are taken monthly from your annuity. It is easy to enroll 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 \$12.00 for a total of \$52.00 yearly. If you sign up for **Dues Withholding** you receive a \$6.00 discount on your national dues (\$34.00 + \$12.00 chapter = \$46.00). Your monthly annuity is only reduced \$3.83 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.

Federal Building Security, 90 7th Street: Please remember, to enter the building, you must have a valid photo ID to show the security guard. In addition, you'll be entering a security checkpoint: so do not bring in any sharp objects like a pocketknife or scissors. Also, you'll be required to remove your shoes, belts, jackets, keys, etc.

NARFE DUES: Currently National Dues are \$40.00 and Chapter 65 Dues are \$12.00 annually. Mail check for the full \$52.00, along with your **DUES RENEWAL NOTICE**, when you receive it, to NARFE, Membership Services, 606 Washington St, Alexandria, Va. 22314-1914.

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