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**OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2016.**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 10:30 AM, AT FOB, 90 7TH ST 11TH FLOOR RM 11-010**  
**GENERAL MEETING 1:00 PM - LOWER LEVEL - RM B-040 (NOTE ROOM CHANGE)**  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

OCT 19 ANGELA SMITH, DIR., SAN FRANCISCO COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)

NOV16 SPEAKER TO BE DETERMINED

DEC14 LUNCHEON TO BE DETERMINED (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

**PRESIDENT: JERRY HALL, 229 De Montfort Ave, SF, CA 94112; 415-412-0488, [fritz1313@hotmail.com](mailto:fritz1313@hotmail.com) GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS AND/OR ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER...**

**Convention News:** The national convention in Reno last month went smoothly and two significant resolutions passed. 1. No longer will members need to join a chapter to in order to be a NARFE member. 2. Each member will have one vote and be able to cast it personally for all the national officers and any resolutions brought to members. As time progresses we will likely better understand exactly how these changes will be incorporated. However, it does appear that each member will be given a ballot for future elections and proposed resolutions. Additionally, members will be identified as belonging to the community they live in rather than what chapter they belong to. Hopefully, these changes will be embraced by the members and implemented effectively to make NARFE a successful organization for the future.

**Government Funding:** It looks like active federal employees will have to endure a continuing resolution this year again. There are proposals in the works to have a continuing resolution until December 9th, if some agreement can be reached before September 30th. If no agreement is reached, we could again see a partial government shutdown that could put hundreds of thousands on unpaid furloughs, and require the rest of the workforce to stay on the job but unpaid.

**Long Term Care Insurance Premium Increase:** NARFE is continuing to push for a congressional hearing on the very significant long term care premium increases that active and retired federal workers are facing. A hearing has been tentatively scheduled by the Oversight and Government Reform Committee for November or December. Members are encouraged to write or call their legislators about the significant increases.

**Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA):** The COLA for 2017 is set to be released on October 18. Many believe there will be a small COLA of less than 1%, which could have significant implications for those who pay their Medicare Part B premiums from something other than their Social Security benefits, such as their Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuities. NARFE is asking members to send letters or call your members of Congress, alerting them to this possibility and asking them to prevent a sharp increase in your Medicare premiums simply because you are not held harmless. This is the same issue that came up last year in regards to an unfair burden of the increase in Medicare Part B premiums falling on those who do not receive social security or have Part B taken from their social security. Those paying for the premium out of their social security are protected from premium increases that are larger than their social security increase.

Please note: there are sample letters on NARFE's national website (<http://www.narfe.org>) that can be used for these and other issues that affect you as a federal worker or retiree.

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**Federal Pay Raises:** The White House issued a letter to Congress on August 31st setting an alternative plan for federal pay raises for civilian employees covered by the General Schedule (GS) and certain other pay systems in January 2017. The 1.6 percent average 2017 federal pay raise includes a 1 percent across-the-board increase with a 0.6 percent adjustment for locality pay. The adjustments will take effect on the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2017. Official 2017 General Schedule and other pay tables -- including locality adjustments -- will be released by the Office of Personnel Management likely in early December.

**October Meeting Speaker:** I hope all of you will consider attending our October 19th meeting where we will have a representative from the Combined Federal Campaign. Angela Smith, the CFC San Francisco Director will present at our meeting, explaining how retirees can still participate in the Combined Federal Campaign. Moreover, she will share information about some of the lesser known charities that are part of the CFC. Additionally, she will explain how both active and retired federal workers can select to support specific charities that match their community interests. The meeting should be both informative as well as a thoughtful look at community organizations that serve vital needs in our community.

**National Older Worker Career Center:** The San Francisco EPA office is looking for a Mining Geochemist to work for this program. The job requires that the individual is 55+ years old. It only pays minimum wage but would be a great encore job for a retired Federal scientist. To read more about this position go to: [https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record\\_id=3706](https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record_id=3706).

**TREASURER:** Balance 8/01/16 **\$1550.01**; Income \$479.67; Expenses \$630.71; Balance 8/31/16 **\$1398.97**

**ALZHEIMER'S:** A total of \$42.00 was collected at our September luncheon. Thank you to all who contributed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We give a warm welcome to our new members **Libby Albert, Mary Fest, Patricia Higgins, Bick Y. Lee, Bradley D. Mayberry, Sonja Schultz** and **Providencia Ramirez**.

**SUNSHINE:** Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of **Mary E. Bradford, Helen M. Cummings** and **Robert Robinson**.

**Did You Know:** A Sympathy Card on behalf of the Chapter is sent to the family of deceased members? A Get Well Card also can 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](mailto:semangiameli@aol.com) or call 415-359-9644.

**NOVEMBER MEETING:** At our November Meeting, in addition to our guest speaker that is currently being finalized, there will be a discussion concerning the revision to our Chapter's Bylaws.

**YOUR NEWSLETTER:** Whether you read the newsletter online or when received in the mail we hope you enjoy it and benefit from its content. The goal is to provide our membership with up-to-date, relevant information pertaining to issues affecting federal employees and retirees. Perhaps you are consistently reading the newsletter online and no longer want a mailed copy; or maybe you are in a multiple member household and want only to receive one copy. In either situation simply email Joe Mangiameli at [joemangia@comcast.net](mailto:joemangia@comcast.net) and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

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