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MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

NO MEETING THIS MONTH SEE YOU AT

LITTLE SKILLET, 360 RITCH ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR 21 LUNCHEON AT LITTLE SKILLET, 360 RITCH ST, SAN FRANCISCO (NEAR AT & T PARK)
APR 18 SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION BY MARTHA RAUP, NARFE CHAP. 65 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
MAY 16 TOUR OF SAN FRANCISCO SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

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 MARCH...

NARFE Chapter Volunteers: In the year-end summary of all the member contributions to your chapter I somehow left out one of the most significant contributors to making our chapter a success. **Dianne Joseph** has and continues to keep us financially sound as our Treasurer. She does an outstanding job of ensuring that your money is spent appropriately and frugally. Additionally, Dianne regularly puts up items on our NARFE65.org website to keep members informed and aware of information and events. Chapter 65 is especially fortunate to have Dianne as a constantly contributing and supportive leader and member.

Contact Congressional Representatives/Senators: Please consider going to the Legislative Hot Line on the NARFE National website. There are some new letters you can send or email to your representatives. The 2019 budget proposed by the White House suggests millions of dollars of reductions for federal workers. Proposals such as no COLA for retirees, pay freezes for all active workers, reduction in the rate paid by the TSP G fund, raising active workers' contributions to their FERS retirement with no increase in their benefit are part of this 2019 budget proposal. You can also call your representatives using the NARFE toll free number 866-220-0044. The chapter is planning to have an area representative from one of the Congressional or Senatorial offices from the area at our June meeting this year. We will update you when we have more information.

Voting on National Bylaws and Resolutions: The national bylaws and resolutions can now be found on our NARFE.org website. This large document contains all the resolutions and the positions taken by the National Bylaw Committee in regards to them. You will be asked to vote on these and the national candidates for office between May 10th and June 30th. Voting can be done online or by submitting the paper ballot that will come in your national magazine. The resolutions booklet is quite large when printed, 184 pages. If you want a paper copy mailed to you, call the National Headquarters at 703-838-7760. **We hope to have a District meeting for members in May where the voting and the issues and candidates can be discussed. Details to follow.**

The Dates for all of this to occur are outlined here:

February 2018: The Bylaws and Resolutions Final Report

March 2018: The Candidate Statements are published in the NARFE magazine

April 2018: The Bylaws and Resolutions Report is published in the NARFE magazine

May 10, 2018: The online voting site goes live

June 2018: Paper Ballot with candidates & resolutions published in NARFE magazine

June 30, 2018: All voting ends

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MARCH LUNCHEON: We have a fun lunch place for March 21st - **Little Skillet**. It is inside the **Victory Hall & Parlor** at 360 Ritch Street in San Francisco, CA 94107, 415-543-4255, (right next door to the Little skillet take-out window), and opens at 12 noon. **It is important to be there when it opens** since everything is on a first come first served basis. It is best to get in the line for the counter right at noon. If you want something from the full bar, you can get it after you place your food order or non-alcoholic drinks can be ordered at the counter with your food. We will have a group of tables set aside in the back of the facility. Remember you can order whatever you want. They specialize in Southern Style cooking with excellent fried chicken, ribs, salads, gumbo, and pulled pork. Prices are around \$12-\$13 for many items which includes a side. Soft drinks, ice tea, and lemonade are separate and vary by what you order. Please advise me if you are coming so we will have an idea of how many will be coming and the set up for seating. Do not send a check since you will pay for your own item at the counter when you order. **Call me or text me at 415-412-0488 or email me at fritz1313@hotmail.com to let me know how many will be in your group.**

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Scam: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is warning taxpayers of a quickly growing scam involving erroneous tax refunds being deposited into their bank accounts. In one version of the scam, criminals posing as debt collection agency officials acting on behalf of the IRS contacted the taxpayers to say a refund was deposited in error, and they asked the taxpayers to forward the money to their collection agency. In another version, the taxpayer who received the erroneous refund gets an automated call that threatens the taxpayer with criminal fraud charges, an arrest warrant and a "blacklisting" of their Social Security Number. **Just hang up** – don't become a victim to either of these scenarios.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on 01/01/18, **\$3215.70**; Income \$501.67; Expenses \$525.00; Balance on 01/31/18 **\$3192.37**

MEMBERSHIP: We welcome **Bradley Akey, Eugene Chen, Tom Huetteinan, Rolene Walker, Nancy Woo** and **Peter P. Sander** to our Chapter

SUNSHINE: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of **Evelyn Davis**.

NARFE-PAC: March is NARFE-PAC Month. Look for more details, including how to contribute, in the March issue of your NARFE magazine.

NARFE NET: Get ready for the upcoming **Interactive Exploration of Social Media** on April 18 at our monthly Chapter 65 meeting! We will explore how to use Twitter as a way of reaching others, building community, and influencing events. Make sure you meet your needs by sending questions, comments, opinions, and/or experiences to Martha by March 20 via email (mailladymartha@yahoo.com) or by mail (179 Chilton Ave, San Francisco CA, 94131). Include screenshots, blog posts, illustrations. The meeting itself will be participatory - bring your mobile devices (laptops, tablets, iPads, and smartphones) and we will explore the Twitter universe together.

Designation of Beneficiary: It'll soon be spring and a perfect time to be sure your Designation of Beneficiary forms are up-to-date and current. If you need new forms or more information, copy and paste this address into your web browser: <https://www.servicesonline.opm.gov/>. Or, you can contact Chapter 65 Service Officer Pauline Jue at 415/584-8141.

Training opportunities: Members of the Chapter who wish to attend the FEDcon18 event in Jacksonville, FL, August 26-28, can receive reimbursement from the chapter treasurer for their registration fee up to \$150, which is the amount for early registration until March 31st. Information about FEDcon18 and registration for the conference is on the national website and the NARFE Magazine. There is also Federation training on **June 19, 2018 in Bakersfield, CA at Hodel's** or **Roseville, CA at the Old Spaghetti Factory on June 21, 2018**. NARFE Executive Director, Barb Sido, will travel from Headquarters to participate in our training and provide a professional insight into Recruiting current federal employees and recent federal retirees. This would be a great opportunity to meet and talk with our Executive Director. There is a registration fee of \$5 for Chapter members, which includes Coffee/tea and sweet rolls in the morning, and lunch at noon. Training will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Federal Health Benefits and Medicare in Retirement: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Kaiser, GEHA, Aetna, SSA and Medicare representatives provide a seminar to learn how your Federal Health Benefits and Medicare work in retirement. The seminars will be from 11:00am – 12:30pm at 450 Golden Gate Ave; 2nd Floor conference room on the following dates in 2018: Thursday, March 22nd, Thursday, June 21st, Thursday, September 20th and Thursday, December 13th.

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IMPORTANT PHONE 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.