



NEWSLETTER (FEBRUARY 2006)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES NASHVILLE CHAPTER 227

OFFICERS: Bruce Thomas, President 781-6083; Chris Wasson, Sunshine Chairperson 227-3064; Edna Smith, Secretary –Treasurer 298-4757

Next Chapter Meeting is Monday-February 13, 2006. Meeting place is the Aladdin on Murfreesboro Road. Eat at noon followed by our business meeting at 1 PM. Mr. Claude Blankenship, CPA with Blankenship and Associates of Brentwood will be our guest speaker on tax changes for 2006. This is a timely topic and everyone is urged to attend.

JANUARY MEETING Our President, Bruce Thomas called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Marie Anglin followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

TREASURER REPORT: Edna Smith- Present checking account balance is \$842 and Credit Union Savings Account is \$895 or a total in our treasury of \$1,736. Per Capita dues of \$1,472 were paid to the Federation and the Chapter subsidized the Xmas Luncheon to the extent of \$413.

MEMBERSHIP: Val Brooks, Membership Chairperson, led discussion as to how retain our members. One idea is to go back three years and calling everyone who has not renewed. Some discussion of how to identify new members. Gift membership was discussed.

SUNSHINE REPORT Chris Wasson sent get well cards to Margaret Shea and John R. Hovious. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Corinne Johns and Dorothy M. Martin.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT was given by Glenn Turner. We have 290 co-sponsors for Premium Conversion and 57 co-sponsors in the Senate. Congressman Cooper, Wamp, Blackburn and Tanner are not helping in the repeal of WEP and GPO. The Senate returns for the 2nd session of the 109th Congress on January 18th. The House will return on January 31st, the same day the President

is expected to deliver his State of the Union address. The President's budget is slated for release on February 6th. The budget message is likely to include savings proposals, which would change civil service law to require agencies to prepay expected health care costs for future retirees. Watch closely. The January annuity checks for CSRS and Social Security recipients will reflect an increase of 4.1%. The increase for FERS recipients over 62 is 3.1%.

TENNESSEE FEDERATION: Herschel Taylor, President of our Tennessee Federation is recovering successfully from recent prostate operation. We all wish him well.

TRAINING: Training for all officers of our Middle Tennessee Chapters will be held on Thursday, February 16th at the Hampton INN in Lebanon, Tennessee. Please call Carey Frazier at 373-4817 if you think you will be attending.

NARFE STATE CONVENTION will be held in Clarksville, TN on April 17 and 18th. Full details will be in the next issue of the Tennessee Retiree. The following members said they will serve as delegates- Marie Anglin, Don and Judy Bivens, Val Brooks, Carey Frazier, Allen Reeves, Joe Roesler, Edna Smith, Bruce Thomas, Glenn Turner and John Wells.

Bruce Thomas, our Chapter President is calling for a meeting of all our Chapter Officers at 11:00 AM on February 13th at the Aladdin just before our regular meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to establish goals and objectives for the coming year and ways and means to carry out those goals and objectives. All officers are urged to attend. We need you there for a good and productive meeting.

Our Chapter will be 53 years old on February 20, 2006. (Almost as old as me!)