



NEWSLETTER (JANUARY-2006)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES NASHVILLE CHAPTER 227

OFFICERS: Bruce Thomas, President 681-6083; Chris Wasson, Sunshine Chairperson 227-3064; Edna Smith, Secretary –Treasurer 298-4757

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Our next meeting will be Monday January 9, 2006, at the Franklin Grill. We eat at noon followed by our business meeting at 1 PM. Our Christmas luncheon was a success. Many thanks to Vallie Brooks for lining up the restaurant and Helen Harper, Chris Wasson, and Edna Smith for telephoning members urging them to come. Vallie's gracious gesture of buying one glass of "vino" was a hit. Everybody kept talking and no one wanted to leave. Always a good sign that all had a good time.

DECEMBER MEETING: The meeting was strictly social as it was our Christmas Luncheon. However, Ed Bryan, our District Officer did swear in the new officers. For the coming year they are: President- Bruce Thomas; Vice President- Vallie Brooks; Service Officer-Helen Tyson; Secretary Treasurer- Edna Smith; Legislative Chairperson Glenn Turner; Sunshine Chairperson-Chris Wasson; Public Relations-Mary Lee Fielder; Alzheimer Chairperson- Helen Harper; Program Chairperson-Don Bivens; Chaplain-Marie Anglin; SGT at Arms-Bennie Edwards and Nate Watts and the three former Presidents are our Trustees- namely Carey Frazier, Ralph York and Bill Hancock. Congratulations to all our new officers and let us all work with them in making this a successful year.

TREASURER REPORT: Edna Smith- Present checking account balance is \$2,575 and Credit Union Savings Account is \$895 or a total in our treasury of \$3,470.

MEMBERSHIP: This will be one of our main topics for the coming year. Last year we lost 61 members- 10 through death and 51 through non-renewals. The number of members non-renewing their membership is of tremendous concern. It is of concern in our Chapter, in our Tennessee Federation and across the country. It is very

important that we look for ways to keep this from happening. Be ready to discuss at our next meeting.

TENNESSEE FEDERATION: Herschel Taylor, President of our Tennessee Federation is having a prostate cancer operation on January 24th. Please remember Herschel and his wife, Diane, in your prayers that the operation will be successful in every way. Herschel is also our representative for Region X as a Pre-Retirement Chairperson. This job takes considerable time along with extensive traveling. Herschel will resign as President at our State Convention and his wife, Diane will also step down as the Legislative Chairperson for the Federation. Both have done an outstanding job. Herschel is one of our leading recruiters of new members.

TRAINING: Training for all officers of our Middle Tennessee Chapters will be held on Thursday, February 16th at the Hampton INN in Lebanon, Tennessee. Going towards Lebanon from Nashville (going east) get off at Exit Number 238 and you will go north on State Highway 231. The Hampton Inn will be about one-half mile on left. Training begins at 9 AM and will end at 3 PM. While this training is primarily for the new officers, all officers are invited to attend. It is a good opportunity to learn anew or refresh your skills and talk to other officers holding the same position as you. If for any reason, someone wants to spend the night- call the Hampton Inn at 744-7400 and make your own reservation (\$69). Please call Carey Frazier at 373-4817 if you think you will be attending. Carey is in charge of this training and he needs to know the number attending.

Please come to our January meeting and let's get off to a good start and show support for our new officers.