



## **NEWSLETTER (JUNE 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; Carey Frazier, Newsletter Chairperson 373-4817.**

**Next Chapter Meeting** is Monday-June 12, 2006. Meeting place is the Aladdin on Murfreesboro Road. Eat at noon followed by our business meeting at 1 PM.

**MAY MEETING** – was called to order by President-Bruce Thomas. Invocation was given by Marie Anglin and Pledge of Allegiance led by Glenn Turner. The \$3 and \$2 awards were won by Edna Smith and Carey Frazier who donated to Alzheimer. The Jackpot drawing of \$14 was won by Mary Lee Fielder and it was split with Chapter.

**GUEST SPEAKER-** Linda Holleman, representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield gave a talk and answered questions.

**Old Business-** Bruce Thomas led the discussion of members not renewing their membership. Bruce suggested we continue with our telephone contacts. The following agreed to be on a telephone committee: Chris Wasson, John Wells, Carey Frazier, Allen Reeves, Barry Wyatt and Glenn Turner.

Helen Tyson reported our trip to Miss Mary Bobo Restaurant and visit to the Jack Daniel Distillery is schedule for October 9<sup>th</sup>. The bus will pick us up at the Factory Grill. Total cost of bus is \$535. They want a deposit of \$128 by June 20<sup>th</sup>. The balance is to be paid by September 18<sup>th</sup>. The meal at Miss Mary Bobo will be \$19 plus tip. Helen needs to know how many are going. Please call her at 269-0614. More discussion at our June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bus will accommodate 47 passengers. Let's fill it up! This will be a fun trip!

**TREASURER REPORT:** Edna Smith- Present checking account balance is \$1, 448 and Credit Union Savings Account is \$897 or a total in our treasury of \$2,345.

**SUNSHINE REPORT** Chris Wasson sent get-well cards to Stella Dixson and sympathy card to Agnes Wells on loss of her brother.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT** Glenn Turner, Bruce Thomas, Vallie Brooks and Carey Frazier had a meeting with Congressman Cooper on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He supports us on Premium Conversion but not WEP/GPO. He reasons the federal deficit is in excess of 8 trillion dollars and growing. He is concerned about adding to the spend, spend mindset that seems prevalent in this Congress and Administration. He encouraged us to keep knocking on the doors of our Congressman and Senators to protect present legislation. As to repeal of WEP/GPO and the passage of PC- he is of the opinion that our chances are slim to none. We now have 61 co-sponsors on PC which is a healthy number.

**NEW BUSINESS-** The Federal Executive Association will hold a pre-retirement seminar at the Ellington Agricultural Center on June 28 and 29. Bruce Thomas has secured permission for us to be there and recruit new members. The NARFE display/banner will be set up outside the meeting and we hope to have some luck. If you think you would like to attend-please let Bruce know.

If you plan to attend the National Convention in Albuquerque- please make your reservations as soon as possible. Two of the hotels are sold out.

**COMMENT:** Attendance at our Chapter meetings has been way down for the last two months. Possible excuses are the “summer doldrums”; people on vacation etc. Please make every effort to attend your Chapter meetings. Meetings are more fun when we have a large group. More participation, more discussion keeps the meetings lively.