



Shiloh Chapter 861

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
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Jay Souders,
Chapter President

If you are not an active member of our chapter, or are a national only member, please come to our next meeting and check us out. You'll find the latest NARFE updates, and have a good time and good food. Our December meeting is our Christmas get-together and election of chapter officers. 11 AM, Thursday, December 14. Meeting will be at Diane and Herschel's house, 80 Red Oak, Points of Pickwick, Savannah, 926-3320. (We couldn't meet at Pickwick Inn in December). Bring Christmas goodies and a gift not to exceed \$10 for exchange. Other food will be provided.

Since our last newsletter, Nell and I attended the national convention in Albuquerque which I reported on at our chapter meeting. We have a new national president, vice-president (our former National Region X VP), and secretary, as well as a new national field vice president. Lots of changes, and we can expect a lot of political changes with our

new politicians going into office in January. Nancy Pelosi and the new majority party leader for the Democrats have been friends of NARFE in the past, so we'll have to see what happens. Maybe once the turf battles are over, we can get some serious work going on, hopefully that will positively impact the federal worker and retiree. We'll just have to wait and see. In the

meantime, I urge you to get to know Marsha Blackburn and Lamar Alexander better, and try to meet at least the staff members for Steve Cohen. These are our political leaders, and they need to know our issues on a personal level.

Jay

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NARFETN.org - that's the Tennessee Federation's new web page. Check it out!

Attendance at our chapter meetings continues to decrease, and we are concerned about our future. None of us who regularly attend the meetings want the chapter to fold, but we are suffering. At our last meeting we only had 8 in attendance. So many of our chapter members have had health problems this year (and we pray for the return of your health), our faithful Mr. Majors died this year, and Miss Edna and Selby Murray are no longer able to attend our monthly meetings. We miss all of you who are not able to attend. We must have those who will step up to the plate, however, and take our chapter officer positions if we are to continue as a chapter. There is not much work required for any of these positions, however, and all of us will help. If you are willing to take an officer position, please call Herschel, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at 926-3320. And if you have suggestions on ways we can improve our chapter meetings, let any of the chapter members know. We're eager to hear from you.

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Miss Bea was in her eighties, and much admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. The pastor came to call on her one afternoon early in the spring. She welcomed him into her Victorian parlor, and invited him to have a seat while she prepared a little tea.

As he sat facing her old pump organ, the young minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it. It was filled with water, and floating on top - of all things - a condom. Imagine his shock and surprise. Imagine his curiosity! Surely, Miss Bea had flipped or something. But he certainly couldn't mention the strange sight in her parlor.

When she returned with tea and cookies, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him. He could resist no longer. "Miss Bea," he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" (pointing to the bowl).

"Oh yes," she replied, "isn't it wonderful? I was walking downtown last fall and I found this little package. The directions said to put it on the organ, keep it wet, and it would prevent disease. And you know...I haven't had a cold all winter."

Senility Prayer

God, grant me the Senility
To forget the people
I never liked anyway,
The good fortune
To run into the ones I do,
And the eyesight
To tell the difference.

Mid-life has hit you when you stand naked in front of a mirror and can see your rear end without turning around!

NARFE PRAISES HOUSE DEMOCRATS FOR ELECTING REP. STENY HOYER MAJORITY LEADER

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National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) President Margaret Baptiste praised the House Democratic Caucus for electing Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) Majority Leader this morning.

"Although there are dozens of federal friendly lawmakers, a small number of them go to extraordinary lengths to support the interests of the federal community," said Baptiste "Congressman Hoyer has been one of those champions and that's why we are especially happy that he has been elected to the second highest office in the House of Representatives."

"While NARFE has key allies in both parties, we have never before had such a good friend so high in the congressional leadership," she added. "We are pleased that one of our staunchest advocates will be at the table when critical decisions are made about our earned economic and health security."