



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
CHAPTER 1956 COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE**

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Presidents Corner

There is **NO MEETING** in **APRIL** due to the Federation State Convention. The next meeting will be May 16. Twenty seven attended our March meeting.

Unfortunately our speaker ED Bryan had a family medical emergency (a daughter diagnosed with a serious form of cancer requiring immediate therapy) and could not make the meeting. You president filled in with a description of the NARFE-PAC organization within NARFE and how it works. If you haven't read the article in the MARCH issue of NARFE, go back and read it. NARFE is a PAC (Political Action Committee). We are political but **not** partisan supporting candidates that support our views. Decisions on who get supported are made by a committee of four national officers with inputs from the Federation and local chapters. Contributions are made by individuals, not from chapter funds. Contributions for the first half of the election cycle (2005-2006) at the state (Federation) level were \$3205. Distribution of funds so far was: \$1000. each to Wamp, Davis, Cooper, Tanner and \$2000. to Gordon. We got more than we put in the pot!!! We should be carrying our own weight. We collected \$95.00 at the meeting, others having donated directly to the appeal mailing from HQ.

The E-mailing was successful with only one bad address. There are now 33 members who are receiving the newsletter via E-mail. If you have an e-mail address and are not on that distribution, let me know.

The chapter voted to have the annual picnic on Saturday June 17, 2006 at Standing Stone State Park. This should facilitate attendance by our Celina area members and our current employee members. Please come, guests are welcome!!! More information will be in the May newsletter.

We hope to expand our meeting notices in the local media in Carthage, Celina, Gainesboro, Jamestown, Smithville and Sparta. We have members in all those places.

The National Convention Delegates – we have 2 and can have one more. Convention dates are Sept 10-14th.

There were two resolutions for the state convention to be addressed. The first was to hold conventions every other year rather than every year. The chapter voted NO. The second was to revise the compensation rates for Federation Offices in performance of their duties. The chapter voted NO.

The treasure reported a balance of \$420.94

Legislative

The House has yet to pass a fiscal 2007 budget resolution which sets the spending guides for debate in formalizing a 2007 budget. The good news (at present) is that the House Government

Reform Committee, that has jurisdiction over annuities and FEHBP, did not receive any savings mandate.

New data on cosponsors: Premium Conversion HR-994 - 318 with the addition of 8 new Republican cosponsors.

S-484 - 59 with the addition of 2 new cosponsors. We still need to prod our Senators!!!

For those with internet capability go to the NARFE website (www.narfe.org) and surf the Legislative area, noting the capabilities that exist for you to contact those who represent you in the Congress.

Membership

We have one new member, Dwight Stamps of Cookeville. He is a double bonus as he joined with Dues Withholding. We need more of you to switch to the Dues withholding program, ask us for the forms. We also have one reinstatement and one non renewal. Our totals loss for the year is two; do not let yourself be an addition to this list. Nine people renewed their dues in February, many thanks for your continued support.

Let's recruit new members. Think of people you know who are still working or have retired from federal service. Always have membership materials in your car to pass out to these and others you come in contact with. If you need materials or if you would like us to contact your acquaintances please let us know. If you will give the names to your Chapter Membership Chairman, Ronnie Collins, he will be glad to get recruiting materials to them. His phone number is 615-735-2486 and email address is rwcollins@bellsouth.net.

Let's do this now or by the next chapter meeting. Your recruitment help is welcomed and appreciated.

Telephone Committee

We are still trying to fill in the blanks on our membership list as to the agency from which the member retired. Please get the information to me. Also we have no reports for the need of sunshine activity, I hope that means we all are well.