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CHAPTER 1956 COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE**

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Presidents Corner

Our next meeting is our Christmas Luncheon on December 7, 11:30 am at Hyder Burks Pavilion. There is no formal program but a good time of fellowship, sharing and the installation of officers. Details are given in the committee report, further on in this letter.

Our last meeting was attended by 26 members and guests. Linda Holbrook presented several handouts covering the changes in the BC/BS health program. We are in Program P.

Two of our newer members Ken and Mildred Milligan joined us for the first time and two prospective new members Dan and Cathy Hilton were also present.

Treasurer's balance is \$958.26 at the end of October

The Alzheimer's collection was \$

Weida White-Tolly after many years has resigned as Federation Alzheimer's Chair and is being replaced by Julie Perez of Chapter 727.

Legislative

We are in a lame duck session. Do not expect much from congress on our legislation objectives, hopefully a new congress will be more receptive.

Diane Taylor our Federation Legislation Chair has resigned, the new chair is John Wells of Chapter 227.

Sunshine – Cards were sent to Ossie Oswalt

Membership

The October report from HQ showed that four members have renewed their membership, and we have two new members. We welcome Ray Holyfied of Cookeville and Dan Warrick of Crossville.

Here is a gift suggestion for your mail carrier, other federal employees or federal retirees this Christmas season. Why not give them gift memberships to NARFE. Also remember that many federal employees retire at the end of December or first of January. If you give a gift membership to a current employee, the cost is \$25 and HQ will send \$8 back to you as a recruiter's fee. If you give a gift membership to a already retired employee, the cost is \$33. The form to use for gift memberships is F-85, I have plenty to share with you, let me know if you need some; or if you have access to a computer, you can download them using this link. <http://narfetn.org/files/f-85.pdf>

We regret the death of two of our members, Mary Madewell of Sparta and Evelyn Martin of Cookeville.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee reported the four elected officers had agreed to serve another year and made the following nominations:

President	Chuck MacKenzie
Vice President	Ronnie Collins
Secretary	Jan MacKenzie
Treasurer	Jim Evans

There being no nominations, those individuals were elected by acclamation. Installation is held at the Christmas Luncheon, terms to start Jan 1, 2007.

The Christmas Committee

We were unable to schedule a Saturday meeting and Dec 7 was the best choice. Greta (Grade A Catering) will again be in charge of our meal of: turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry salad, creamed potatoes, green beans almandine, rolls, butter, pecan pie, peach cobbler, coffee, tea, water. (Getting hungry?) The cost is \$12.00 per person. Reservations are required and the cut off date is Dec 4th. Cancellations can be accepted before that date but after, the reservation is expected to pay regardless of attendance.

As is our custom we will take up a collection for a needy family.

Also we ask each individual to bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament to be shared with our fellow members by a process to be announced.

The committee would like the loan of a portable CD player to furnish music during the luncheon. If you have one call Lou Richards.

The Hyder Burks Pavilion is located on the Gainesboro Grade (Route 290) west of Cookeville. Those coming from Cookeville area: on Washington St. turn west at 12th St (which becomes Gainesboro Grade) coming from Willow turn west on Gainesboro Grade (Traffic light at Tennessee Tech), for those coming from Gainesboro turn east on route 290.

Telephone Committee

We have a tight schedule!!!! It is IMPORTANT that the telephone committees call everyone on their list to get and RECORD RESERVATIONS BY NAME. All reservation names are to be turned in to Lou Richard's, telephone 528-1164, **no later than** Dec. 4th. Any one not receiving a call by Dec 3rd and wishing to attend, call Lou direct.