



# Shiloh Chapter Federal Employee and Retiree Newsletter—June 07

**Chapter President—Diane Taylor**

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Well, another federation convention has come and gone, and they are beginning to run together for me. Not much different each year, except for a resolution or two, but I see the conventions as a great value in the renewing of NARFE friendships and networking. As we age, this seems to become more important all the time. We can't or shouldn't underestimate the value of such events. And good work is done, too. We keep our bylaws and policy manuals updated, and are briefed on what's happening nationally both within NARFE and within the federal world upon which all of our retirement checks come. Now that is important. I would like to thank Fairene Sewell, our chapter secretary, for attending the convention again this year, and would like for others to consider attending. Next year the convention will be held at Mont-

gomery Bell State Park on April 28-29, so put those dates on your calendar and plan to go. Spring in our state resort parks is not a bad place to be! My mother is a chapter member in Germantown, and she went to Knoxville to the convention this year with us.

Our Field VP Joe Beaudoin is very faithful to attend our events, and he and his lovely wife, Jane were encouraging and inspiring to us. Our national President, Margaret Baptiste, eagerly accepted Tennessee's invitation to attend our convention, and she spoke very eloquently. I spent much of the first day in the emergency room with Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Parish. Hobart fell in the hospitality room at the hotel and broke his hip. I drove Ms Parish to the hospital and stayed with her for several hours while they were evaluating Hobart. Hobart is from Goodlettsville, and has not missed a conven-

tion in the 25 years. That was his main concern—that he would miss the convention the next day and not get to vote. The resolution (the only one we had) on the floor was to change the federation conventions to every other year—this was proposed by Carey Frazier, Federation VP for Middle TN, and the Nashville Chapter. The resolution was overwhelmingly voted down, as the members feel, as do I, that the conventions are too important to cut them down to every other year. I'm sure the vote the next day made Mr. Parish feel better.

Thank you to those who regularly attend our chapter meetings. And to the others of you who cannot attend, we want you to know that you are missed, and that you will be warmly welcomed when you can join us. For the next two months we will meet at the Pickwick Landing State Park in the Board Room at 11 AM.

Our guest speaker in June will be John Shannon, our Federation VP for West Tennessee, and the speaker in July will be State Representative Randy Rinks. Please make a special effort to join us when these two gentlemen take time out of their busy schedules to come and join our chapter to let us know what's going on. We need your presence when we have our special guest speakers so we'll look for you.

If you know someone we should invite to be a guest speaker, or have a topic you'd like covered at our meetings, let me or one of the officers know. We want to make these meetings interesting enough that every member will want to come! You're a wonderful chapter, and Herschel and I feel blessed to be a small part of our membership.

By the way, Jay and Nell are in Hawaii as I write this. Hope they're having a wonderful time.

## **Legislative update as of May 10:**

### **GPO/WEP (Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision):**

H.R.82: Repeal Both: Cosponsors: 298 (107 R, 191 D)

S. 206: Repeal Both: Cosponsors: 29 (4 R, 1 I, 24 D)

### **Premium Conversion:**

H.R. 1110 — Cosponsors: 160 (67 R, 93 D)

S. 773 — Cosponsors: 26 (11 R, 15 D)

We'll try to have the aide to Congressman Marsha Blackburn at an early Fall meeting. In the meantime, contact her about these House bills, and Senators Alexander and Corker about the Senate bills. Remember, they work for us—we voted them in.

Bill MacArthur—We miss you at our meetings, Bud. We pray that the Lord blesses you in special ways and we'll keep you on our prayer list.

Please let us know when there are special needs, events, travel, sickness, etc, in your family. We don't always know unless you let us know, and we'd like to share in your happiness, sadness, etc. Call Diane at 731.926.3320.

## Memory Quiz

**Prove that all those who say that your memory's gone are only half right.**

1. In what year did most US cars change from two headlights to four? a. 1957 b. 1958 c. 1959
2. What fad toy sold over 25 million units in 1958 after just four months on the market?  
a. Silly Putty b. Slinky c. Hula Hoop
3. All but one won a best picture Oscar during the '50s. Which one did not?"  
a. Around the World in 80 Days. b. Bridge on the River Kwai. c. The Greatest Show on Earth. d. Ben Hur
4. What haunting suspense movie, starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotton, premiered in 1949?  
a. The Third Man b. Frankenstein c. Reefer Madness
5. In 1955, young girls wore full skirts made of felt with an attached patch. What were these skirts called?  
a. Hot Pants b. Poodle Skirts c. Twiggy Look
6. In 1949, \_\_\_\_\_ was divided into two states. a. Korea b. Germany c. Vietnam
7. Kilroy was \_\_\_\_\_? a. A fad diet of the '40s b. Twiggy's last name c. here
8. What did we use in the outhouse before toilet paper was available? a. Corks from Portugal b. Leaves c. Catalogs
9. This Christmas favorite was introduced in 1949.  
a. Jingle Bells b. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas c. Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer
10. Which of the following was not new in 1946? a. Slinky b. Bikini c. Lego
11. When did the national numbered road system start? a. 1925 b. 1932 c. 1940
12. What article of clothing was made popular in 1954 by Fess Parker in Davy Crockett?  
a. coonskin cap b. miniskirt c. leisure suit d. tank top

**ANSWERS**

1. b) 1958
2. c) Hula Hoop. Considered the greatest fad of them all, the Hula Hoop was modeled after a wooden toy which was utilized in Australian gym classes.
3. d) Ben Hur
4. a) The Third Man
5. b) Poodle Skirts. Though known as poodle skirts, they were not limited to poodle patches but instead were often decorated with patches of flowers, records, cars and other animals.
6. b) Germany
7. c) here. "Kilroy was here!" appeared mysteriously all over Europe and the Pacific during World War II.
8. c) Many seniors alive today remember using Sear's catalogs, newspapers, flyers or whatever was available for both reading and sanitary purposes. Toilet paper in rolls were first marketed in the US in the 1880s by Edward and Clarence Scott of Philadelphia.
9. c) Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer
10. c) Lego. The Danish Lego company first started making building blocks of the type that would develop into the now familiar plastic Lego blocks in 1949.
11. a) 1925. The nation's most well-known road, Route 66, opened in 1932 to link Chicago and Los Angeles.
12. a) coonskin cap. Even presidential candidate Senator Estes Kefauver, joined in on the craze, wearing one at numerous public appearances.

**SCORING:** 10 - 12 correct: You are not only older than dirt, but sharp as a Civil War bayonet. Now if you could only remember where you put your glasses.

7 - 9 correct: Not quite dirt yet, but your mind is definitely dusty.

0 - 6 correct: You are one sad excuse for an old goat. Turn in your "Sorry, I'm having a senior moment" card immediately