



NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC. CHAPTER #108 - CHATTANOOGA, TN

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, March 12, 2010 at Billy's Restaurant, Ringgold Road at I-75, East Ridge. This will be a luncheon meeting, starting at 12:00 noon. All members, prospective members and visitors are invited. Order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. (Eat at 11:30)

COLA - The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased during January by 0.4 percent. Released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on February 19 the CPI-W for January is 212.568. For purposes of calculating the next COLA (cost-of-living adjustment), the index is currently 1.4 percent below the 2008 third quarter average.

MEMBERSHIP - Monthly Chapter Activity report of Jan. 31, showed seven members that were sent second renewal notices. In addition two other members were reinstated. Hopefully the seven members will renew their dues. We lost one member, Mrs. Jeanne Garrison, who transferred to Chapter 0685 in Williamsburg, VA., where she took the position of Secretary. We need more dedicated members such as Mrs. Garrison.

MARCH IS NARFE-PACT MONTH - NARFE-PAC, instituted in 1982, is celebrated on the cover of the March magazine for the seventh consecutive year. The Political Action Committee (PAC) gathers small, voluntary member donations and contributes fewer but substantial sums to congressional candidates with evidence based on records supportive of federal employees and retirees. The entire process is done in complete compliance with both the letter and spirit of federal laws and regulations. NARFE-PAC relies on chapter meetings and federation conventions to promote NARFE-PAC. See page 22 in the March issue of NARFE magazine for a coupon.

* WELCOME - NEW MEMBER *
* Ms Mary Kay Watson, 4267 Green Acres Dr.*
* Ooltewah, TN. 37363 Two year special *

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION-Mr. Joe Beaudoin, National Vice President of NARFE will be the guest speaker at the NARFE TN Convention in April 18-20. He is an excellent speaker and has a lot of experience in the workings of NARFE. The convention will be held at the Oak Tree Lodge in Sevierville, TN. If you can go, Chapter 108 will cover the registration fee of \$45.00. Contact Mrs. Eleanor Hubbard at 886-2999 or Elmer Gillespie at 894-1606 if you can attend as a delegate or visitor.

NATIONAL NARFE CONVENTION - This year's National Biennial Convention will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from Aug. 29, 2010 to Sept. 2, 2010. Detailed information and registration forms appear on pages 38-39 in the March issue of NARFE magazine. A major source of funding for the National Convention is its program book, which highlights the various chapters. It has been customary for our chapter to participate and we plan to insert in this year's program a quarter page ad in bold print, costing \$55.00 reading "Greetings from Chapter 108, Chattanooga, TN. The Scenic City."

DUES WITHHOLDING - On Page 46 of the March issue of Retirement Life magazine is an application for withholding dues from your annuity check. It is a painless and economical way of paying your NARFE dues. Several have signed up for this and hopefully more will consider.

A boss tells his new employee "I will give you \$8 an hour starting today, and in three months I'll raise it to \$10 an hour. When can you start?" The new employee replied. "In three months."

Note: More information is available at the Hq. NARFE Website; www.narfe.org and that of the Tennessee Federation www.narfetn.org. Copies of this newsletter and others may be found at the Tennessee Federation website (see "Library").