



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
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Presidents Corner

Our next meeting is our Christmas Luncheon on December 15, 11:30 am at Hyder Burks Pavilion Exhibition Building, which is the building to the left of the main building. 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 23 members and guests. Linda Holbrook presented several handouts covering the changes in the BC/BS health program. There were no big changes but several improvements to the plans already in existence, they are found on page 9 of your new BC/BS handbook. Mail prescription drugs will now be supplied by Medco in lieu of Caremark. Prescription data will be transferred but you will have to furnish Medco with credit card data, as that is considered privacy data and cannot be transferred. Of interest: BC/BS will be issuing new membership cards extending over a three month period beginning in February. Dental and Eyeglass programs are available if you are interested. For further information call Linda at (615) 386-8530.

The Alzheimer's collection was \$20.50

Legislative

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

Sunshine –

Our sympathy and prayers are with Ruth Osborn and family on the death of her husband. A card has been sent.

Membership

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. (The membership fee is only good through Dec 31, and on January 1 it is \$33.00, but the rebate is still in effect. If you give a gift membership to an 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; if you have access to a computer, you can download them using this link. <http://narfetn.org/files/f-85.pdf>

The chapter deferred a decision as to placing a greeting in the National Convention Program.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee made the following nominations for the year 2008:

President	Ronnie Collins
Vice President	Ellis McCowan
Secretary	Elizabeth Bryant
Treasurer	Jim Evans

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

Six delegates for the State Convention were elected:

Ron Collins
Reba Collins
Kent Fletcher
Ellis McCowan
Jan MacKenzie
Chuck MacKenzie

There are alternate delegate positions open that require forms. If you wish to attend as a member or bring along a guest, convention registration forms will be in the Federation newsletter issued in January. Dates of the Convention are April 28-29 2008, to be held at Montgomery Bell State Park near Dickson.

The Christmas Committee

We scheduled the date (December 15) early, but we were bumped for a paying customer, and will be in the adjacent building as noted. Greta (Grade A Catering) will again be in charge of our meal of: sliced turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry congealed salad, creamed potatoes, green beans almandine, fresh baked rolls, butter, pecan pie, peach cobbler, coffee, tea, water - buffet on white china dinner plates and white china desert plates. (Getting hungry?) The cost is \$13.00 per person. Reservations are required and the cut off date is Dec 12th. 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. The chapter voted not to exchange gifts this year and wanted the money that would be used for gifts to go to our needy family program.

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 Jim Evans, telephone 537-2113. If you have not heard from your telephone caller by December 11, call Jim directly.

The decoration committee is Lou Richards, Laverne Evans and Sharon Martin, if you wish to help call Lou at 528-1164.