

**NARFE Chapter 1956  
Cookeville, TN  
August 19, 2008 Chapter Meeting**

President Collins opened the meeting by asking Chuck Mackenzie to give an invocation followed by the pledge to the USA flag. Ronnie then welcomed guests Matt Bauer, TN legislative chairman and Dan Mallet, president of the Murfreesboro chapter.

Ronnie introduced guest speaker, Lt. Robert Christian, Safety Education Officer with the TN Highway Patrol. Lt. Christian gave out a Drivers 55 Plus self-rating form and went over the safety measures listed on the form.

**President's Report:** Ronnie led a discussion of National Resolutions that will be addressed at the upcoming convention in September:

- Honorary membership- proposal to do away with- recommended vote was to oppose
- Spousal membership- tabled, no vote to change
- One member, One vote-all members sent a ballot- opposed
- Single dues/Association dues- opposed, unless grandfather clause removed

Candidates for National Offices were discussed. The chapter agreed that Ronnie and delegates use their judgment in voting on them.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance at end of July \$868.90

**Committee Reports:**

- Legislative- Congress is currently in recess until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to try to meet and talk to legislators during this recess.
- Membership- Chuck Mackenzie reported on the status of members
- Sunshine Report- Joan Oswalt, Jim Evans, Bill Masters, Paul Burgess, and Jim Walls were remembered
- Alzheimer's Report- \$41.00 was collected

There was no unfinished or new business to discuss.

The next meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup> and Richard Armstrong with the Cookeville Chapter of The Mended Hearts Organization will be the speaker.

Meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary