

NARFE Chapter 1956
November 18, 2008
Cookeville, TN

The Cookeville chapter of NARFE met at Shoney's Restaurant November 18, 2008 with 31 members and guests present.

President Ronnie Collins opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests, Harold Wheeler, Carolyn Anderson, and Bob and Betty Anderson. The invocation was given and Ronnie asked all to join in the pledge to the USA flag.

The speaker was Linda Holbrook, regional representative, Federal Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plan. She discussed the changes for 2009 and explained the differences between Basic and Standard plans. The separate Dental and Vision plans were detailed. A question and answer period followed and she left several books and brochures for all.

President's Report:

Open season for making any changes in health insurance runs until December 8. Plan materials for the GEHA insurance are also available.

Members were reminded that now is a good time to give gift memberships.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at end of October was \$1154.75.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative: With elections finally over, there are no changes in our congress people. Congress is in session, but no changes are expected in our legislative bills. The new congress will convene sometime in January.
- Membership: There is one new member, Michael Brown of Cookeville. One member (Shirley Stark) moved to Clarksville and moved her membership. 2 members were sent a second dues notice. A new membership chairman is needed, since Chuck MacKenzie has moved.
- Sunshine: Since the last meeting Jimmy Walls of Smithville has passed away. Cards were sent to David Carlson, Henry Laurent's wife, Donna and to J.B. Robins' wife Thelma.
- Alzheimer's Report: \$ 47.00 was collected this meeting.

New Business: The nominating committee, Tom Pointer, Reba Collins and Gerard Hendrickson presented the new slate of officers for 2009 and they were accepted unanimously; they are Ronnie Collins, president, Ellis McCowan, vice president, Reba Collins, secretary and Myrna Estes, treasurer. They will be sworn in at the December meeting.

Announcements: The next meeting will be the Christmas banquet to be held at the Putnam First Mercantile Bank 11:00 AM on December 13th.

Meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary