

**NARFE Chapter1956**  
**Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21, 2008**

The chapter meeting was held October 21, 2008 at Shoney's restaurant at 6:00 PM with 29 members and guests present.

President Ron Collins welcomed everyone and introduced guest Pauline Seese. He then opened the meeting by giving an invocation and leading the pledge to the flag.

Vice President Ellis McCowan introduced the speaker, Jennie Ivey, author, newspaper columnist and librarian of the Baxter Branch of the Putnam County Library. Ms. Ivey reviewed several books that are available in the library and discussed her job there. She took questions from members about her job as columnist with the Herald-Citizen and as an author about her writing. A business meeting followed her talk.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

President's report:

- The annual cost of living adjustment for annuities and Social Security payments will be 5.8 % for 2009 and will be reflected in the January 09 checks.
- Open season for making any changes in health insurance, vision or dental insurance runs from November 10 to December 8. Members were encouraged to check the rates, as there are some steep increases.
- New members are needed. All members are asked to invite at least one new member for the coming year and keep a membership form available.

Treasurer's report: The balance is \$1,088.55 as reported by Jim Evans

Committee Reports:

- Legislative: Given by Ronnie Collins, not much going on in Congress due to election
- Membership Report: In the absence of Chuck MacKenzie, Mr. Collins reported that there are no new members and no members lost
- Sunshine report: No illness reported. One death reported, Earl Richardson died October 20, 2008
- Alzheimer's Report: Reba Collins reported that \$17.50 was collected

Unfinished Business: Nominating committee is working to fill positions for 2009

New Business:

- Committee needs to be appointed to be responsible for Christmas luncheon, setting up the room, decorations and providing drinks that will be held December 13.
- A vote was taken as to whether to exchange gifts or give donation for needy family. The decision was to do both.

Announcements:

- Chuck and Jan MacKenzie are in the process of moving to Virginia and will be missed.
- The next meeting will be November 18 and the speaker will be Linda Holbrook of Blue Cross Blue Shield

Door prizes were given out and the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary