



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
PUTNAM COUNTY—COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE
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Chapter 1956 Newsletter

June 2009

May Meeting

We had a good meeting last month, but attendance is still running less than usual. We hope that this will soon improve during the summer months.

We had as our program speaker, Roy Byrd who retired from the Social Security Administration as a District Manager and for the past several years, has run in own company called Roy Byrd & Associates which is a Disability Claims Consulting Co. specializing in Social Security.

Roy gave those in attendance a history of Social Security Administration from its beginning in 1935 to the present time. He also told us of how the various offices are organized.

Roy then explained the services that he provides to those seeking help with disability claims or consulting help. It is readily apparent that he is very knowledgeable of the claims process and would be a great help to anyone needing his services. Most of his customers come to him after being referred by someone else. So if you know of someone looking for help in this area, then tell those in need about his services. His office is located in Cookeville at 251 S Willow Ave., Suite 2 and he can be reached by calling 931-372-0251.

Next Meeting

June brings our Annual Picnic so we will not have a regular meeting. The next regular meeting will be in the month of July.

Members That We Will Miss

We lost 2 more members to death during the month of May. On May 13th. David Key passed away. He was a member of many years retiring from the US Dept of Agriculture according to my notes. Mr. Key leaves a wife, Ruby, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Then on May 19th. Marge Happe passed away. She was one of our spousal members. Her husband, Henry who predeceased her worked for the US Corps of Engineers.

Our deepest sorrows go out to both these families at this time.

I would ask that you help me know when a member dies. With members located in several counties, it is hard to be aware of any deaths. Thanks to those who notified me on these two.

Please share these newsletters with your spouse

Membership News

Those of you that pay annually, be sure to renew your membership dues as soon as you get the renewal notice from NARFE. This saves valuable resources for both the national office and our chapter.

I don't have the June membership activity report since this Newsletter is going out earlier than usual.

It Is Picnic Time

We would like to see each and every one of you at our annual summer picnic this year. Hopefully we will have good weather and plenty of good food and time to visit with one another. The time and place will be: Saturday June 13th. from 11:00 till 2:00 at Cane Creek Park shelter number 1. (Shelter No. 1 is the second shelter you get to after entering the park). If anyone needs directions, contact me. A map is on the second page of this Newsletter.

The food will be purchased and will consist of BBQ pork and buns, baked beans, slaw, potato salad; and tea to drink. The cost for the food and the shelter fee will be \$6.50 per person with no cost to any children under age 12. Family and friends would also be welcomed. Plates, utensils, cups, etc will be furnished. We would encourage members to bring deserts and any other drinks that you might like to have.

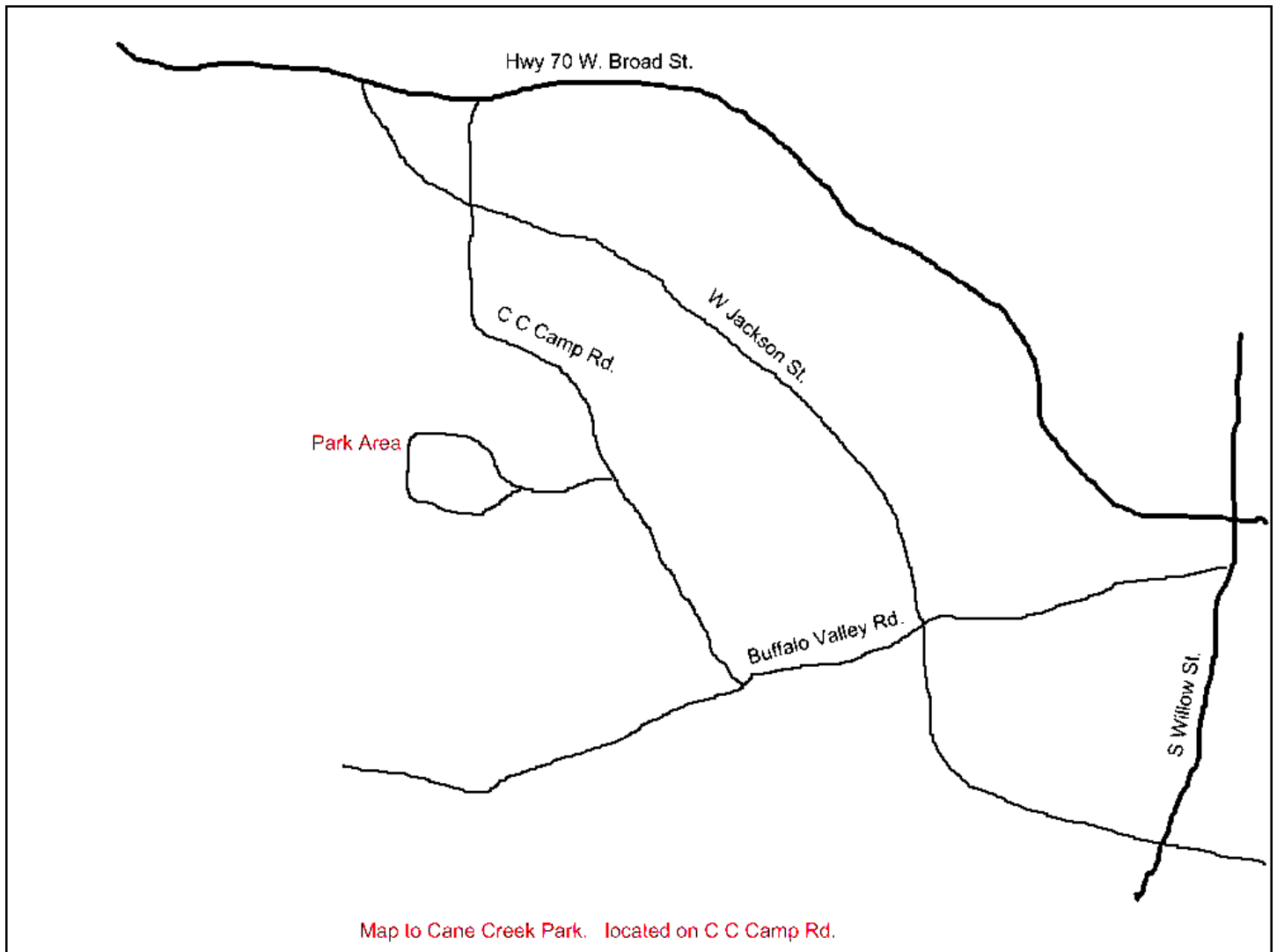
We will need to order the food based on the number of people planning on attending. Telephone callers are asked to be sure and call those on your list, especially those who live in this area and ask them if they can attend. **Then call me no later than Tuesday June 9th.** with your list of attendees. Sometimes our callers have trouble reaching everyone, so if you do not get a call and want to attend, call me directly.

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Member Perks

One of the great benefits of NARFE membership is the many discounts available to members. Just look in the back of your NARFE Magazine for a listing of everything available. You will find discounts on insurance, travel, car rental, hotels and many others items. Also there are ways to earn more on savings accounts. Check out some of these and take advantage of them.

Legislative Report

The June issue of the NARFE Magazine has a good article on legislative news. It begins on page 8. Keep in mind that Congress and the President are looking to create lots of new federal programs which will require new funding. That along with the increasing federal deficit, means that we have to keep a constant watch on what Congress might try to cut from the spending bills. Every federal employee and federal retiree should be grateful for the work that NARFE does on our behalf and should belong to

We Appreciate Our Members!

NARFE. This is just good insurance to protect our earned benefits.

For those who have access to the internet, you can find more information online on our websites.

See you at the picnic

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- Tennessee Federation: www.narfetn.org
- NARFE Headquarters: www.narfe.org

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