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Chapter 1956 Newsletter

February 2014

Notes From The Chapter President

Well, it finally happened! We had to cancel a meeting due to the weather. We did not have the January meeting due to combination of extreme cold temperature and falling snow that day. I hate to cancel any of our meetings but after hearing from our officers, we felt like it was best to not have the meeting last month. We tried to reach everyone who normally attends with phone calls and email. I hope no one was inconvenienced and showed up for the meeting.

No doubt, this winter has been a lot colder than recent past winters have been. I am sure you remember, we could expect near zero temperatures and snow every year in this area. Groundhog day is now pasted and hopefully, the weather will soon begin to warm up and we can look forward to Spring.

Everything that was planned for the January meeting will be held over till February. We will have the election of officers mentioned last month and the speaker will be invited again.

Coming Up This Month

We will have an election of officers for this year. If you are willing to be an officer or to work in an appointed position, let it be known this month.

Our speaker for this month will be Pam Ealey with Habitat for Humanity. Come and hear from her. We are soliciting your suggestions for future speakers. We have had some very good ones over the years, many of which were as a result of your suggestions. Be thinking of some and bring those ideas to this meeting (or any meeting).

The date of this month's meeting is February 18th. Mark the 3rd Tuesday each month on your calendars. We meet at Shoney's in Cookeville at 6pm. Sometimes the restaurant is slow getting the orders out, so I would advise you to get there even before 6pm.

Save Money With NARFE

Don't forget that as a NARFE member, there are many **Perks** available to you which will save you money in many ways. Just look in the back of any NARFE magazine for a whole list of ways to save. These include travel, motels, insurance, moving services, medical and more!

Federation Convention

I encourage all of you to attend the annual Tennessee Federation NARFE Convention. It is coming up soon and will be held in nearby Franklin TN. Every NARFE member is welcome to attend but you will need to register in order to do so. I will bring some Registration Forms with me to the meeting. The convention is Monday and Tuesday, April 21-22, 2014. The first day is the committee meetings and the banquet. The second day is the business meeting. You have the option of attending both days or just one. There is a cost to attend which is spelled out in the registration form.

Also as a member chapter of the Tennessee Federation of NARFE Chapters, we can send delegates to the convention which can cast votes on the election of officers and any resolutions or other business that might come before up in the business meeting. We are authorized send up to 5 delegates. Those wishing to go as a Delegate need to be at the meeting this month to be authorized by our chapter to go. There is a delegate form that will need to be completed as well. I have these.

Details on this can be found in the Federation Newsletter which you should have received in the mail last month and also online at the NARFE Tennessee Federation [website](#). Both of these locations have the forms as well. You can also call the Convention Chairman-Norris Alderson at 615-435-3202. He is with the Nashville Chapter which will be the host chapter for the meeting.

These state conventions are an excellent time to learn of the workings of federation and to learn how other chapters function as well as meet other NARFE members from across the state. You will meet some State and Regional officers as well.

Chapter Officers

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NARFE-FEEA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

In 1987, the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) established a scholarship program for children and grandchildren of federal employees. NARFE became a member of FEEA's board of directors in 1997, and the following year, NARFE's National Executive Board authorized the creation of a scholarship fund open to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of NARFE members. The NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Awards Program is supported by NARFE members and administered by FEEA. A total of \$849,000 has been awarded to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of NARFE members (as of 2013).

The next program began February 1, 2014, and will close April 25, 2014. The competition is open to high school seniors only. Sixty winners will be chosen. Each will receive a one-time award of \$1,000.

Winners will be notified by FEEA by the end of August, and a link to the list of winners and their NARFE sponsors will be posted here. The list also will appear in the December issue of NARFE magazine. All applicants will receive a letter thanking them for their participation.

Look for the official scholarship application in the February issue of NARFE magazine, or link directly to the application from this page during the run of the program.

For additional information, contact the Office of the National Vice President or [click here](#) for a copy of the NARFE Scholarship Program brochure (publication F-105).

[Click here](#) for the 2014 Scholarship application form [Click here](#) for the list of 2013 Scholarship Award winners and their sponsors.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Program, checks should be made payable to NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Fund and mailed to:

NARFE Scholarship Awards Program
c/o FEEA
3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 300
Lakewood, CO 80227

To donate by credit card, call 800-323-4140 or [click here](#).

Those of you who do not have computer and are interested in any of the information which this article refers to that are available online, just let me know and I will make information available to you. The FEEA helps a lot of people.

Plan now to attend as many monthly meetings as you can in this year of 2014. Your support is needed.

Member Recruiting Contest

The Tennessee Federation of NARFE Chapters is promoting a incentive program in the form of a membership recruiting contest that runs from January through December of this year. Winners will be selected at the 2015 State Convention based on the total number of recruited new members you have made. Prize amounts are: first place-\$100, second place-\$60 and third place-\$40. In addition, a random drawing for \$25 will be held of all members who recruited at least one new member this year. Winners do not have to be present to win.

In order to qualify for this, you need to be sure that you fill in your **Member ID number** on all the Membership Forms that you give out. That will be how the totals are reported to the Federation. We certainly need more new members and I hope that all of us will be incentivized to get those new members and have a chance to win one of these prizes.

I might add, that we have members in our chapter that live outside of Tennessee. As I understand this, the new member does not have to live in Tennessee and neither does the recruiter, but if you are a member of a Tennessee chapter you are eligible to take part in this contest.

Legislative News

The Tennessee Federation of Chapters is in need of members to serve as District Officers. There are vacancies in several legislative districts including our own District 6. In order to be appointed to this position, you must live in the same Tennessee district as you represent.

Briefly stated, the job of a District Officer is to; Meet and establish rapport with legislators and staff, Promote NARFE's legislative message to legislators and staff, Keep current on legislative and membership issues. There are a few other duties which are fully outlined in the policy manual. I would be glad to explain this more fully to anyone interested.

As an incentive, the federation is offering to select one of the District Officers to attend the National 2015 NARFE Legislative Training Conference held in Washington DC. It will be an expense paid trip.

In our chapter, we also have a need for someone to be our legislative chairman. The responsibility is not as much for the chapter legislative chairman as it is for the position I described above, but I could use your help in keeping up with all the legislative issues and keeping the rest of the chapter informed. Are you up to that? Let me hear from you.

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