



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
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CHAPTER 1956 COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE**

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Presidents Corner

Next meeting at Shoney's is Feb 21, 2006, eating at 6:00 pm - meeting at 6:45 pm. The speaker will be Labron Bell, Director of Special Olympics at TTU. He will be speaking on Special Olympics. Hope to see you there!

"It was a dark and stormy night" but 30 brave souls attended our January meeting. Again our three far flung members were in attendance, a good example for all those who live much closer. Dr Nick Demas gave us an excellent talk on the current energy situation and future needs. With the expanding growth of Nations like India and China, plus an improvement in third world living conditions; the competition for energy resources will be severe. While coal, gas and oil are the current leaders in resources with some smaller resources being used (hydroelectric, thermal, wind, solar, tidal, etc.) more consideration needs to be given to Nuclear energy. It is safer than the current hysteria would let us believe. Also we need to be thinking what we as individuals can do to save energy and not place the burden on our grandchildren and their children.

The chapter voted to try e-mail distribution of the newsletter to those having the capability to receive e-mail. This letter will go to those people by e-mail and hard copy. The next letter will go e-mail only unless requested otherwise. If you have the capability and are not on the current list, let me know. The current list includes: Banker, Bringman, Britnell, Bryant, Charron, Collins, Crisafulli, England, Evans, Fletcher, Hagens, Hawkins, Holliman, Humeniuk, MacKenzie, Martin, Masters, Oswalt, Richards, Richardson M, Stark, Turner and Yates. If you don't get it let me know.

The chapter also voted to continue collecting Alzheimer's donations by passing a jar at the meeting. Funds collected will be periodically forwarded to the Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator.

Legislative

I goofed in the last letter; the NARFE toll free number for the capital switch board is 1-866-220-0044. Add it to your membership list with the slo-mail addresses of the congressional members. There is a legislative alert out, stating NARFE's opposition to provisions in the House Reconciliation Bill on Long Term Medicare. Our representative (Bart Gordon) has been contacted and he is opposed to those provisions. (Late input- he did vote against it, but the bill was passed by 2 votes.)

Membership

We welcome two new members to the chapter: Orpha Koger of Pall Mall and Ellis McCowan of Monterey. Both were in attendance. Letters were sent to two individuals who received second notice for dues remittal by HQ. Two members have been dropped.

For retired members and spouses you can save money on your yearly dues by signing up for Dues Withholding. Each person saves \$4.33 a year compared to the normal yearly renewal rate. Plus there is the added benefit of not having to remember to mail in your payment each time. Your dues will be automatically deducted from your annuity at \$2.97 per month. Contact us for the signup form.

Sunshine

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Cards were sent to the wife of Waymon Roberts, Louise Loftis, and Frank Britnell. ~

Service

Members are reminded that in case of an annuitants' or an annuitant spouse's death, it is important that key data be available to the executor of the estate. NARFE provides a very convenient form for identifying and collecting this data. It is form F-100 - Be Prepared for Life's Events. Everyone should have a copy and fill it out. The chapter has copies for distribution, contact the secretary.

Leo Yates gave a short talk on problems he is having with being overcharged for medications, and warned all of us to be observant of a medication costs and the possibility of fraud.

We now have four delegates going to the state convention. There is room for one more, if you wish to go let me know, preferably before the next meeting.