



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
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Presidents Corner

The next meeting will be Nov 21 6:00 pm at Shoneys. Open season is here. The program will be a presentation of the BC/BS insurance policy changes in the New Year, by Linda Hall. Hope to see many of you there. Average attendance is 30 persons per meeting, up from last year. I attribute this to good programs obtained by Kent Fletcher and Billy Masters. Thanks to both of them for their efforts.

Last month we had a good meeting with thirty one people in attendance. Lt Cravens of the Cookeville police department gave an interesting presentation on local scams. Scams prey on elder people because they are more caring, generous and prone to help others in need. They also prey on single member families because they are more vulnerable. If someone comes to your door asking for help, DON'T OPEN IT, offer to call the police. The police are happy to help. Don't go to the bank and withdraw money with anyone offering to increase that money even if they show you credentials (usually fake). That goes for telephone promises that require you to send money to get more money. Watch the home improvement offers that come unsolicited. Stay with reputable contractors. Identity theft is growing fast; do not give information over the phone unless you placed the call. And even then evaluate the need for the requested information. Remember IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, it probably isn't.

Treasurer's report Balance as of Oct 31 \$958.26.

Legislative

A discharge petition to release the GPO/WEP bill from the committee has been issued. Bart Gordon has co-sponsored it. In the turmoil of a lame duck session it probably will not go anywhere and even if it did, Senate action is not probable. We start again from "scratch" next year.

Membership

In the September report we welcomed three new members, Ken and Mildred Milligan of Sparta and Doug Winford of Cookeville. One more member converted to dues withholding (need more of you to do that), two members renewed and three members were sent second notices. In some cases those receiving second notices never received the first notice. HQ has been notified of the problem.

In the October report we welcomed 2 new members: they are Ken Warrick of Crossville and Ray Holyfield of Cookeville. Please take time to meet and welcome them. Many thanks go to several of our members who are spreading the word about NARFE. In the last few months several of you have passed out applications to potential new members, invited people to join and given me names of contacts which have resulted in new members. Keep up the good work. Not everybody who is contacted about membership will join, but they certainly won't if they do not know about NARFE and what we can do for them. If anyone needs membership applications, let us know. Remember potential members could be your spouse or other family members, your co-workers, friends, or people you run into on the street as long as they meet the eligibility for membership.

We had one member to drop for non-renewal, which was Gloria Merritt of Crossville. We do not have a current Address or phone number for her and no way to contact her about her membership. If anyone knows how to contact her, let us know.

Sunshine

A sympathy card was sent to Bill Benson on the death of his mother. Ozzie Oswalt is at home recuperating from a serious surgery.

Alzheimer's

We collected \$ 36.00 in October for Alzheimer's research. Our Federation Chairman, Weida White-Tolly has relinquished her position and the Federation is looking for a replacement. Meanwhile we will hold our collections in our treasury until a new chairman is named.

E-mail

We added five new members to our E-mail newsletter distribution. A reminder to the distribution, new members will receive both postal and E-mail copies for the first month and E-mail only thereafter. The E-mail letter is sent out about one week before the meeting, if you do not get it let me know. I am having trouble with deliveries to charter.net The newsletter is also available from our website.

New Business

A Nominating Committee (of volunteers) was appointed to recommend officers for the coming year. The committee members are Clarence Richards, Jackie Pine, and Myrna Estes. They will report at the next meeting. If you are interested contact one of the members of the committee. Any nominations from the floor will be also be accepted, followed by an election. This is not a closed process and new blood is always welcome.

A Christmas Party Committee (of volunteers) was appointed to make arrangements for our Christmas Luncheon. Preference is for a Saturday (Dec 2) date. The committee members are Lou Richards, Handley and Joan Oswalt. The committee ran into conflicts scheduling the facility and caterer on a Saturday. The new date is Thursday Dec 7 at 12:00 Hyder Burks Pavilion, more info in the next newsletter. I am disappointed that we could not arrange a Saturday for the function, and I apologize to our current employees and working folks. We will start earlier next year.