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CHAPTER #108 - CHATTANOOGA, TN



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NEXT MEETING - Friday, April 13, 2007, at Wally's Restaurant, Ringgold Road at 1-75, East Ridge. This will be a luncheon meeting starting at 12:00 noon. All members, prospective members and visitors are invited. Order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. (Eat at 11:30.)

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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Vernon Naomi Eustice Richardson Feb. 27, 2007
(retired Postmaster, Soddy Daisy, TN)

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PROGRAM - We will welcome **Ms. Gloria Miller**, Vice President of Development for the Children's Home Chambliss Center. Ms. Miller will tell of the history of the Children's Home, which was established in 1872 in Chattanooga. This promises to be a most interesting topic, well worth your attendance.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - the Sequatchie Valley NARFE chapter at Dunlap was disbanded and its members were automatically transferred by Natl. Hqs. to chapter #108. We welcome them to our Chattanooga chapter. They are ---

COLA - On March 16th, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for February is 198.5, + **0.5 percent** from the January index of 197.6. The February figure is **0.3 percent** lower than the 2006 third quarter index of 199.1. For purposes of calculating the next COLA, the index is - **.03 percent**. The March figures will be released by BLS on April 17th.

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ALZHEIMER'S FUND - Please continue supporting Alzheimer's research by using the donation coupon found in each NARFE magazine (page 44 in the April issue). NARFE members have contributed \$6,762,465 as of January 31st towards the "\$7 Million in 2007 Fund".

STATE CONVENTION - Three members of chapter #108 will attend the Tennessee Federation of Chapters Convention at Knoxville, TN April 16/17, 2007, **Donald V. Geoffrion** and **Elmer & Bette Gillespie**.

MEMBERSHIP - Six members were sent second notices on the March printout from NARFE Hqs. for dues payable in February. A letter was sent by the chapter to six members who were delinquent in November and December. Two renewals were received. Please make every effort to keep your membership current.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES - The Senate and House have each adopted fiscal year 2008 budget resolutions. A House-Senate conference will begin following the Easter-Passover recess. Neither the House nor the Senate versions propose any reductions in federal civil service retirement or health benefits.

ADDRESS CHANGES -
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