



## Newsletter (June 2007)

### National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association Nashville Chapter 227

Officers: **Bruce Thomas**, President 781-6083; **Chris Wasson**, Sunshine Chairperson 227-3064; **Edna Smith**, Secretary – Treasurer 298-4757; **John Wells** - Newsletter Chairperson 331-0705.

**Chapter Web Site:** <http://www.narfetn-nashville.org/>

**May Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by President- Bruce Thomas at 1PM. New members and guests were welcomed. The invocation was given by Marie Anglin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Vallie Brooks. There were 26 members in attendance.

The Jackpot drawing of \$21 was won by Pam Merrill (\$11 to Jack and \$10 to the chapter treasury). The \$3 was won by Pat Hagerty and the \$2 by Gayle Morin both contributed to our Alzheimer Fund. The Manager of Piccadilly gave us two complimentary lunch vouchers; They were won by Don Bivens and Edna Smith.

**May Program:** Phyllis Brannan introduced our speaker for the meeting, Vice Mayor Howard Gentry, one of several candidates for Mayor of Nashville in the upcoming election. He gave an informative review of his background and qualifications to become Mayor. He stressed that his No. 1 priority would be education, followed by public safety, cultural and social problems like poverty and juvenile crime. A question and answer session followed his address.

**June Program:** Former U.S. Representative Bob Clement, candidate for Mayor of Nashville, will be our speaker. Our next meeting date is June 11, 2007, Plan to be there at the Piccadilly Cafeteria at 874 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville TN (615) 367-4640

**TN Federation Convention:** President Thomas gave a brief report on the recent convention. The motion to amend the Federation Constitution and Bylaws to change the convention from every year to every two years did not pass. Thus, the 2008 Federation Convention will be hosted by the Nashville Chapter and will be held at Montgomery Bell State Park on April 28-29, 2008. The date for convention was moved from the previous date to one week later.

**Treasurer Report:** Current balance in Checking is \$1,016, Credit Union account is \$903, for a Total of \$1,919.

**Sunshine Report:** Chris Wasson sent sympathy cards to the family of E. W. Stephenhagan, member recently deceased. She also sent get well cards to Stella Dixon and Martha Rumsey.

#### **Status of Current Legislation:** *as of May 2007*

##### **1. Repeal of Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)/Government Pension Offset (GPO)**

**H.R.82** now has 298 up 21 from last month Tennessee co-sponsors, Lincoln Davis, David Davis, Bart Gordon, Zack Wamp, Marsha Blackburn and Steve Cohen. Non cosponsors are Jimmy Duncan, Jim Cooper and John Tanner.

**S.206** now has 29 cosponsors, up seven from last month (none of the Senators from Tennessee are cosponsors). We have 100 Senators in Congress, so we have 29% cosponsoring.

We now have another version of WEP Modification, H.R. 726, which now has 5 cosponsors, up three from last month (none of the Senators from Tennessee are cosponsors).

##### **2. Premium Conversion**

**H.R.1110** now has 160 cosponsors, up 98 from last month, Tennessee cosponsors are Zack Wamp, Marsha Blackburn and Jim Cooper. (Non cosponsors, David Davis, Jimmy Duncan, Lincoln Davis, Bart Gordon, John Tanner & Steve Cohen)

**S.773** now has 28 cosponsors, up 11 from last month (none of the Senators from Tennessee are cosponsors)

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**NARFE MAGAZINE:** The cover photo of the June issue shows one of NARFE's current marketing campaigns aimed at recruiting current federal employees. The bus shelter ads, as pictured on the cover, have worried some members unnecessarily. The ads make the point that any Congress can change retirement law and that's why more federal employees should join NARFE. However, during this marketing campaign, NARFE members are assured that this year's budget resolution contains no change to income or health security of current or future federal retirees.

**BE PREPARED FOR LIFE'S EVENTS** - A 12-page booklet (F-100), "Be Prepared for Life's Events", is available for NARFE members by contacting **Member Services, NARFE Hq.** at 606 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or call 703-838-7760, or e-mail [memsrvcs@narfe.org](mailto:memsrvcs@narfe.org). This publication, a NARFE guide for federal employees and annuitants, is intended for use by an employee or annuitant as a personal record of necessary information. Such data is particularly important to next of kin and loved ones when a retiree departs this life.

**If you have Car Keys with Remote you have a security system for you home**

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

*This tip came from a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.*

**Membership:** In the latest report we have one new member, one reinstatement, one member pass away, eight dropped for non-renewal and four New members in the incentive program with a 2 year membership. Reminder letters were sent to nine. When you receive your first annual dues notice, please respond by renewing. Dues withholding is a better way of keeping current. See pages 51/52 of the June issue of *NARFE* magazine.

**I WILL DO MORE**

I am only one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
And what I can do, I ought to do.  
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.  
I will do more than belong...I will participate.  
I will do more than care...I will help.  
I will do more than believe...I will practice.  
I will do more than be fair...I will be kind.  
I will do more than dream...I will work.  
I will do more than teach...I will inspire.  
I will do more than earn...I will enrich.  
I will do more than give...I will serve.  
I will do more than live...I will grow.  
I will do more than talk...I will act.  
I will be more than good...I will be good for something

- Anonymous