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NEXT MEETING - Friday, August, 10, 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

*Frank C. Moore July 29, 2007
(Former Postmaster, Chattanooga, TN)*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS -

Mr. Raymond A. Gagne, 23384 Old State Highway 28, Pikeville, TN 37367-3216.

Mr. David Knott, 7581 Passport Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363-3219.

Mr. Larry Minniear, 909 Brynewood Park Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37415-2303 (Trans. from Ch. #0014)

PROGRAM - Our guest speaker will be **Ms. Tricia King**, Project Manager, Southeast Region for the Land Trust of Tennessee. The mission of this organization is to preserve the unique character of Tennessee's natural and historic landscapes and sites for future generations. The Land Trust for Tennessee identifies and protects our natural and historic assets before they disappear forever.

MEMBERSHIP - The June 30 Activity Report from NARFE Hqs. Listed six chapter members as having been sent second renewal notices for dues payable in June. Hopefully, some of these have since paid their dues. When you receive your first annual dues notice, please respond by renewing. Better yet, sign up for DUES WITHHOLDING. (See page 47, Aug. NARFE magazine.)

COLA - On July 18th, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported that the Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for June rose **0.1** percent from the May index. For purposes of calculating the next Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), the index has increased **2.4** percent. The CPI-W for July will be released on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. On page 20 of the August NARFE magazine there is an excellent article covering the Consumer Price Index and its effect on retiree COLAs.

CHAPTER SECRETARY - Due to health reasons, **Mrs. Eleanor Hubbard** had to give up her position as Secretary. We need someone to handle this important job and ask that a willing volunteer contact **Elmer Gillespie** at 894-1606. We greatly appreciate Mrs. Hubbard's handling of this job for the past ten years.

FIND A PENNY - According to the U.S. Mint, rising costs of metals like the zinc and copper used to make pennies mean these coins now cost more than one cent to manufacture. So far, there are no plans to eliminate the coins which are made up of 97.% zinc and 2.5% copper.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES - As of press time, **NARFE Natl. Pres. Margaret L. Baptiste** was to testify before the House Federal Workforce Subcommittee Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007. This subcommittee has purview over federal employee benefit and retirement programs. We may be sure Mrs. Baptiste gave strong expression of NARFE's efforts to protect and enhance these programs as they affect federal employees and annuitants. On a related matter, the premium conversion bill, **H.R. #1110**, now has **236** co-sponsors (including our local 3rd District Congressman, **Zach Wamp**)

ADDRESS CHANGES -

Ms. Margaret Ashton to 625 Valley Bridge Road, Chattanooga, TN 37415-3916.

Mr. Russell T. King to 9650 Leyland Drive, Apt. 204, Ooltewah, TN 37363-4902.

Ms. Marcia A. Quinn to 4110 Mountain Creek Road, Apt. 60, Chattanooga, TN 37415-3435.

At a cocktail party, one woman said to another "Aren't you wearing your ring on the wrong finger?" The other replied, "Yes, because I married the wrong man".