



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
CHAPTER 1956 COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE**

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Presidents Corner

Our next meeting will be on January 16, 6:00 pm at Shoney's. The program will be the "Hospital Road Show" featuring Melan Finley and Linda Crawford speaking on "What and when things are happening at Cookeville Regional Medical Center".

Thirty eight members and guests attended our Christmas luncheon at the Hyder-Burks Pavilion. The food was excellent and the fellowship warm despite the accompanying snow flurries. The sharing of the Christmas ornaments produced much amusement. I am proud to say the Chapter raised \$261.00 for a needy family, the highest amount that I can recall in my sixteen years of chapter membership. Thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate than ourselves. Our thanks go also to the Committee, Lou and Clarence Richards, Joan and Handley Oswalt, Jim and LaVerne Evans for their efforts in making it a success. Bob Hagens, senior chapter past president, installed the officers for the coming year.

Each year with the January newsletter (sent by Postal Mail) we enclose a list of officers for the coming year and a complete membership roster (Also available on the web site). These are valuable documents, please keep them for future reference; also included for the telephone committee, is a letter of instructions and a list of persons to be called on a monthly basis. This is an important contact effort to keep abreast of the needs and special news about our members. Please respond to your callers in a courteous manner. Remember they are volunteers.

The mailing labels are different. I am working with the HQ data base to check their data file. If there are any changes or additions please let me know.

E-mail distribution of the letter will resume in February. News letters should be received by the Thursday before the meeting, if not let me know. Also receipt of the newsletter should be a reminder to the telephone committee to make their calls. News letters are also posted on the chapter web site.

At the January chapter meeting we must select delegates for the state convention to be held in Knoxville on April 16, 17 2007. We are authorized six delegates.

Treasurer's balance is \$1035.55 as of Dec 31, 2006. We have one outstanding liability for the Christmas party. The money was banked but the bill (\$500+) has not been received.

Legislative

One thing to come out of the last day of the 109 Congress was an extension of the law to allow us to deduct our sales tax from our Federal Tax. The NARFE thrust for the coming congress seems to be “protect what we have”. This is based on the feeling that with the budget crunch, there is only a slim chance of getting our three legislative objectives (premium conversion, WEP and GPO) passed. This does not mean we should stop trying. Letters to legislative representatives should continue to be sent and frequently.

Sunshine

Cards were sent to Richard Armstrong, Carmen Cook, Brenda Anderson, Mrs. AK Booher, Charles Bringman and Gerry Hagens.

Membership

The November report from HQ showed the transfer of Dan Hilton from the Ripley chapter to our chapter. Dan reported he also signed up his wife as a member. Seven members were sent second notices, too many for comfort. Dues withholding is the right answer to overlooked dues notices. We also note that HQ was having some trouble with the first notice, so that may be the problem.

As of the latest HQ report we have 141 members including:

- 1 honorary member
- 7 new members (joined in the last year)

for which we paid the federation \$546 in per capita dues.