



NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC. CHAPTER #108 - CHATTANOOGA, TN

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NEXT MEETING - Friday, June 13, 2008, 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).

PROGRAM - Our guest speaker will be **Ms. Connie Havis**, from Hospice of Chattanooga. She will address community events, neighborhood services and caregiving stress. Please make a special effort to attend.

COLA - Seven months into the accounting period for determining the next federal retiree and Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), the cumulative figure is **3.5** percent. At the same period last year, the figure was 1.5 percent. The data for May will be released on Friday, June 13, 2008.

MEMBERSHIP - Four members were sent second renewal notices for dues payable in April. We trust they have since renewed. A good way to keep dues current is through dues withholding. See pages 49-50 in the June *NARFE* magazine for an application. The new Tennessee Federation President, **Mr. Carey Frazier**, has set his primary goal as increasing membership. If you know of federal retirees who are not yet members of NARFE, give them a copy of the membership application appearing on page 50 of the June *NARFE* magazine.

CHAPTER TREASURER - **Mrs. Dorothy Garrett** has agreed to take over the Treasurer's job for chapter #108. Thanks, Dot! We were grateful to **Mrs. Ruby Nabors** for taking this job after the death of **Mr. Ledbetter**. However, she was unable to continue because of health reasons.

NEW MEMBER -
-- **Ms. Linda L. Goodman**, 170 Rose Street, Rossville, GA 30741-5631, tel: (706) 861-2678.

ADDRESS CHANGE -
-Change address for **Mrs. Helena C. Paris** to 667 Alexian Way, Signal Mountain, TN 37377-1958.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Jean M. Lewallen May 2, 2008

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NATIONAL CONVENTION - Chapter #108 is authorized six delegates for the National NARFE Convention at Louisville, KY, September 7-12, 2008. The June issue of *NARFE* magazine has complete information on the convention. Tennessee Federation 3rd Vice President **Larry Cunningham** is shown as having been appointed a Sergeant-at-Arms. **Elmer & Bette Gillespie** will represent our chapter, but we need additional members to attend. Louisville is only about 6 to 7 hours drive from Chattanooga. Anyone planning to go is asked to contact Chapter President **Gillespie** as soon as possible at 894-1606.

REMINDER - NARFE, one of America's oldest and largest associations, was founded in 1921 with the mission of protecting the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers. The largest federal employee/retiree organization, NARFE represents the retirement interests of nearly 5 million current and future federal annuitants, spouses and survivors.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES - NARFE supports **H.R.#3579**, legislation introduced by **Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA)** which would make it easier for the Government to re-hire federal annuitants. On May 20, 2008, **Daniel Adcock**, NARFE's Asst. Legislative Director, testified at a hearing held by the House Sub-Committee of the Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. He said that NARFE has long held that federal retirees who are interested in returning to government service ought to be able to receive the full salary of their new job without any offset as the result of the retirement annuity they earned through prior federal service. Further, this bill would remove obstacles preventing or discouraging re-employment of federal annuitants.