



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

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009

Wally's Restaurant, Ringgold Road at I-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 – A representative from the Electric Power Board will be our guest speaker. The identity was not known at the time contact was made. The talk will cover the Fiber to the Home infrastructure that is being planned by the Electric Power Board

COLA - The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) declined in each of the last five months of 2008. The May increase is 0.4 percent. Released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on June 17, the CPI_W for May is 208.774. For purposes of calculating the next cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), the index is now 3.1 percent LOWER than the 2008 third quarter average base index of 215.5. June consumer price indices will be released on Wednesday July 15th.

MEMBERSHIP – - The monthly Chapter Activity Report from NARFE HQS. showed one new member, two sent second renewal notices, one deceased and one dropped for non-renewal.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Leonard Reidinger
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Hixson, TN. 37343

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Mrs. Lucille Beckner, (widow of William C. Beckner)
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CHAPTER MEETINGS - Chapter 108 has over 200

members and effort is made each month to send a newsletter to each member. In the past several meetings we have from 12 to maybe 20 show up. In the general area of the restaurant a majority of the members are residents but they do not make an effort to attend. The meeting in June had three members from Pikeville and two from Signal Mountain, which involved several miles to Wally's Restaurant and ten from Chattanooga area. That left well over 200 who did not make an effort to attend. We realize a large number are house bound and unable to make it., however, we should have more interest in the NARFE meetings. Hope to see you at the July meeting.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES – - NARFE President Margaret Baptiste issued an all members Action Alert requesting each NARFE member to immediately contact his or her Congressional delegation, consisting of one Representative and two Senators. NARFE continues to make a toll free number available for phoning the Capital Switchboard I-866-220-0044. Dial the toll free number ask first for your Representative by name then your two Senators, urge your delegation to co-sponsor Premium Conversion H. R. 1203 and S. 491 to allow federal civilian annuitants as well as active duty military personnel and retirees to pay health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars as executive and legislative branch employees do now.

WHAT'S NARFE DONE FOR ME LATELY - If you are in doubt as to what NARFE has done for retired federal employees and survivors, read again Page 6 of the July Retirement Life magazine.

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IN MEMORIAN

Ms Alma K. York (date not known)

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