



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

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NEXT MEETING - Friday, June 12, 2009 at 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 - At press time arrangements for a guest speaker had not been firmed up. Efforts will continue. However, if they are unsuccessful, we will have a discussion of chapter goals and objectives.

COLA - The consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-w) increased in April for the fourth consecutive month. The CPI-W declined in each of the last five months of 2008. The April increase is 0.3 percent. For purposes of calculating the next cost-of-living adjustment (cola) the index is now 3.5 percent lower than the 2008 third quarter average base index of 215.5. May consumer price indices will be released on Wednesday, June 17th

MEMBERSHIP -. Even though we picked up four new members, we lost three for failing to renew their membership. Six members were sent their second renewal notice. Three members responded by being reinstated.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Larry Cagle
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Maria N. Levenson
484 Lake Shore Drive Pikeville, TN. 37367
423-447-8480

Mr Kenneth W. Wingo
1509 E. Brow Road Signal Mountain, TN. 37377-3223

Mr. Randall A. Johnson
20366 U. S. 127 N Dunlap, TN. 37327-4607

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IN MEMORIAN

Mr. William C. Beckner APRIL 23, 2009

RE-EMPLOYED ANNUITANT BILL - On May 20, 2009, NARFE President Margaret L. Baptiste called on the senate committee on homeland security and government affairs to approve s. 629, a bill which would allow federal agencies to re-employ federal retirees on a limited part-time basis without offset of annuity from salary. In a May 19 letter, Baptiste urged committee members to support the re-employed annuitant legislation (s.629) ~~because it would enable federal~~ retirees to continue to make critical contribution to our safety and well-being during this time of national need. Indeed, work force shortages have deprived some agencies of employees with critical and specialized skills. While workers deserve their hard-earned retirement, the federal government needs their talents once again at a time of compelling need. These men and women should not be penalized for returning to federal service, particularly when they are needed to respond to the unparallel economic upheaval, homeland security and military foreign policy challenges we face.

SINGLE DUES PROPOSAL - your attention is referred to the June issue of retirement life magazine in which president Baptiste sent an open letter to NARFE members. The ballots will be mailed around Sept. 1, 2009 and chapters will have three months to decide their position and return the ballots to an independent firm by early December

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A young man hired by a supermarket reported for his first day of work. The manager greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile, gave him a broom and said "your first job will be to sweep out the store". "But I'm a college graduate" the young man replied indignantly. "Oh, I'm sorry about the misunderstanding" said the manager. "Here give me the broom I'll show you how".

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