



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

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, NOV. 13, 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 - Mr. James Gardenhire, owner of HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE will be our guest speaker. This service is designed to assist you in your home. Whether you'd like help for a few hours a day, or 24 hours a day, seven days a week, a CAREGIVER can assist you. Your local Home Instead Senior Care office staff is on call to quickly and efficiently accommodate your service requests. Please make a special effort to attend and learn of this important service.

COLA - There will be NO Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the three federally administered retirement programs - Social Security, military retirement and federal civil service in calendar year 2010. This is the first time that has happened since automatic COLAs began in 1975. The consumer price index actually increased 0.1 percent for a final figure of 2.1 percent for the year. The October consumer price indices will be released Wednesday, November 18 to start off the new year.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENT - On the eve of the NO COLA confirmation, Pres. Obama announced his administration's support for a \$250 payment to 49 million Social Security beneficiaries, 5 million Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries, 2 million veterans benefit recipients, 0.5 million railroad retirement and about 1 million others. NARFE began working with Congressional leadership in July to ensure that federal civil service annuitants who are not eligible to receive Social Security would be offered equivalent relief.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS - There will NOT be a meeting of Chapter 108 in December. The normal meeting date would fall on December 11, which is too close to Christmas. Also, there will be no newsletter in December. The next newsletter will be mailed by Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 and announce the next Chapter meeting on Friday, January 8, 2010.

CHAPTER OFFICERS - It is time to elect chapter officers for the coming year. All positions are open and available; Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please consider serving your chapter in one of these positions.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION - Mark your calendar to remember the State Convention at Pigeon Forge, TN., on April 18-20, 2010. We need delegates from Chapter 108.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS - Change address of George Harrison to Apt. 102 Lakeshore Lane, Chattanooga 37415-7000.
Change address of Edward A. Rouse to 9674 Peaceful Lane, Ooltewah, TN. 37363-8220
Change address of Mrs. Jeanne W. Garrison, to 159 Braddock Road, Williamsburg, VA. 23185-3203. Thanks Jeanne for addressing and typing chapter newsletter in 2009.

MEMBERSHIP - The October monthly printout from NARFE HQS. showed four members dropped for failing to pay the yearly dues of \$39.00. In addition, five were sent second renewal notices. Another reminder will be sent in effort to retain membership. Numbers count when dealing with Congress.

OPEN SEASON - Refer to pages 36-37 of the November magazine for open season, November 9 until December 14, for changes and new rates in FEHBP. Additional information will be in the December magazine.

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Note: More information is available at the Hq. NARFE Website; www.narfe.org and that of the Tennessee Federation www.narfetn.org. Copies of this newsletter and others may be found at the Tennessee Federation website (see "Library").