



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

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**NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY, July 9, 2010 at Wally's Restaurant, Ringgold Road at I-75, East Ridge. This will be a luncheon meeting, starting at 12 noon. All members, prospective members and visitors are invited. Order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. (Eat at 11:30)**

**COLA - May's CPI-W is 214.124, an increase of 0.1 percent from the April index 213.958. Consumer price indices for June 2010 are scheduled to be released on Friday, July 16.**

**CANDIDATES FOR NARFE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

- Mr. Joseph A. Beaudoin - National President
- Mr. Dick Strombotne - National President
- Mr. Paul H. Carew - National Vice President
- Ms Martha E. Leiker - National Vice President
- Mr. H. Ray Harrington - National Secretary
- Mr. David F. Sullivan - National Secretary
- Mr. Charles W. Saylor - National Treasurer
- Mr. Frank Impina - National Treasurer
- Mr. Bill Austin - Region X Vice President
- Mr. Bill Martin - Region X Vice President

**NATIONAL CONVENTION - Since No one from Chapter 108 planned to attend the National Convention in Grand Rapids, Mich. our proxy containing five votes was forwarded to Mr. Larry Cunningham to use his own judgment in casting our votes.**

**SAFEGUARDING YOUR DUES - If you are considering dropping your dues in NARFE, please read the National President's article in the July issue of "etirement Life magazine.**

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 \* WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS \*  
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 \* Ms Joan P. Burton, 1042 Dodie Drive, \*  
 \* Chattanooga, TN. 37411. Transferred \*  
 \* from Chapter 1466 \*  
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 \* Mr. Orchir R. McCumbers, 215 E. Spring \*  
 \* St., Whitwell, TN. 37393. Two year \*  
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**MEMBERSHIP - Monthly Activity Report from National Headquarters for month of May showed two reinstatements, five were sent second renewal notices and two were dropped for non-renewal.**

**MEDICARE FAIRNESS - July Retirement Life magazine stated that July starts the final quarter for determining cost-of-living adjustment in federal annuities and Social Security benefits for 2011. As of press time, the CPI on which the COLA is based, remained down 0.7 percent. Currently when there is no COLA for Social Security recipients, their Medicare Part B premiums are not raised, they are "held harmless". There is no such protection for federal, state and local government retirees who are not eligible for Social Security benefits. Consequently, when there was no COLA in 2010, those retirees paid an increase in Medicare premiums in 2010, while Social Security beneficiaries did not. NARFE is once again attempting to get a new law to give federal retirees the same "held harmless" protection that Social Security beneficiaries enjoy when Medicare goes up in no-COLA years. This is another example where NARFE is looking after their members.**

**DON'T FORGET THE MEETING ON JULY 9, 2010**

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