



**NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC.  
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NEXT MEETING - Friday, March 11, 2011 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) SOME LUCKY PERSON WILL GET A FREE LUNCH.

CHANGE TAX WITHHOLDING - As a reminder, federal annuitants receiving payments from OPM can change their tax withholding amounts for both federal and state taxes by contacting OPM. Retirees can call OPM at 1-888-767-6738 or 1-800-307-8298 or make changes using Service Online [www.opm/retire](http://www.opm/retire). It is also suggested retirees use OPM on-line tax withholding calculator at the same site before making a change to their monthly tax withholding to make sure they do not under withhold which could result in paying out of pocket additional federal tax that may be due at the end of the year.

CONSUMER PRICES JUMP AGAIN - For the second consecutive month consumer prices increased more than expected mostly due to food and fuel. The January Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers CPI-W rose 0.5 percent. The index now stands at 216.400, 0.42 percent above the 2008 third quarter average, 215.495. February consumer price indices will be released Thursday, March 17, 2011.

NARFE-PAC - Your attention is referred to Pages 20-22 of the March Retirement Life magazine detailing the value of donating funds to the NARFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE. Clip the coupon on Page 22 and send it along with your contribution to Mr. Larry Minniear, 909 Brynwood Park Drive, Chattanooga, TN. 37415-2303 or direct to NARFE HQS. As mentioned last month, Mr. Minniear is the Tennessee NARFE-PAC coordinator. It is noted the average donation in the past year was \$24.67 from 54,533 contributors.

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\* WELCOME - NEW MEMBER \*  
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\* Mr. Harold C. Wise, 310 Guild Drive, \*  
\* Chattanooga, TN. 37421 \*  
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\* REINSTATEMENTS \*  
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\* Mr. James L. Crawly, 5911 Browntown \*  
\* Rd., Chattanooga, TN. 37415 \*  
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\* Ms. Cheri J. Hubbard, 842 Fairmount \*  
\* Ave., Signal Mountain, TN. 37377 \*  
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MEMBERSHIP - The chapter welcomes the new member above and the two reinstatements. However, we had two members dropped for non-renewal and four members were sent second renewal notices.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION - The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel at Opryland, Nashville, TN., on April 17-19, 2011. If you can go, Chapter 108 will cover the registration fee. Please contact Mrs. Eleanor Hubbard at 886-2999 or Elmer Gillespie at 894-1606 if you can attend as a delegate or visitor.

THROUGH NARFE, YOU CAN WALK THE AISLES OF CONGRESS - No one likes an increase in dues, however, keep in mind what your membership brings back to you in the way of knowledge as to what Congress is doing. I have said many times, I do not have the money or knowledge to walk the aisles of Congress or persuade them to protect my federal benefits. NARFE and its staff have that capacity. Read the legislative columns in your NARFE magazine and get the facts. (Prior article by Carey Frazier, past Tenn. Federation President)

**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').**