

**NARFE Chapter 1956
Cookeville, TN
Chapter Meeting May 20, 2008**

President Ronnie Collins opened the meeting by asking Chuck Mackenzie to give an invocation, which was followed by the pledge to the USA flag. Mr. Collins then welcomed the 16 members and guests present

The speaker for the evening was Judy Greenwood, Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates. She explained that the Putnam County CASA volunteers work with the Department of Children Services to be advocates for abused and neglected children. They are a voice for the child in court. The CASA program is under UCHRA and is funded by grants. She stressed the need for volunteers to interview and then sign up for 30 hours of training. Besides representing the children, there are other tasks to be done, such as a newsletter, fundraising, and updating the website.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President's Report: President Collins reported on the Federation Convention held in April.

Treasurer's Report: The balance at the end of April was \$469.39

Committee Reports:

- Legislative Report: The National NARFE Treasurer spoke at the TN Convention about the WEP and GPO. They are not likely to be passed. The Premium Conversion bill has a better chance. The current status for the COLA is 3.5% for 2009. Since it is updated each month, the final status won't be known till October.
- Membership Report: Chuck MacKenzie, chairman, reported one new member, David Hajdik of Dellwood Ave., Cookeville. Three members were sent second notices. Two had mailed their renewal and one agreed to renew. A renewal form and dues withholding application were mailed to him.
- Sunshine Report: Howard Hitchcock died 04-24-08. His wife Frances was sent our condolence.
- Jacque Pine's son, John Hubbs died and Jacque is ill. A card was sent to her.
- Alzheimer's Report: Reba Collins reported that \$183.00 was raised from the yard sale held May 16. Many thanks for their efforts in organizing and holding the sale. There has been 7 million dollars raised nationally by NARFE for Alzheimer's.

Unfinished Business: Sharon Martin announced that the Christmas Luncheon would be December 13 at the Putnam First Mercantile Bank at Noon. It will be catered and the cost will be told later.

New Business: The National NARFE Convention will be in Louisville KY in September 7-12, 2008. Delegates were chosen to attend.

Announcements: The June 21st picnic will be held at Standing Stone Park at 11:30. The menu will be BBQ from Stroud's.

There will be no regular meeting in June. The next business meeting will be in July.

Door prizes were given out and the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Bryant, Secretary