



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
PUTNAM COUNTY—COOKEVILLE TENNESSEE
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Chapter 1956 Newsletter

May 2014

Notes From The Chapter President

We had a really good speaker and program for the last meeting. Unfortunately, the crowd was down again. Maybe everyone was trying to finish up their tax returns before the deadline that day. I would encourage all of you in the surrounding area to make a special effort to be at our monthly meetings.

As mentioned, many of you missed Lisa Morris of the Cookeville Regional Medical Center, Cancer Center. The Cancer Center of course treats all sorts of cancer patients, Lisa Morris works mostly with those who have breast cancer. She is what is called a Nurse Navigator which means that she works one on one with the cancer patients as the one person they contact for all the various needs that they have as they progress through the treatment process. As a Nurse Navigator, she is available to answer questions and to put the patient in contact with the right person to meet the particular need.

Lisa has been with the CRMC for 6 years and she speaks very highly of the hospital as a whole and the cancer unit in particular. It is a comprehensive center that treats the whole person, which she explained is very important as far as to the success of the treatment. Lisa said that the CRMC uses a team approach in which many people discuss and provide the needed care. CRMC serves a wide area of the Upper Cumberland area which includes 14 counties.

Both her mother and sister had breast cancer, so that is why she is so interested in helping others with cancer treatments.

In other news from the last meeting, I spoke about more of the proposed changes from the Future of NARFE Committee Report. We covered the usual reports, such as the treasurer's report, membership report and legislative all of which you need to hear. I also spent time at this meeting going over the latest news from our national office. I will expand on some of these topics elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many of those present had much to say about the lack of attendance at this and recent meeting. Suggestions were mentioned such as the location, time of day, etc.; much of which has been changed in time past with little difference. If you know of what can be done to build interest in the meetings or have suggestions, feel free to bring them up.

Please share these newsletters with your spouse

Coming Up This Month

Mark your calendar for May 20th. that will be the next opportunity you have to attend our chapter meetings. *(We may have a drawing for \$1,000,000)*

Our speaker this month will be Michelle Parrott, Director of the UT Putnam Co. Extension Office She will present a program called, Money Managers. Be sure to come and hear from her.

As always we meet at Shoney's Restaurant on South Jefferson Ave. We ask that you get there no later than 6pm if you plan to eat. The restaurant is usually short handed and its take awhile to get served. The business session of our meeting begins promptly at 6:45. Come and remind other members to attend. I am looking for YOU!

State Convention

Three of us from our chapter attended the Federation Convention which was just held in Franklin TN. It was well attended this year with 126 who registered There were delegates representing most all the chapters in the state. The location was great.

The first day was taken up by the various committee meetings, an officers training session and the banquet. Hope Hines, former TV sportscaster was the special speaker on the first night. He shared lots of interesting stories from his years of working with all the many sports in and around the area.

On the second day, it was the business part of the convention with all that goes with it. Rep. Marsha Blackburn of the TN 7th Congressional District was there to greet the attendees. NARFE speakers who were there included Region X Vice President, Bill Martin, and Keynote Speaker Bill Shackelford who is the Vice Chairman of the Future of NARFE committee and a past federation president.

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Shackleford gave a slide presentation on the report of the Future of NARFE committee and spoke about forthcoming changes.

We also heard from the Region X Alzheimer's Chairman, Clara Weston and 3 candidates who are in the running for national or regional officers at the upcoming National Convention.

The awards presented this year for the 2 categories of special interest are; The Weida White Tolley Alzheimer's Award for the chapter with the most per capita contribution for Alzheimer's went to the Dickson Chapter. The Leo Potts Award for the chapter with the most donations per capita to NARFE-PAC went to the Cumberland County Chapter.

The handmade quilt that we took from our chapter was raffled off and netted \$155, not as much as in years past. There were lots of silent auction items of interest which brought in 1554 for Alzheimer's research this year.

Just like in our chapters, it is hard to find people willing to serve as officers. The slate of officers for the Tennessee Federation all were unopposed. Elected to serve for the following year were:

- ◆ James L (Larry) Henderson—President
- ◆ Larry Mininear—1st Vice President
- ◆ Rhonda Mooney—2nd Vice President
- ◆ Ed Evans—3rd Vice President
- ◆ Marilyn Evans—Secretary
- ◆ Marie Anglin—Treasurer
- ◆ Jim Glenn—Legislative Chairman

No one could be found to serve as Membership Chairman, so that position is vacant.

If you want to read more about the state convention, you can look at the Federation website.

National Convention

The 33rd Biennial NARFE National Convention is coming up this year, August 24-28 in Orlando FL. This would be a great time for any of you who have never been to a national convention to go. I have been to 2 and they are very exciting and informative. These conventions are every 2 years and the next one will be in Nevada which is even further away.

Our chapter must designate a delegate by the end of June. I don't think that I will be able to go this year, but I would welcome any of our members to go and represent our chapter. Please think about this and let me know by the **June** chapter meeting.

There will lots of critical issues to be discussed and voted on this year. The future of our association depends on what is done at this and the next convention.

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Membership News

Don't forget, the Tennessee Federation of NARFE chapters is sponsoring a Member Recruiting Contest all this year. Pick up some membership forms at the meetings and pass out to those who are eligible to join.

Thanks to those of you who have recently renewed your dues. This helps us more than you think

Future Of NARFE

I have been reading lots of email messages of concerned members about all the proposed changes being put forth on the future of NARFE. Like always, people are reluctant to change. Most agree that some change is needed but not all are convinced that all the change is good for our organization. I would encourage each of you to read the news on this topic on the national website and in the monthly magazines.

Alternatives to AARP

Over the years, I have heard of many groups that represent the interest of senior people. Of course AARP is the most well known and largest group, but they tend to be more liberal in their views and political interests than some approve of. I have always looked for some group that is more conservative and offers much of the same benefits as AARP

Some of you may recall that a couple of years ago, I wrote about and recommended a group called Generation America. I have recently learned that they have joined up with another conservative group called the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). By joining these 2 organizations together, they can be a more effective alternative to AARP. Both have been around for a number of years, have large memberships and offer great benefits. Together they become even stronger.

You can find out more about them by calling 1-888-262-2006 or online at www.amac.us. Become a member today. Check it out!

On The Light Side

Dick played golf every Sunday, but only after church? One day while at church he prayed. "Lord, I thank you for everything, my health, my wife and my golf game. I sure hope that when I reach Heaven I can still play golf". Suddenly there came a voice from Heaven saying. "Dick, I have heard your prayer, you will be pleased to know that in Heaven you can play golf every day, in fact you tee off tomorrow at 9.

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