



**NARFE Chapter 1063  
Chambersburg, PA  
NEWSLETTER**

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**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

George R. (Dick) Jenkins  
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Our regular monthly meeting of Chambersburg NARFE Chapter 1063 was held on Monday, October 26, 2009, at the Family Traditions Lighthouse Restaurant. Approximately 120 members and their guests enjoyed an excellent meal and the presentation provided by Jamie Karsada, Executive Director, Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. In addition, Jeremy Shoemaker, Field Assistant for Congressman Bill Shuster's Chambersburg Office circulated among the attendees to receive information and requests to be provided to the congressman. The presentation concerning the animal shelter's new home near Letterkenny Army Depot was very informative, interesting, and Jamie answered several questions from the audience.

The three names drawn for the capsule drawing were: Elva M. Dress, Janet A. Mose, and Dolores A. Rupert. None of them was present to collect the check for \$40.00. The next capsule drawing will be for \$50.00. During our 50/50 drawing we had 15 winners who each took home a prize of \$5.00. It can really be rewarding to attend the meetings on a regular basis.

I want to thank **Mary Hocker** and **Polly Johnston** for being our greeters for the October meeting. The greeters for this month will be **Mary** and **Leon Rosenberry**.

The November meeting is the time for the Salvation Army Food Drive. Please bring some non-perishable food items for donation to the Salvation Army. These items may include canned vegetables such as corn, carrots, tomatoes, green beans, peas, etc. Meat items may include canned salmon, tuna, and Spam. Fruits may include peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, pineapple, applesauce etc. All canned juices are welcome, along with coffee, hot chocolate mix, and all pastas including macaroni, spaghetti, and noodles. Miscellaneous items such as cereal, Jell-O, pudding, cake mixes, icing, muffins, bread mixes, peanut butter, crackers, jams, jelly, and rice are also welcome.

As a further reminder, we will be voting at our November meeting on the NARFE referendum which, if approved, will raise our National dues to \$40 a year for each member. Our Chapter would then receive \$9 of the dues. Your Chapter's officers and the officers of the Pennsylvania Federation are recommending a **NO** vote. So, please come to the November meeting and vote if you

have not sent your ballot to me previously. If you cannot come to the meeting, there is a ballot in this newsletter so that you can clip it out and mail it to me with your vote. My home address is: 6974 Augusta National, Fayetteville, PA 17222. I already have received a large number of votes in the mail.

In addition, we will be voting for your NARFE Chapter 1063 officers for calendar year 2010. If you are interested in running for an office in the chapter, please contact one of the current officers indicating your desire to be an officer.

I hope to see more members and guests at the November meeting and **please mark your calendar that the November meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009**. This is a deviation from our regular meeting day which is generally on the last Monday of the month. If you have any ideas and suggestions that will help you decide to attend and/or participate in our meetings, please let me know.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Gaylord Peters, 263-5553

We had an increase in membership during the month of October. You have only until November 20, 2009, to take advantage of the Membership Recruitment Program. I must receive all new member applications by that date. Remember, a prime candidate for membership is your spouse if they are not currently a NARFE member. I would also encourage chapter members who are still active federal employees to invite your fellow co-workers to become NARFE members. Share with them the advantages of being a NARFE member. The *NARFE* Magazine provides valuable information that is beneficial to current federal employees regarding health care benefits and other issues. Packets are available at the Service Center on Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or call me at 717-263-5553. We request that all new member applications include the recruiter's ID and Chapter 1063. The Cash Prizes will be awarded at the November 23, 2009, Chapter meeting.

***PLEASE TURN APPLICATIONS IN TO GAYLORD PETERS SO THAT YOUR NAME WILL BE PLACED IN THE CONTEST BOX.***

***WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM A SUCCESS***

**Please Note:** If you have a change of address please call the NARFE Service Center, 264-6183 or Gaylord Peters, 263-5553. It is important that we have your correct address for our monthly Newsletter. If the address is incorrect the Newsletter is returned and the chapter must pay 44 cents postage. **Please be prompt in reporting changes of address.**

We welcome the following new members to our chapter. Thank them for joining NARFE and encourage them to become active chapter members.

**George Egan Robert Kirkner Ray F. Salmon**

Chapter members who recruited new members during September were:

**Theda Divelbiss Fred Fisher**

Thank you for your recruitment efforts. Current Chapter Membership is 1425.

**WAYS AND MEANS**

Jayne Whorley, 261-4022

Our Ways & Means Lottery Calendars are still on sale. They will be available at the next three luncheon meetings. Below is an order form for those who prefer to request Calendars by mail.

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Chapter 1063 Ways & Means  
**Lottery Calendar Game**  
February 1 – March 31, 2010  
**ORDER FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF CALENDARS ORDERED @ \$10.00 EACH: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to "NARFE Chapter 1063" and mail form and check to: Jayne Whorley, Penn Hall Menno Haven, 1425 Philadelphia Avenue, Room 321, Chambersburg, PA 17201. You may call Jayne at 261-4022 with any questions. Your calendar(s) will be mailed or delivered to you.  
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**SOCIAL EVENTS**

Celena Casseday, 264-7309

Our November and December meetings will be held at the Family Traditions (Lighthouse) Restaurant on the dates shown below. Price for each meal is \$11.00, which includes choice of beverage, tax and gratuity.

Meeting Date: **Monday, November 23, 2009**  
Menu: Baked Ham, Parsley Potatoes, Baked Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Carrot Cake.  
Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, November 18th

Meeting Date: **Monday, December 14, 2009**  
Menu: Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Harvard Beets, Broccoli Salad, Chocolate Cream Pie  
Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, December 9th

Reservations can be made by calling Celena Casseday at 264-7309 or Jayne Whorley at 261-4022. If you are using a **complimentary meal ticket**, please notify Celena or Jayne when making your reservation.

RESERVATIONS MAY BE CANCELLED BY CALLING CELENA OR JAYNE ANYTIME **BEFORE 9:00 AM** ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING. DO NOT CALL THE FAMILY TRADITIONS (LIGHTHOUSE) RESTAURANT.

**PROGRAMS**

Marjorie Kreutter, 263-6361

Our **November meeting** will feature a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association (See Alzheimer's article). The New Horizons Band will entertain us at the **December meeting**.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Theda Divelbiss, 264-6183  
**ASSISTANT SERVICE OFFICER:** Robert Nakielny, 264-6183

**2009 Health Benefits Open Season.** Open Season will begin November 9 and end Monday, December 14. Open Season enrollment information has been mailed to retirees/survivor annuitants who are enrolled in Federal Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). If this information is not received by November 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact the NARFE Service Center. Active employees receive their brochures and enrollment information from their agencies.

Please read the October and November *NARFE* magazines for more detailed Open Season information. NOTE 2010 premium changes!! NARFE Service Center volunteers will make comparisons on different plans if you visit. Please call for an appointment.

If you are interested in Vision or Dental, you must request information from the listed plans to learn about benefits and premiums.

**Reminder:** All federal health plans have creditable prescription drug plans. Therefore, please do not enroll in Medicare D Prescription Plan, PACE or PACENET. If you receive brochures and literature from HIGHMARK, AARP, HUMANA or other companies --- deposit them in the waste can.

**West Shore EMS** provides advanced life support (ALS) treatment to the Chambersburg area and surrounding communities. ALS includes IV and drug therapy among other life saving techniques, which can cost \$700 or more. Did you know most insurance plans including Medicare will not pay for a non-transporting ALS unit? West Shore EMS is a non-transporting unit that responds with the local ambulance after you call 911 if a life threatening situation exists. Call West Shore, 264-4421, for additional information.

Borough of Chambersburg residents serviced by West Shore and local ambulances offer a dual membership for \$75 per household for 2010. Applications will be mailed during November. Other areas such as Fayetteville, Mont Alto, and Waynesboro offer dual memberships. If you do not receive a notice for the dual membership from the Borough of Chambersburg, please call 261-3256.

The NARFE Service Center will be closed for Thanksgiving Day and the week of Christmas and New Years. On Thursday, January 7, 2010, the Center will be open for business. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

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### LEGISLATION

Jean Crotty, 352-4467

On October 28, President Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 2647, now Public Law 111-84). The new law allows 1) federal agencies to re-employ federal retirees on a limited, part-time basis without offset of annuity; 2) permits FERS workers to credit half, and in 2014 all, of their unused sick leave toward retirement; 3) phases out the non-foreign cost-of-living adjustment system for federal employees in Hawaii, Alaska and U.S. territories, replacing it with locality pay, which can be counted for retirement purpose; and 4) ends the Department of Defense's pay-for-performance personnel system, restoring employees to the federal General Schedule pay system. Additional information on P.L. 111-84 will be available in the December *NARFE* magazine.

The Administration has called for prompt Senate passage of the NARFE supported, House passed legislation, H.R. 3631, to protect all Medicare Part B beneficiaries from a premium increase in 2010. NARFE members are urged to call their Senators on the Capital switchboard (1-866-220-0044) or use the Urgent Action Alert line <http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/alert/?alertid=14260196> and urge passage of H.R. 3631.

The House has formally introduced a nearly 2,000 page bill (H.R. 3962) overhauling health care. As this bill moves through Congress, lawmakers must follow the President's promise allowing all Americans – including feds – to keep the health insurance they have. Call your Congressmen and remind them of the President's promise.

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### ALZHEIMER'S

Gilbert Monck, 762-7484

The NARFE Nine Million Dollar Goal by the 2010 Convention for the National fund raiser for Alzheimer's research has reached \$8,279,779 as of August 31, 2009.

We will have Mr. Bob Le Roy, President and Chief Executive Officer, of the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Pennsylvania Chapter as our speaker at the November Luncheon.

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### SUNSHINE

Kay Clark, 372-4003

#### Sympathy Cards Sent:

William M. Owens family, death of William M. Owens  
Kathleen V. Bayer, death of husband, John B. Bayer  
Wanda Wilson, death of husband, Andrew Y. Wilson  
Deborah J. Davis, death of father, Charles A. Shoemaker, Jr.

#### "Get Well" Cards Sent:

Vera F. Lensbower	Willis L. Swope
Mary E. Butts	Richard E. Rock
Robert D. Majchrzak	Dora A. Frisby
Hazel K. McCleary	Jean Marie Waltz
Dorothy E. Daniels	Jane F. Valentine
Ann L. Barnes	M. Virginia Bartle
Clifford L. Ellis	

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### TOURS

Kathryn Lindsay (532-4361)  
Co-Chairperson: John Lindsay  
E-mail: [hjlindsay@embarqmail.com](mailto:hjlindsay@embarqmail.com)

**TRIP INFORMATION:** **NARFE Chapter 1063 is not liable for any loss or accident while on tours. Deposit Payment Policy:** Day trips \$10 pp, multi-day trips \$50 pp. Pay within 10 days of making reservation. Checks payable to "NARFE Chapter 1063". Mail to: Kathryn Lindsay, 18 Naugle Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257-9608.

**Bus pickup points: Chambersburg** Weis Store on Wayne Avenue. Park along the fence toward town.  
**Shippensburg** Wal-Mart. Park behind Wendy's on the Wal-Mart lot.

**Key to departure times:** C=Chambersburg,  
S=Shippensburg, L=Leave, R=Return

#### TRIPS:

**May 18, 2010, (Tuesday) King Henry**, Penn's Peak near Jim Thorpe, PA. "Oscar Goes to Hollywood", a musical and comedy salute to Hollywood. Cost pp \$90, price will be adjusted if more than 30 people go. A possible rest stop will be made if time permits on way to show. Restaurant stop on the way home (on your own). LC 8:00 AM, LS 8:30 AM, RS 7:15 PM, RC 7:45PM.

**October 11-15, 2010 (Monday-Friday) Myrtle Beach SC.** 5 days, 4 nights. Cost pp \$420. Departure time TBA. Flyers available upon request.

**November 3, 2010 (Wednesday), American Music Theatre Christmas Show.** Cost pp \$92.75. Price will be adjusted if more than 30 people go. Lunch at Good'N Plenty Restaurant after the show. LC 7:45 AM, LS 8:15 AM, RS 4:30 PM, RC 5:00 PM.