



# SUNRISE ALERT

## NARFE SUNRISE CHAPTER 1658

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MEETING DATE: THURSDAY JAN 9, 2025

PLACE: SIERRA REGENCY RETIREMENT  
1015 MADDEN LANE, ROSEVILLE 95661  
NEAR CIRBY, OFF SUNRISE, TURN AT  
WEINERSNITZEL, TO END, THROUGH  
GATE, NO PARKING IN COVERED SPOTS

Social Time: 11:45 AM Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Meeting follows (if you can't come for lunch,  
feel free to come for the meeting approx. 12:30)

RESERVATIONS: BY MONDAY JAN 6, 2025

Elsie Holmes 916-749-3566 OR  
Sandy Barron 916 204-5122

MENU: Fettucine Alfredo with chicken or shrimp  
OR Hamburger with cheddar cheese, lettuce,  
tomato and avocado with onion rings.

Soup, Dessert and Drinks with both

PRICE: \$15.00 exact cash/check @ door

MEETINGS 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY EACH MONTH

PROGRAM Our new officers, **Jeri Benson** President and **Edie Smith** Treasurer, will be installed by District VI Vice President **Juanita Pardun**. Jeri will invite input from members and discuss plans for the chapter in the new year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Jeri Benson 916 412-2703

Since **Kaye Brown** resigned as President and our previous President, **F. Lee Lawrence**, has declined to return to the position, we held elections at our December meeting and I was elected President of Sunrise Chapter. I will do my best to keep this chapter (chartered in 1979) going. We have a wonderful venue for our meetings at Sierra Regency Retirement Community. We use a portion of their dining room and enjoy delicious meals prepared by **Chef Eddie** and his great staff complete with linen tablecloths and napkins. I hope some of you who have not attended meetings in the past will give it a try in 2025. I would like to thank **Edie Smith** for volunteering for our Treasurer position this year.

SECRETARY'S NOTES Jeri Benson 916 412-2703 [jjbenson@surewest.net](mailto:jjbenson@surewest.net)

Elections were held at the December meeting resulting in a new President, **Jeri Benson** and new Treasurer, **Edie Smith**. We were entertained with beautiful vocals from **Steve Evans**.

ALZHEIMER'S Kaye Brown 916-719-4669 [kbhere@comcast.net](mailto:kbhere@comcast.net)

We had a successful Alzheimer's Sale! I appreciate everyone providing items for the sale and for cash contributions. Always appreciate those that add a few bucks to the price of items they select. They also had a walk for Alzheimer's in September which John and Jeri Benson attended with members of American River Chapter. We keep up our effort to eliminate Alzheimer's during our generation. We'll keep doing our part cumulative with all of NARFE and pray that the disease is eliminated in the near future. If you think of other ways we can raise other monies, let me know. I'm glad NARFE contributes to research and finding a cure. I'm always so glad to see contributions from our members. Have a delightful Christmas and let's have a Wonderful New Year!

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**TREASURER'S REPORT** John Benson 916 412-2702 [jibenson@surewest.net](mailto:jibenson@surewest.net)

The expenses were \$155.87 for processing the newsletter and \$250 for the musical entertainment at our Holiday Chapter meeting. If you weren't there you missed some wonderful Holiday music by Steve Evans. The income was \$14 from the chapter 50/50 drawing. We did not receive a deposit from National as they continue to upgrade their systems. The winners of the 50/50 drawing were Jim Smith, Patty Pelzman and Patrick Twohig. Our current balance is \$2719.18

**MEMBERSHIP** Jeri Benson 916 412-2703 [jibenson@surewest.net](mailto:jibenson@surewest.net)

No membership reports available from National again this month. Our Chapter "Dashboard" page shows a total of 181 members but I don't know if that is the correct current number.

**LEGISLATION** Charlotte Dodgson 916-837-7320 [dod43cb@live.com](mailto:dod43cb@live.com)

On November 12, the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, passed **in the House** with an overwhelming bipartisan majority, 327-75 ! This is a historic achievement in the fight to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), two provisions that have unjustly penalized federal retirees and public servants for nearly 40 years. **And now, Senate** Majority Leader **Chuck Schumer**, D-NY, filed cloture on a motion to proceed to consider **S.597, the Social Security Fairness Act**, setting up the first of a series of Senate floor votes necessary to pass the bill, which Senator Schumer indicated will occur prior to the end of the Senate session.

*Ed's note:* As I am typing this article (which must go to the printing office today, Dec 17) I see the following on the NARFE website:

*"The **Senate** is set to take a critical vote on S.597, the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal the windfall elimination provision (WEP) and the government pension offset (GPO), likely tomorrow, Wednesday, December 18. We need 60 votes to advance the bill!"*

**I hope** that by the time you read this newsletter the Senate bill has passed and the President has signed it into law and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) have been repealed!!

**NARFE WHITE PAPERS**

Besides the informative Webinars NARFE presents on an array of subjects of importance to federal employees and retirees they also have printed publications available on the website. At [narfe.org](http://narfe.org) point to *Federal Benefits Institute* on the top banner and click on *Resources and Information* from the drop-down menu. Check out the **Benefits Briefs** and **White Papers**: From expert tips for navigating a quick and painless retirement process to help in avoiding pre-and post-retirement pitfalls, NARFE's White Papers come directly from content published in *NARFE Magazine* and NARFE's federal benefits specialists.

- [Managing Military and Civilian Benefits](#)
- [Affairs in Order: Benefits Guidance for Survivors of Federal Annuitants](#)
- [FAQs About Your Federal Benefits](#)
- [Pre-Retirement Checklist for Federal Employees](#)
- [Guide to TSP Withdrawal Options](#)

**THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION CONVENTION**

Keep in mind that the California Federation Convention is coming up June 24-25, 2025 at the Silver Legacy in Reno. Mark it on your calendar. I believe the Federation may offer incentives to lighten the financial burden for members to attend. We will learn more about that in the next few months. Start thinking about it.

## **WHO IS REPRESENTING YOU?**

Do you know who represents you in Congress? Your continuing Senator is Alex Padilla. Your new Senator is Adam Schiff (formerly member of House of Representatives).

Your Representative in the House depends on your Congressional District which is identified on the mailing label of your NARFE magazine at the end of line 2 (e.g. CA03 = California Congressional District 3). The last page of this newsletter gives you the name of our Representatives by District. The U.S. Capitol Switchboard number can connect you to the voicemail system for any Senator or Representative. (Note: The first numbers on line 2 of your mailing label are your membership number.)

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## **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES    Elsie Holmes    916-749-3566    57holmes@sbcglobal.net**

There are a few more member birthdays for January than appeared for December. I hope all members will have a warm welcome to the new year and that health remains a top priority for us all. 2024 whizzed by very quickly. We hope we will have more new members coming to join us and they will then call me and volunteer their birthday or wedding anniversary dates. Have a safe new year!

January birthdays are:    2 **Allan Shaffer**    3 **Ruth Friedlander**    8 **Bob Beingessner**  
   12 **Robert Thompson**    14 **Loretta Sorgnier**    25 **Laurie Creeley**

January wedding anniversary:    22 **Bob and Penny Beingessner** ~ 59 years

## **2025 SUNRISE CHAPTER 1658 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**President – Jeri Benson 916 412-2703**

**Vice President – Charlotte Dodgson 209 257-1772 (also Legislation, NARFE-PAC)**

**Treasurer – Edie Smith 916 365-6825**

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