

In the past history of American River Chapter 1596 meetings were always held monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. Lunch was available at the member's expense and nearly everyone participated. A few years ago, attendance decreased and the meeting was changed to bi-monthly as it is now. In reviewing the attendance and participation last year we found it was still the same, 12 to 15 attending. After exploring the reasons, we found transportation time, cost, and weather were part of the problem. Another reason was the cost of the meal. Also actively employed persons were unable to attend the midday meetings. This winter the weather has been exceptionally bad.

Zoom is an answer to the problems. There is no cost to the individual attendees. You can eat at any time in your own home or elsewhere. No driving through snow, rain, hail, etc. The meeting is coming to you. And you get more direct information about what is happening at NARFE. You don't need a computer. You simply need something with an email address, computer, tablet, or cell phone.

Ok, some people have stated they would miss the connection with others in the chapter. I agree the need to meet and greet is important. So, we have worked out a plan we feel will meet everyone's needs. On the odd months of the year, i.e. Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov. we will have a zoom meeting to conduct business and pass on information. On the even months, i.e. Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec. we will have an in-person get together, but at various locations and pass on more information. (See Events for further information.)

Contact the Chapter President, Nels Christensen, with any comments.

Since Chapter 1596 covers the area from Sacramento to the Nevada border, we will rotate the in-person meetings from place to place. This means we need suggestions for different locations. And not all of them are to be in Sacramento. So, consider where there might be a place in your area with which we can meet. A destination place of interest.

We are part of District 6 and Jerome Tercero, the DVP, has mentioned a June picnic with or without training. June is a nice, warm month to have a picnic somewhere in the middle of the district. The district goes from Sacramento, to Stockton, Auburn, Grass Valley, Truckee, Placerville, and even Volcano. The details need to be discussed and decided by all of you. In August of 2026 National will have its convention in Indianapolis and in April of 2027 the California Federation is having its convention in Monterey. These are not being considered for our in-person meetings unless you decide. The December Holiday Party is another get together to consider. Is it better to combine with other chapters in the district or not. You

But here comes February 19th a third Thursday of the month and an even month for an in-person get together. We are planning to visit the Railroad Museum, not Amtrak, in Sacramento. Cost is \$12 for adult 18 and over, \$6 for children 17 to 6, under 6 free. It opens at 10 am. Afterwards, we would go to a place to eat. At Slice of Old Sacramento Pizza. Slices are \$6-\$8, whole pizzas \$16- \$17, Salads \$19-\$13. Drinks \$2=\$4. It is inside not outside, Now, there is a Round Table Pizza with inside seating, but the pizza is \$15 to \$40. For outside service there is Willie's Burgers near the river at \$6-11 and Railroad Fish & Chips.at \$9-\$16. For those who feel they can't make it to the museum by 10 am or don't want to go to the museum, they can meet us at the Slice of Old Sacramento Pizza. At Old Sacramento there is a special on the third Thursday of each month. Between 4 and 8 pm they have a "behind the scenes" event. They demonstrate how they make their candy or other things they sell.

What about April? Don't forget we have an election coming up. Who are the candidates for your area? Would you like to have them at our meeting's or get together? And here comes 2027. What can we do then?

Some links you might like to look up"

Railroad Museum; www.CaliforniaRailroad.Museum/visit/general-information

Old Sacramento: www.OldSacramentocom/waterfront

Restaurants: www.oldSacramento.com/restaurants-bars

Cafes-bites: www.OldSacramento.com/cafes-bites

Parking: www.SacPark.org

Parking at Olds Sacramento Garage: OldSacramento.garage.com

RT: 916-321-2877

Hotels: Embassy Suites and Delta King. Cheaper along I 80 and 50 at edge of Sacramento

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