



# FAIR AVENUE

## CHAPTER 1594

### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our chapter has been busy this year and looking forward to the rest of 2016. Our member recruiting has been fantastic. I would like to thank everyone that recruited a new member. It is exciting to know that our Chapter 1594 wants to expand when many chapters have shut down. We are proud of the recruiters and we are looking forward to making our chapter extra special. We've



had several guest speakers this year and are planning to have more. Several of our members have passed away this year. We honor those members and appreciate their dedication to our chapter. With your help and dedication our Chapter 1594 will stand strong for a long time to come. As Chapter President I would like to say that all the elected and appointed officers have served our chapter beyond our expectations.

**Joyce Zerr, Chapter President**

### CHAPTER PREVIOUS MONTHS' ACTIVITIES

June: Thirty-seven members and guests attended the June lunch at Pecan Grill Restaurant. Donations for the Meals on Wheels Program were collected and \$230.00 will be presented to Sharon Baughman, Meals on Wheels Chief Executive Officer at the July Chapter meeting. District 12 Representative Dorothy

Creswell spoke about the "Feds Feed Families" food drive.

July: Thirty-four members and guests were present. Dolly Mendez Senior Government Account Representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield briefed on health and wellness. For many, many years she delivered informative presentations to

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

We will honor our veterans and deceased members at the 16 November Chapter meeting. We will also have guest speakers. They will include representatives from several health insurance companies. Be sure to mark that date on your calendar and join your fellow members for a pleasant afternoon.

TFC South Texas District 12 Convention will be held in February 2017. Date not confirmed yet. Chapter 1594 will be host.

TFC State Convention will be 3-6 May 2017 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel Austin, Texas.



Chapter members and this was her last briefing since she is retiring on the 22nd of July. We were fortunate to have her represent us all these years and wished her a fond farewell.

August: Twenty-six members were present. San Antonio Police Department Crime Prevention Officers David Nouhan and Mike Trainor spoke to members about

crime prevention and the precautions seniors need to take to stay safe in the home and other places. A collection was taken last month and this month for the San Antonio Food Bank. This was for the "Feds Feed Families" food drive in cooperation with the Alamo Federal Executive Board and the federal agencies it coordinates

with in south Texas. We collected \$150.00 and a check will be sent to the Food Bank. Last year our Chapter contributed \$273.00. Margarita Hernandez was sworn in as the Chapter Treasurer. She is filling the position until the end of the year. This position is vacant due to the death of Treasurer Robert Koenig.

## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Our voting membership total is 149. The average meeting attendance is 25 to 35 members. Our membership has dropped these past few years due to the death of so many members. We rely on our current members to recruit new members and strengthen our Chapter. Chapters continue to close due to lack of member participation. We do not want that to happen to our Chapter. Let us all work harder to recruit and retain members. Brochures and applications are available at each meeting. If you want information to be sent to a potential member give Connie Bedock the name and address and she will mail information to them.

**We welcome new members: Juries Seguin and Shirley Rushfeldt.**

Our condolences go out to the families of deceased Chapter members: **Lena Dees and Robert Koenig.** Robert Koenig passed away suddenly on the 9th of August. He served as

Chapter President from 2000 to 2011 and Chapter Treasurer from 2014 until his death on the 9th of August 2016. He was a very active member and attended Chapter luncheons and most of the Conventions with his wife Gladys. The first member you met at each meeting was Bob. He greeted all attendees and made sure they signed the attendance book. Bob took care of the 50/50 raffle and any additional donation collections the Chapter promoted. We will really miss him and send our love and deepest condolences to his family.

Please remember in your prayers all ill members including: **Anna White, Chester Boenig, Bertha Bento, Ray Gilliland, and Marina Curie-John.**

Please give your family members a point of contact in our Chapter. They can call any of the officers listed on the last page of the newsletter or contact Connie Bedock at 673-2290.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Member's Biography: Theresa Cecilia Sanchez,** Nee: Hinojosa is a native Texan. She has been married to Eduardo Sanchez (CMSgt AF Ret) for 53

years. They have one son David Edward, wife Susie, and two grandchildren David Edward Jr. and Caroleena Isabella. Theresa began her

Civil Service career in August 1957 at Kelly AFB as a GS-03 Clerk Typist. Her service career includes 10 years in Supply (Base and Medical), 10 years

with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and 16 years with the Air Force Surgeon General's Office. During her career she received many accolades in the form of cash awards, step-increases, promotions, letters from outside agencies, etc. During her last 16 years with the Air Force Surgeon General's Office she received a monetary award every single year. Her office maintained a complete historical file, from inception, on every stock listed medical

item in the Federal System. It was very detailed and demanding work. Theresa is very proud and grateful to God for her family and for her accomplishments. She started as a GS-03 Clerk Typist and over the years worked at Kelly AFB, Randolph AFB, Brooks AFB, Marine Corps Supply Center, Turner AFB, Georgia and Forbes AFB, Kansas. She always gave her very best and retired April 1994 with 36 years of service from Brooks AFB as a GS-12 Cataloging Specialist; a

very fulfilling Government career.



## CHECK US OUT ON WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK



Interested in learning what is going on in Chapter 1594, check out our webpage or look us up on Facebook. These sites are your best source of information concerning our Chapter. Upcoming meeting agenda, past meeting minutes, quarterly newsletters and photos are accessible on the webpage. Link to the webpage is <http://www.narfe.org/site/chapter1594/> and Facebook at NARFE Chapter 1594. Gerry Rendon and Annette Ivy are responsible for maintaining these sites. If you would like an article or link added to the webpage you believe will be of benefit to members, email information to Gerry Rendon at [grendon@satx.rr.com](mailto:grendon@satx.rr.com) or Annette Ivy at [adivy@att.net](mailto:adivy@att.net).

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Aluminum Pull Tabs:** Collecting pull tabs and giving the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald Home Charities is an ongoing project of the Texas Federation. In the last two years 4,015 pounds have been gathered. A goal of 6,000 pounds has been set for the next convention. **Save those tabs and bring them to the meeting or call one of the officers to have them picked up.**

**Membership Recruitment Drive:** There are incentives to recruit new members.

1. The Texas Federation Board initiative began 1 April 2016 until 30 April 2017. The chapter will receive \$10.00 for each new member recruited and \$5.00 for each reinstated member.
2. The Chapter initiative for 2016 will enter the recruiters name in a pool and at the end of the year the recruiter whose name is drawn will receive a \$25.00 gift card. Members have recruited 7 new members so far this year.

**Spouses can also be members. The more members we have the more we can influence our Congressional representatives in Washington.**

**Dues Withholding Program:** Every member who signs up for dues withholding until 31 May 2017 receives \$20.00 from TFC. You also save 15% on your year's dues. **You will pay \$41.00 for dues instead of \$47.00.** This equals to \$3.42 a month. Get your form from Connie Bedock at the meeting or call her at 673-2290 to have a form mailed to you.

**Southside Reporter Article:** Don't forget to look for our Chapter's article in the Southside Reporter every month. Joyce Zerr submits a picture and article every month to publicize NARFE and our Chapter activities. If space is not available, the picture may be omitted. This article is at no cost to the chapter but good publicity for NARFE and our chapter. Several of our new members read the articles, attended one of our meetings and joined NARFE.

## CALL CONGRESS

Voice your concerns or comments to congress by calling the following numbers:

Congress toll free                   1-866-220-0044  
White House toll free               1-888-225-8418  
OPM Retiree/Annuitant            1-888-767-6738 (7:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. EST)

Internet users can go to the NARFE website at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) and voice your comments via email or letter format.



## MEETING INFORMATION

**Place:** Brookhill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia Ln, San Antonio, Texas 78223 (CURRENT LOCATION)

**Date:** Every third Wednesday of the month (unless rescheduled)

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. regular meetings, 11:00 a.m. lunch meetings in June and December (restaurant selected month prior to meeting)

**NEXT MEETINGS:** 21 September   19 October   16 November

If you need a ride to the meeting or are interested in giving a member a ride,  
please let one of the officers know.

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