

Federal employees' group holds meeting

For the Southside Reporter

Membership numbers, upcoming events and several other items of business were discussed at the September meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1594.

President Joyce Zerr opened the Sept. a meeting with a welcome, a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the 21 members present. Second vice-president Gerry Rendon presented a slideshow titled on the OPM online retirement services and ways to access it. Open season for federal employees and federal retirees runs Nov. 14 through Dec. 12. This will be the only chance for members to make changes in their OPM health care.

Service Officer Sandra Vogel spoke about the National Convention held recently in Reno, Nevada. Several new by-laws were passed and two new officers were elected

during the NARFE National Convention.

In other news, NARFE District 12 held a summer food drive "Feds Feeds Families." The four area chapters collected \$627.24 and 68 pounds of food. Second vice-president Shirley Swift gave the National Legislative Report from Capital Hill.

Membership chairwoman Connie Bedock reported that NARFE Chapter 1594 has 149 voting members. Five new members were recruited this year.

September was NARFE Recruitment Month. However, members who recruit a new member by Dec. 31 will have their name in a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Brook Hill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia Lane. You are invited to visit our meeting if you are a current federal

employee or a federal retiree. For more information, call Joyce Zerr at 210-523-0770.



Service officer Sandra Vogel (from left) president Joyce Zerr and second vice president Shirley Swift led the meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 1594