



FAIR AVENUE CHAPTER 1594

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We started the year hosting the District 12 & 15 Convention.

We are looking forward to increasing our membership. Recruiting will be our number one aim. We still need members to step up and volunteer to be officers.

We had a very productive 2016. We gained nine new members last year and hope to increase that number. NARFE National Headquarters and the Texas Federation will be making

changes that should increase our number of members. I

appreciate the dedication and participation we receive from our wonderful members. We had many guest speakers last year and are planning to have more this

year. We need to keep our chapter going for a long time to come. With your help, we can do this.



Joyce Zerr, Chapter President

CHAPTER PREVIOUS MONTHS' ACTIVITIES

December: Christmas lunch was held at Pecan Grill on the 21st of December. Thirty-three members and guests were present. Members donated \$212.00 which was presented to Lt. Charlise Godwin from the Salvation Army. District 12 Representative Dorothy Creswell swore in the 2017



Left to right, President Joyce Zerr presenting a monetary donation to Lt. Charlise Godwin with the Salvation Army.

Upcoming Events

March 15, 2017:

Monthly meeting from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Brookhill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia Ave., San Antonio, TX 78223.

April 19, 2017:

Monthly meeting from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Brookhill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia Ave., San Antonio, TX 78223.

May 3-6, 2017: TFC

State Convention at Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin, TX.

May 17, 2017:

Monthly meeting from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Brookhill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia Ave., San Antonio, TX 78223.



Chapter officers. Five



Left to right, 2017 Treasurer Margarita Hernandez, Secretary Shirley Click, 2nd Vice President Shirley Swift and President Joyce Zerr being sworn in by Texas Federation of Chapters District 12 Representative Dorothy Creswell.

Christmas baskets were delivered to ill members after the lunch. Shirley Swift, Guadalupe and Stella Flores, Joyce and Jesse Gorden and Connie Bedock delivered the baskets to Ray Gilliland, Amy Thompson, Anna White, Joseph Uhlig, and Carl Rabe.

January: Meeting was held on the 18th of January. Eighteen members and guests were present. Members were given the opportunity to

register for the upcoming District Convention to be held at Brookhill Baptist Church. Convention was discussed and members volunteered to help with the many activities.

February: Chapter meeting was canceled for the month due to Chapter 1594 hosting Districts 12 and 15 Convention the 20th of February. Forty-four members from all chapters in the districts



Sign in Table at NARFE Districts 12 & 15 Convention In San Antonio

attended. Nineteen of the attendees were from our chapter. It was a very



Attendees at the NARFE Districts 12 & 15 Convention in San Antonio

successful convention and a total of \$567.00 was raised for the Alzheimer's Research Fund. Our Chapter raised \$149.00. Chapters contributed baskets and other items to be raffled with proceeds going to NARFE Alzheimer's Research. District Representatives were voted in and they are Dorothy Creswell, District 12 and Al Prewitt, District 15.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Our voting membership total is 149. The average meeting attendance is 25 to 35 members. We rely on our current members to help build our chapter membership. We recruited nine new members during 2016. Names of members that recruited new members were put into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card. Annette Ivy won the card at the Christmas lunch. Members voted to continue awarding a gift card to recruiters. One will be given during the January to June time frame and the other at the July through December time frame. Cards will be awarded at the June and December lunches. 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 the 9 new members recruited during 2016: Lillian Bosquez, Johnnie Davis, Antonio Dreumont, Joyce Gorden, Helen Jarratt, Linda Morse, Abel Ramirez, Juries Seguin, and Irene Vasquez. New member Daniel Rossman was recruited in 2017

Please remember in your prayers all ill members including: Anna White, Carl Rabe, Joseph Uhlig, Amy Thompson, Bertha Bento, and Ray Gilliland.

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

NARFE continues to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research.

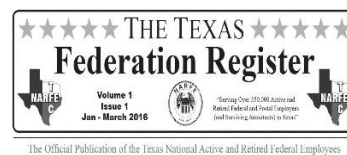
During December 2016 donations amounted to \$74,616.64. As of the 31st of December 2016, a total of \$12,108,528.49 has been raised by NARFE members throughout the United States. This is a very worthwhile cause and many NARFE members or their families have been affected by this debilitating health problem. Our Chapter will continue to raise funds to help research find a cure for Alzheimer's.

TFC State Convention will be 3-6 May 2017 at the Wyndham

Garden Hotel Austin, Texas. If you plan to attend, make your reservations early at the hotel because there are several major events in Austin during that time frame. The hotel room rate is \$109, which includes breakfast for two persons per room. The group rate is available 2 days prior and 2 days after the dates of the Convention. The cutoff date for reservations is April 12, 2017. Call 512-448-2444 direct and mention NARFE-TFC State Convention when making your reservation.

Texas Federal Register (TFR):
The Texas Federation Register

for February - April 2017 is now available. This is a bimonthly newsletter providing information on the 61 chapters making up the Texas Federation. Members can view current publication by clicking on the following link: <http://www.txnarfe.org/TFRFeb2017.pdf>.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE AND LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK



Don't forget to visit Chapter 1594's webpage and Facebook. These sites will keep you updated on the latest Chapter information. You will read the upcoming meeting agenda, past meeting minutes, quarterly newsletters and photos which 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 or Annette Ivy at adivy@att.net.



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Aluminum Pull Tabs: TFC is no longer collecting pull tabs, however, you are

encouraged to continue making donations to the Ronald McDonald Home Charities.

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 (7:40 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET)



MEETING INFORMATION

Place: Brookhill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia Ave., 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: 15 March 19 April 17 May

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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