



San Antonio CHAPTER 1594

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter 1594 is going strong and I would like to thank all the elected and appointed officers who are so dedicated to making our chapter one of the best. We have recruited three new members this year already. Many chapters are losing members and closing their chapters. We started this year with the same slate of elected officers. We need more members to step up to be elected and appointed officers. We plan to keep

recruiting and making Chapter 1594 stronger. Please continue to attend our meetings.



Joyce Zerr, Chapter President

CHAPTER PREVIOUS MONTHS' ACTIVITIES

March: Twenty-two members were present. Guest speakers were District 12 Representative Dorothy Creswell and South Texas Vice President Dr. John Creswell. Dorothy talked about the upcoming TFC Convention. Dr. Creswell announced that he will be a candidate for TFC President. Members were thanked for their participation in the District Convention that was hosted by Chapter 1594.

April: Nineteen members were present. Susan Blevins from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) was guest speaker. She talked about the programs available for senior citizens and veterans through their organization. Upcoming events discussed included the TFC Convention in May to be held in Austin and the Chapter June luncheon.



Pictured left to right, Susan Blevins with AACOG being presented with Certificate of Appreciation by Chapter Chaplain Elevia Gant

Upcoming Events

June 1 – August 21, 2017:

Our chapter will be participating in the summer food drive "Feds Feed Families" June 1 - August 21, 2017. NARFE is joining with other federal agencies in the San Antonio area for this event. We will take contributions at the June, July and August chapter meetings. We will take contributions at the June, July and August chapter meetings. to begin our drive. Members contributed \$88 at the May meeting.

June 21, 2017:

Luncheon/meeting from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Pecan Grill Restaurant, 3857 E Southcross, # 105, San Antonio, TX 78222. For reservations contact Connie Bedock at 673-2290 or Joyce Zerr at 523-0770 no later than 14 Jun. See attached flyer for additional information.

July 19, 2017:

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

August 16, 2017:

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



Pictured left to right, Sheena Smith with AACOG being presented Certificate of Appreciation by Jovita Durand

May: Twenty-five members and guests were in attendance. Guest speaker Sheena Smith from AACOG briefed members on the latest scams against senior citizens. She gave information on who to report the scams to. Sandy Vogel gave information on the TFC Convention held in Austin.



Pictured left to right, Elevia Gant and Exia Duke

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Our voting membership total is 144. The average meeting attendance is 25 to 35 members. 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 newly recruited members Carmen Dreumont, Kathryn Click and Rene Hernandez. May meeting guest Leonor Perez has decided to join the Chapter. We welcome all our new members.

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

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



Attendees at May 17 Meeting

ITEMS OF INTEREST

TFC State Convention was held 3-6 May 2017 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel Austin, Texas. Our chapter contributed two items to be auctioned at the convention. Sandy Vogel was our Chapter representative and cast votes for the Chapter. Dr. John Creswell, our South Texas Area Vice President, was elected as the new TFC President. The Chapter congratulates him.

Aluminum Pull Tabs: Since TFC is no longer collecting aluminum pull tabs, we will also not be collecting them. If you have any tabs you can take them to the Ronald McDonald House.

Texas Federal Register (TFR): The Texas Federation Register for May - July 2017 is now available. This is a quarterly 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/TFRMay2017.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 gerardorendon@att.net or Annette Ivy at adivy@att.net.



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

NARFE continues to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research. During December 2016 donations amounted to \$74,616.64. 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 a cure for Alzheimer's. New figures received from the Alzheimer's Association shows as of March 31, 2017 NARFE fundraising total is \$12,232,061.87. This total has been raised by NARFE members throughout the United States. Wonderful.....

Membership Recruitment Drive: Our Chapter initiative for 2017 was to give three free memberships to new members plus a \$25 gift card to a recruiter at the June and December 2017 meetings. Three new members were recruited so far this year and the free memberships were used. A recruiter's name will be drawn at the June lunch for the \$25 gift card. Another gift card will be given at the December lunch to a member who recruits during the June to December time frame.

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

Dues Withholding Program: Texas Federation extended the \$20.00 Dues Withholding rebate for two years through May of 2019. Every member

who signs up for Dues Withholding receives \$20.00 from TFC. You also save 15% on your year's dues. You will pay \$41.00 for your national and chapter 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.

NARFE's Dues Withholding Program

<p>What is dues withholding? It is a dues-payment method that gives NARFE members (retirees) the option of having their annual NARFE membership dues deducted from their annuities on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Save 15% off your annual NARFE dues! - Sign up your spouse and double your savings! - You'll never get another dues reminder from us! - Your monthly payment is affordable and convenient! - You may cancel your dues withholding at any time! 	<p>How does it work? One-twelfth of your total dues is automatically deducted from your monthly annuity. Your monthly deduction is determined by the following formula: (534 NARFE Dues + 12) + (Chapter Dues - if applicable + 12) = Total Monthly Deduction</p> <p>How do I sign up? It takes 60-90 days to process your application. Once the process is complete, you will receive a special membership card designating you as a NARFE dues withholding member. To learn more about dues withholding, call 800-427-3394.</p>
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NARFE Dues Withholding Application for NARFE MEMBERS who are Retirees, Spouses of Retirees or Annuitant Survivors

YES, I want to enroll in NARFE's Dues Withholding Program NARFE dues of \$34 p/ 15% discount off NARFE dues for dues-withholding members) and chapter dues, if applicable, to be withheld annually.

<p>Social Security Number (9-digit number)</p> <p>□ □ □ □ □ - □ □ □ □ □</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.</p> <p>Full Name _____ Street Address _____ Apt./Unit _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____ Date of Birth _____ mm / ____ / 19__</p>	<p>Civil Service Annuity Number</p> <p>C S □ □ □ □ □ - □ □ □ □ □</p> <p>(include prefix: CIA or CIP) (include any applicable suffix)</p> <p>NARFE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION</p> <p>NARFE Membership ID _____ NARFE Chapter Number (if applicable) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES, I also authorize My NARFE MEMBER Spouse's Dues to be Withheld from My Annuity. (Additional annual dues of \$8 and chapter dues, if applicable, to be withheld annually. If YES, enter spouse's information below.)</p> <p>Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's Membership ID _____ Spouse's Email _____</p>
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AUTHORIZATION (Withholding will begin in 60-90 days. **No payment should be forwarded with application.**)
I authorize the United States Office of Personnel Management to make appropriate deductions from my annuity payments, not to exceed the amount certified by the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association as the amount of dues for which I am annually obligated. In accordance with elections I made above, and to pay the deducted sum to the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE). This authorization shall also apply to any and all dues changes certified by NARFE membership in accordance with elections I made. Please allow 60-90 days for processing.
I understand that this authorization shall be valid until NARFE receives and processes my written notice of cancellation in accordance with its agreement with the Office of Personnel Management and that any dispute regarding this authorization shall be a matter between NARFE and myself. I hold the Office of Personnel Management harmless for any erroneous allotment deduction made pursuant to this authorization.

Signature of Annuitant or Survivor-Annuitant _____ Date _____

Dues payments and gifts or contributions to NARFE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

MAIL THIS FORM TO: NARFE, ATTN: Member Records, 606 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1914 (11/16)
www.narfe.org 800-427-3394 rjn@narfe.org
Do not send money with this form

Southside Reporter Article: Thanks to the Southside Report Magazine, we have had great free publicity for NARFE and our Chapter. This is due to Joyce Zerr submitting a picture and article every month to publicize NARFE and our Chapter

activities. If space is not available, the picture may be omitted. Several of our new members read the articles, attended one of our meetings and joined NARFE.



CALL CONGRESS

Call Congress toll free at 1-866-220-0044

The White House toll free at 1-888-225-8418

Additional phone numbers listed on last page of this newsletter

Internet users can go to NARFE website at www.narfe.org and voice your comments via email or letter format

OPM Retiree/Annuitant toll free at 1-888-767-6738 from 7:40 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST



MEETING INFORMATION

Next Meeting: 21 June 19 July 16 August 20 September

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)

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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