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Chapter 288 Newsletter – December 2010 **Highlands County – Sebring, FL**

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President - Ruth Harrison (863) 402-0696 / Membership Chairman

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coordinator

Meetings are normally on the third Tuesday of each month with few exceptions that will be noted in this part of the newsletter.

We meet at [Homer's Buffet](#) in the Sebring Square Shopping Center for lunch at 11:00 a.m. followed by the business meeting at Noon. Our December meeting will held be on Tuesday, 21 December 2010.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

SPEAKER: Will be Tom Mattson, a cracker cowboy poet, who has performed at many functions in the community.

BUSINESS: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>.
FROM THE PRESIDENT: "Greetings NARFE Members":

"Some of you know that we now have a new website. Tom Singletary & son, Troy, have been working on it. Please pass the word around & visit this site. Lots of information available through our site. Troy & Tom have done an excellent job for us.

The web address is: www.narfe.org/chapter288.

Thanks to each of you, & special thanks to Tom and Troy!"

SERVICE OFFICER NEEDED:

"A Service Officer meets with people in our chapter who need assistance (fellow retiree or surviving spouse). Your efforts will be most satisfying and rewarding. We need YOU! Until we get a Service Officer, use these telephone numbers for assistance:

OPM: 1-888-767-6738 and for the Thrift Savings Plan Office: 1-877-968-3778

DISTRICT 5 MEETING:

District 5 annual meeting will be held on Friday, Feb 18, 2011 at Faith Community Church, [211 Easton Dr., Lakeland](#). The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration. Buffet lunch will be served. Total cost is \$10.00. Leadership & legislative training will be at both the morning & afternoon sessions. Region 3 VP Don Stewart & Federation President Ken Carter will be featured speakers. Also election of members to serve on various federation committees will be held at the Federation Convention May 3-5, 2011 in Altamonte Springs. Reservations must be made no later than Feb 9, 2011. Please make checks payable to Jane Lemley with "NARFE District 5 meeting" in notation. Send payment to her at:
6347 Prominence Point Dr., Lakeland FL 33813

ACTION NEEDED BY ALL NARFE MEMBERS:

Received from National Headquarters:
There is a deficit reduction plan proposed by Erskine Bowles & Alan K. Simpson. The final report of the Fiscal Commission issued Dec 1st contains proposals to cut federal civilian & military retirement by 70 billion over 10 years, shift health premium costs to federal retirees, freeze federal pay & reduce federal workforce by 10%. If not shot down now by overwhelming opposition, they could become a reality. NARFE President Joseph



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Beaudoin implores each NARFE member to immediately send NARFE's updated message to current Members of Congress.

- Toll free # 1-877-217-8234.
- You can send email messages directly to Congress using the following link:
<http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/alert/?alertid=19504726>

(I tried the website and was taken right to the letter - very simple to do - Cindy)

APOLOGY:

I apologize to Pat Hogan for omitting his name from the slate of nominated officers for the coming term of office. Pat has graciously agreed to serve as 2nd VP.

Also, the information given in last month's newsletter about the rate increase and drug charge changes pertains to BC/BS in the FEHBP. If you belong to any other health plan in the FEHBP you should have received that plan's information by this mailing.

Attendance Drawing:

The November Chapter meeting attendance drawing was won by Helen Collier. The drawing was for \$10.00. All you have to do to win is be present at the meeting when your name is drawn from the attendance list. Helen was present and collected \$10.00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

December Birthdays

***Marjorie Clink, Merry Cresswell, George Frantom,
Glem Lambert, Shirley Lowry, A. J. Robinson***

Hope we did not miss anyone. If we did miss someone, call Ruth Harrison at (863) 402-0696 and she will make sure we get it right next time.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

If you know of a member who is ill please notify one of the following committee members:

Avon Park: Mabel England (863) 452-9832

Lake Placid: Gloria Bowen (305) 333-0541

Sebring: Lily Lambert (863) 382-6391



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