



# NARFE

## Chapter 288 Newsletter – March 2011 Highlands County – Sebring, FL

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*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 next meeting will held be on Thursday, 8 March 2011\*.

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

***PLEASE NOTE: Due to a scheduling conflict the meeting room was not available for the chapter's use on the third Tuesday.***

***ONLY FEBRUARY'S MEETING IS  
RESCHEDULED TO 8 MARCH.***

**SPEAKER:** A representative from Princess Diana tours will be guest speaker at the March meeting. They will outline what kind of personalized tours can be arranged for the chapter. They are a local business located in Avon Park.

**BUSINESS:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>.

Ray Eckiss, Treasurer, tendered his resignation due to the illness of his spouse, Paula, which was accepted by the chapter. Also, Secretary Ruth resigned which also was accepted by the chapter. Ruth then volunteered to accept the position of Treasurer. Marge Egan volunteered to accept the position of Secretary.

Motions were made, seconded and approved to accept Ruth as Treasurer and Marge as Secretary.

*Thank you Ray for 6 years of faithful service as Treasurer. The chapter is very appreciative of your service.*

A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the \$10.00 registration fee to President Corky to attend the Convention in Altamonte Springs in May. Also, motion was made, seconded and passed to give President Corky \$150.00 to help with the convention expenses.

***F.Y.I Received from NARFE headquarters, dated 2.10.2011 from David Snell, Retirement Benefits***

“In response to high call volume, OPM has established a new Tax Hotline that retirees can call to change the federal tax withholding from their monthly annuity payments. The number is: 800-307-8298.”

***Also received from NARFE headquarters dated 2.18.2011:***

“FIGHT BACK BY TELEPHONE on March 8<sup>th</sup>. On Tues. some 300 NARFE officers & activists are scheduled to descend on Capitol Hill to meet with their lawmakers as part of NARFE's biennial Legislative Training Conference. Add your voice to theirs by calling toll free to your Congressional delegation. Page 10 of the March NARFE magazine provides a CUT AND SAVE feature with complete information including request for response in writing



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from lawmakers. The toll free number for reaching the Capitol switchboard is 1-866-220-0044.”

“The President’s opening volley in the budget fight with Congress is where most everything will be on the table, including earned retirement pay & health benefits of federal employees, retirees, & survivors.”

“NARFE members who are unhappy about the expiration of the Make Work Pay tax credit should direct their complaints to their own representatives and senators.

**Attendance Drawing:** Was won by Jim Humphries. The drawing was for \$ 10.00. All you have to do to win is be present at the meeting. Jim was present and collected \$10.00.

\*\*\* **MARCH BIRTHDAYS** \*\*\*  
***Happy Birthday to:***  
***Ramona Gissal and Mae Ziglar***

Hope we did not miss anyone. If we did miss someone call Corky Dabe at (863) 382-9447 and he 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

***Thinking of you; thoughts are sent to Pat Hogan,  
Glen Lambert, Paula Eckiss, and Brenda Fair***