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

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CHAPTER OFFICERS

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

Vice President - Tom Singletary (863) 452-5477

2nd Vice President - Pat Hogan (863) 699-6052 /
Legislative Officer

Secretary - Mabel England (863) 452-9832

Treasurer - Ray Eckiss (863) 655-6268

Service Officer - *vacant*

Historian - *vacant*

Master-at-Arms / PAC Chairman - Corky Dabe (863)
382-9447

Chaplain - Pete Harrison (863) 402-0696 / Alzheimer Chair

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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 November meeting will held be on Tuesday, 16 November 2010.

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

SPEAKER: Denise Williams from the Veteran's Administration will be the guest speaker.

BUSINESS: The nominating committee reported the following nominations for officers for the coming year:

President - Louis "Corky" Dabe

Vice President - Tom Singletary

Secretary - Ruth Harrison

Treasurer - Ray Eckiss

President Ruth thanked the nominating committee and the members who have answered the call to serve for next year. Election of officers will be held at the November meeting. District 5 Vice President Bob Lemley will be officiating the installation.

NEW BUSINESS:

▶ A vote was taken and passed to place a 5" x 5" advertisement in the local newspaper informing prospective members of the December meeting in the hopes of increasing membership.

▶ Name Tags: Anyone desiring a name tag should contact Tom Singletary. The approximate cost including shipping is \$10.00 payable when the name tag is received.

▶ Vice President Tom presented a proposal that we establish a website through NARFE for our chapter. The cost is \$37.00 per year. Motion was made, seconded and carried. Tom's son will be doing the necessary work as Webmaster but will not charge for his services. One feature of the website will include the monthly newsletter.

F.Y.I.

FEHB open season will run Nov. 8 to Dec. 13. A choice of 207 health plans is available

FEHBs will increase 7.2% beginning January 2011. This is an increase of approximately \$12.10 for self only standard option.

Another change is the mail order prescription cost: brand names will now be \$70.00 and generic will remain at \$10.00. The first four free generic will now only apply for brand name to generic changes. Open season booklets will be mailed shortly.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT AWARD FROM OPM

"NARFE national president, Margaret Baptiste, has received the Theodore Roosevelt Award, the highest honor bestowed by OPM.

John Berry, director of OPM, presented the award to Margaret "In recognition of exemplary and dedicated leadership in support of federal employees and annuitants."

Margaret leaves the presidency at the end of October after serving two terms as NARFE National President.

CONGRATULATIONS and well done Margaret. We are all very grateful to you.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING: Was won by Gloria Bowns. The drawing is for \$10.00. All you have to do to win is be



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present at the meeting when your name is drawn from the attendance list. Gloria was present and collected \$10.00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

November Birthdays

Darlene Buchanan, John Stewart, Jim Swiers

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.

SERVICES: Vacant

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

*** M.J. Violette is home recovering from a hospital stay.
Best wishes for a speedy recovery. ***

We are happy to send greeting cards to our members upon request.



***HAVE A BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING and
LOTS of wonderful goodies.***

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