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September - October 2017 Newsletter

September 19 meeting:

Have you done your estate planning? What is it and why should I do it? Mandy Gaikowski, Attorney At Law, Partner at Estate Planning Solutions Law Firm, will bring new perspectives to the process. We had a different attorney speak in the past so you might say this is a second opinion! There will also be material available that is crucial for a federal retiree to have to help his or her family navigate the process of settling an estate.

October 17 meeting:

Certainly you have heard about DNA testing for genealogy, crime scene investigations, and other purposes. but have you heard about the intriguing and relatively new area of genetic medicine? Erin Royer, MS, LCGC (Licensed Certified Genetics Counselor) from Sanford Health will speak on this fascinating subject and answer any questions you may have.

November 21 meeting:

This is just a heads up to save the date for your Federal Employee Health Benefits Program update. This will also be the date for our silent auction benefiting Alzheimer's research. Plan now to attend.

Membership Renewal Forms:

Members who pay their dues in 1, 2, or 3 year increments will be mailed a revised renewal form at their next renewal. If you wish to remain a chapter member, you must choose a box from the second column (NARFE + Chapter 0201). The costs in the second column include chapter dues of \$9/year (that's less than

the cost of a cup of coffee a month). We certainly want you to remain a chapter member to reap the benefits of being informed of the latest issues affecting active and retired federal employees, hearing great program presentations, and enjoying the company of friends and fellow members. If you choose the first column, you will become a national only member and not be part of the local chapter. Please consider the renewal option of signing up for dues withholding on the same form and saving 15% and not having to worry about renewals again.

Legislation:

Have you used the NARFE Legislative Action Center to send emails to our Senators and Congresswoman urging them to oppose or support legislation that will affect you personally? This is a great tool to make yourself heard. If you oppose a particular piece of legislation but don't say anything, you are silently giving them approval to vote as they wish, which may be to your detriment. Sign-in to "Member Log In" on narfe.org, click on "Legislative Action Center" located under Legislation about half way down the page, and then click on "13 Advocacy Campaigns." This will reveal a page with links to each of the active letters you can send with NARFE's position. You should add your own comments to personalize the email which will carry more weight than a form email. This is one of the many benefits of membership in this organization. It doesn't cost you a stamp or much time to complete all 11 action items.

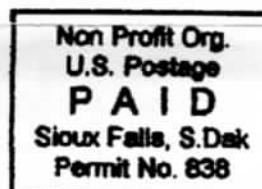
Service Officer Tip of the Month:

The Civil Service Annuity (CSA) number is the number federal retirees receive when they are provided an annuity at the time of retirement. OPM uses the CSA to identify the annuitant's retirement file and accrued

benefits. It is similar to a Social Security Number (SSN), which identifies someone's Social Security benefits. Make sure your spouse and/or the person in charge of your estate has access to your CSA number.



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Sioux Falls NARFE Chapter 0201 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon in room Sertoma B at Active Generations located at 2300 W. 46th Street, Sioux Falls, SD. Hope to see you there!

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