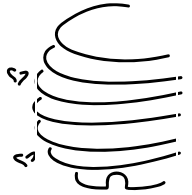




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Newsletter of UTAH FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January has arrived, New Year's Resolutions have been made (and probably broken by this time) and the W2's and 1099's are beginning to arrive in the mail. Those of us who receive Social Security checks have seen a little increase in the amount of our checks, and perhaps about the same decrease in the annuity/pension checks due to some increase in the health insurance premiums. Congress has passed the bipartisan budget which will keep the government running until September, when there will probably be another partisan squabble over spending cuts versus increased or maintenance spending for "entitlement" programs. While the Chained CPI was left out of this budget, it will not be forgotten, so: NARFE MEMBERS, please keep it in mind and continue efforts to prevent it from being included in the next efforts toward reducing the deficit.

Our Federation state convention, to be held May 15 – 16, 2014, will be located in the Holiday Inn Express, 1695 Woodland Park Dr., in Layton. The Layton and Bountiful chapters are co-hosting the event, and they've done an excellent job in planning. There still need to be some final decisions made, but the program and the registration form will be presented in the Chimes, and each chapter is encouraged to send at least one delegate along with their chapter president, who is automatically a delegate-at-large.

Each chapter is asked to bring two(2) gifts for door prizes, (nothing very expensive) and bear in mind that some of our guests will be flying, so the gift should be something that will be allowed through security in a carry-on bag, or in a checked bag. The used book sale for Alzheimer's Research will be featured again, so if each chapter member attending can contribute a few books it will be much appreciated. Also, each chapter should remember to send a list of their deceased members (members who have passed on since last year's convention) to our Federation Chaplain, Isabel Sullivan, by May 10th, so they can be remembered in the Memorial Service. One or more of our National officers will visit with us via Skype, and be available for questions and discussion; other speakers are yet to be determined.

The Federation executive officers are all ending their two year terms, so in lieu of a nominating committee, each chapter should be prepared to submit at least one candidate for the office of Federation President, Vice President (first and second), Secretary, and Treasurer. The position of Historian is still vacant, and our Federation Website will be needing a new manager (more information on that will be forthcoming). So folks, you can see we have some challenges facing us, therefore put your thinking caps and your running shoes on, and help keep our Utah Federation a viable member of Region VII.

****ATTENTION:** Our next Federation board meeting will be held March 7th, at Denny's Restaurant, (on 500 South. just East of the freeway) in Salt Lake City, with lunch at 12:00 and business meeting at 1:00 PM. Guests (and suggestions/ideas) are welcome.

Marla Ramey, Federation President, 435-882-3876

LEGISLATION

****Good news:** A consolidated appropriations bill won overwhelming passage in the House and Senate and signed by the President. ******

Congress was both bipartisan and functional. Using the Ryan-Murray budget numbers enacted in December, the House and Senate voted overwhelmingly for a \$1.012 trillion consolidated appropriations bill, H.R. 3547, to fund the federal government through the balance of the fiscal year that ends September 30.

Now, I strongly urge you to read through your NARFE magazine, in addition to various topics of concern/interest to us as employed or retired Federal employees, there is a section: NARFE BILL TRACKER, pages 10-12: Health Care, Postal Reform, Federal Pensions, and more. Then, CALL YOUR CONGRESSMEN and voice your opinion/concern on the bills.

Social Media: Are you taking advantage of all of NARFE's channels of communication? Every member of NARFE receives a copy of *NARFE* magazine as well as NARFE's Legislative Hotline.

But did you know that NARFE is on **Facebook and Twitter**? On Facebook, our username is NARFE National Headquarters, and our Twitter handle is @narfehq. Don't miss out. Like us on Facebook and follow us on twitter to keep informed every day.

Nancy Carlson-Gotts, 2nd Vice President, Legislative Chair

NEWS FROM CHAPTERS

SALT LAKE #0155: We had a great January meeting, discussion was primarily on Legislative issues, becoming involved in our community and getting the NARFE name out to the public.

February's meeting will be a presentation by Karen Moore, Tax Associate for H&R Block. Ms. Moore will be talking about changes to the IRS Code and there is always a great question & answer period.

As usual, we meet at **1:00 pm, on the third Tuesday, February 17, at the Mount Olympus Senior Center .**

Nancy Carlson-Gotts, President, 801-582-9373

OGDEN #0320: We will not be meeting in February. Our next meeting will be **Friday, March 14, 2014.**

LuDean Burton, President, 801-732-8888

LOGAN#0735: The Chapter Executive Committee was meeting on January 27, 2014, to discuss the mechanics of closing the Chapter, and sending a letter to the members to advise them of their options. Members should not fear losing their NARFE membership, as they will have an option of choosing another chapter: another active chapter in the state, the statewide chapter, or for those with e-mail capability, the national e-chapter.

Douglas Morton, Secretary

LAYTON #0829: January 8, 2014 the chapter met at the Layton Library with 10 members present. We enjoyed a presentation from Mr. Scott Hoth of H & R Block of Kaysville. He discussed legal and tax changes for 2013 tax year and upcoming changes for 2014.

Our next regular meeting will be at the **Layton Library at 1:00 PM on February 12, 2014.** The chapter budget for 2014 will be presented. Mr. Dean Hunt, Fire Marshall of Layton will present new technology on safety.

Joan L. Turner, Secretary

BOUNTIFUL #0830: The January meeting was held on Income taxes by H and R Block with Shawna Dortzbach as the speaker. The next meeting will be held on **February 12 at 1:00 PM at the Golden Years Center.**

A speaker will talk on Medical Insurance Changes.

Blaine Busenbark, President, 801-295-8613

DIXIE-ST. GEORGE #973: Our next meeting will be **Thursday, February 20, 2014, 1:00 PM at the St. George Main Public Library.**

President Don Miller, 435-627-2145.

CEDAR CITY #1205: Mr. Steve Decker Director of the Cedar City Library for the past fifteen years was our guest speaker. Steve explained that Iron County supports both a city and county library systems. There are three libraries in Iron County. Library in the Park in Cedar City, Parowan Library and the book mobile that covers outlining communities such as Enoch, Beryl, New Castle, etc.

Libraries in Utah are supported by a small portion of tax payer dollars paid in individual communities. Cedar City Library services 28,000 borrowers with a total of twelve employees, of which nine are full time. Approximately 249,000 visitors per year check out items from a variety of services offered, including: books on CDS, downloadable books, pre-recorded PlayAway books, MP3 books, DVDs, 5 newspapers, several magazines, free service for individuals with sight impairment, special collections of personal and local history, and special meeting rooms at no cost for training purposes or for a small fee a fee is collected from participants .

He also mentioned there are 45 public access computers , and a classroom with 5 computers for special teaching events. Steve said there are many public uses for events connected with local schools as well as other public events and programs provided at the library throughout the year.

Our next meeting will be **Monday February 3, 2014 at 12:00 PM. We gather in the back meeting room at the Sizzler Restaurant in Cedar City.**

Mitchell Gitz, President

Editor's note: Be sure to read about learning opportunities at the National Convention in Orlando, Florida, August 24 – 28, 2014, listed in the February NARFE magazine! This will be another outstanding opportunity for NARFE members to meet people from other parts of the country – perhaps catch up with old friends, and to participate in the decisions made on matters pertinent to our fellow active employees and retirees!

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ALZHEIMER'S DONATIONS from Utah Federation Chapters should be sent by check payable to “NARFE Alzheimer's Research.” Be sure your chapter number is on the check where it says “For” or “Remarks.” Mail to: John Light, Utah Federation Alzheimer's Chair, 3769 South 3325 West, West Valley City, UT 84119-3509

UTAH FEDERATION 54th ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION --MAY 15 – 16, 2014

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – 1695 WOODLAND PARK LANE, LAYTON, UT 84041

Reservations: Phone 801-773-3773 Room rate \$89.00 per night, includes Continental Breakfast. (One form per person, please -- May be duplicated, or spouse name may be submitted on separate, attached sheet. Please indicate by checkmark status of each attendee.)

Name _____ Chapter Name & Number _____

Address _____ Federation/Chapter Officer ____ Delegate ____

City, State, ZIP _____ Del. Alternate __ Guest __ Non-delegate Member ____

Registration fee \$ 15.00 Banquet (Provided by Marie Callendar's Restaurant) \$25.00

Registration must be received before May 10, 2014. Mail check payable to Layton NARFE, and send to: Joan L.Turner, 7366 South 1950 East, South Weber, UT 84405. Phone 801-475-7143, e-mail: joanlturner@q.com. Please indicate below the total amount enclosed.

Registration \$ _____ Banquet \$ _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

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