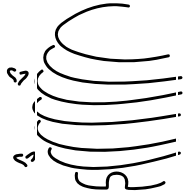




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time this issue of the Chimes is received, Easter will have been observed, all (hopefully) the eggs will have been found, and the warmer weather will be a daily occurrence; the sprinkler systems will be operating and the sounds of lawn mowers will be heard. Kids will be counting the days until school is out for the summer, and vacation plans will be in the planning stages.

Our State Convention has been very well planned and your Federation officers are hoping as many of you as possible are planning to attend. The terms for all the elected offices are up, therefore nominations from the floor will be requested for the offices of Federation President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Chapter officers are encouraged to “sound out” their members and be ready to nominate that person who is willing to step up and perform the duties of the respective offices. On a volunteer basis, the position of Historian is vacant That position should be filled by someone who enjoys taking pictures, collecting pertinent articles and any other information. This includes our Federation activities, and placing them in a chronological order. Those of you who enjoy “scrapbooking” will be familiar with the process. Also, whether or not to continue our NARFE Utah website will be discussed, including the request for an interested person to become the website manager, as our current manager would like to step down. I had the pleasure of speaking with an interested person regarding the website, but at this writing I've not heard any additional comments or requests for further information.

The latest issue of the NARFE Magazine has a lot of valuable information which is worth keeping and re-reading. The bill tracker section is a must read: those of you contacting our congressional delegation need to be familiar with voting records on many of the bills which will have an adverse effect on us as annuitants and retirees, and especially those still in the active workforce. A good grass roots effort is dependent on many voices, not just a few who are willing to take the time to make their voices heard.

The Future of NARFE (FON), or reorganization of NARFE, beginning with the National officers, will be first and foremost in the discussions at both our State Convention this month, and the National Convention in Orlando, Florida. Our chapter members & federation officers who plan to attend will have the responsibility of voting “yea” or “nay” for the many resolutions and amendments which will be presented. Therefore we all are encouraged to read, re-read, and discuss those changes which have already been presented via the magazine and on-line messages.

Those changes as have been presented will be a vital part of discussion at the State Convention. **Remember – our State convention is where we not only learn, “cuss and discuss” but we renew friendships and we have a good time doing it! Please see the condensed agenda on next page.**

Marla Ramey, Federation President

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UTAH FEDERATION 54TH ANNUAL CONVENTION: MAY 15 & 16

Produced by Layton and Bountiful Chapters

Information on place and Registration Form on last page of this newsletter.

Thursday, May 15: Sign in from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Convention opens at 1:00 PM: David Crawford, Host
Welcome to Layton: Mayor Bob Stevenson
Federation Business: Nominations for Election of Officers; SKYPE Presentation: Rod Adelman, President Arizona Federation & Candidate for (new) Region IV Vice President, and Member of Future of NARFE Committee
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Frank Impinna, Region VII Vice President
Committee Reports; Adjourn at 4:30 PM; Banquet at 6:30 PM
Convene at 9:00 AM: Today's session includes: Presentation by Jason Combs, Chief Financial Officer of Rio Tinto/Kennecott Copper; Memorial Service; SKYPE Presentation: National Vice President Paul Carew and National Secretary Elaine Hughes
During the Convention there will be a used book sale for Alzheimer's Research fundraiser, as well as our annual Alzheimer's raffle, material & presentations by FEHBP insurance representatives, refreshments.
Convention to adjourn at 1:00 PM on Friday.

LEGISLATION

In response to passage of the fiscal year 2015 budget (H.Con.Res. 96) authored by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul D. Ryan, R-WI, Joseph A. Beaudoin, President of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), released the following statement:

"Federal employees have endured a three-year pay freeze, furloughs due to sequestration, a government shut-down and increased retirement contributions for new employees. Through these sacrifices, federal workers already have contributed more than \$120 billion toward deficit reduction. Today, the House passed a budget resolution that would demand another \$125 billion through increased retirement contributions. This is nothing more than a poorly disguised pay cut.

"The budget plan also calls for arbitrary reductions in the size of the federal workforce. These cuts would diminish the government's capacity to perform essential functions. Ultimately, attrition proposals such as this fail to save much money, as work is simply shifted to contractors.

CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN with your concerns about the proposed 2015 budget.

"LIKE" NARFE on Facebook for current information/media news, etc.

Public Service Recognition Week, May 4-10, Is Almost Here!

Please join the Public Employees Roundtable, of which NARFE is a member, in celebrating Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)!

PSRW is a time set aside to honor the women and men who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. Throughout the country, elected officials, agency leaders, communities and public service organizations participate by issuing proclamations, hosting tribute events and highlighting stories of excellence in government service. The theme for PSRW 2014 is "Proud to Serve."

For more information: <http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org/>

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

NEWS FROM CHAPTERS

SALT LAKE #0155: This month's program was on the proposed Future of NARFE (FON) and discussion on candidates to be elected at the National Convention. Isabel Sullivan led the discussion on FON; running

through the questions and answers that have been asked/answered which included the new Regions (from 10 to 5), the proposed National officers from 4 to 2 (President and Treasurer), making membership in Chapters optional, changing the state structure to Congressional District Leaders (CDL) with an elected State representative over the CDLs. More discussion on the FON will be held at the Federation Convention on May 15-16 in Layton. Congratulations to the officers re-elected, President Nancy Carlson-Gotts, and elected, JaNean Ellis as Treasurer.

Our **May 20th** meeting will be an overview to the membership of the convention, presented by those members attending the convention. As usual, we meet at **1:00 pm, at the Mount Olympus Senior Center**.

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

OGDEN #0320: No May meeting, next meeting will be **June 15, at the Golden Corral**.

LuDean Burton, President

LAYTON #829: April 9, 2014, the chapter met at the Layton Library with 2 guest and 8 members present. We were led in prayer by Vice President Crawford, and President Abacherli led us in the pledge of allegiance of America. We enjoyed a presentation from Carol Elkins, Utah State NARFE Service Officer. She discussed what we must do in the event of death of an annuity receiver and the need to keep important papers and information readily available.

Our next regular meeting will be at the **Layton Library at 1:00 PM on May 14, 2014**. Elections of Chapter Officers will be conducted. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Boyd Casselman who will talk about "The New Long Term Care Coverage Via the Pension Protection Act of 2006".

Joan L. Turner, Secretary

BOUNTIFUL #0830: At our April 9th meeting, we were given several arthritis educational pamphlets provided by the Arthritis Foundation.

Our next meeting will be held at the **Chuck-A-Rama restaurant in Bountiful on Wednesday, May 14 at NOON**. The chapter will pay for the lunches; however, **if you plan to attend the lunch YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION by calling Blaine Busenbark at 801-295-8613 by Monday, May 12.**

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of our former long-time member, Allen Horsley, who died recently at the age of 93.

Joan Bohn, Secretary

DIXIE-ST. GEORGE #973: No meeting this month – members are encouraged to attend the State Convention in Layton, May 15 & 16.

"Lefty" Don Miller, President/Secretary 435-627-2145.

CEDAR CITY #1205: Scheduled speakers were unable to come to our April meeting, conducted by Vice President Don Holloway. He asked each member to share information about themselves. People spoke of their work for the government, current hobbies: gardening, photography, visiting National League baseball parks and museums, doing volunteer service and more. One couple told a tale of a relative who had gone over Donner Pass with two others and a mule carrying their gold in 1828. Close to the top the mule died. The only thing they could do was fill their pockets with as much as they could. Some family members questioned the truth of this story, but another family member discovered in LDS Church history that this relative had given Brigham Young \$1,000 in gold in January 1849!

Our next meeting will be **May 5, 2014, 12:00 noon, at the Sizzler**. State Representative Vickers will be our Don Holloway, Acting President

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. Make 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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