

## District 3 Report for 2025 – By Gar On Leung – District 3 Rep

Dear All:

We had several important events happened in the first 6 months of 2025 and I would like to do a quick recap:

1. President Biden signed into law the Social Security Fairness Act in January 2025 which resulted in many of the retirees to receive social security benefits for themselves and their spouses. Please pass the words around to those CSRS retirees to get their earned benefits.
2. On February 12, 2025, I went to the Weatherford Chapter to meet with Secretary Steven Johnson to present the 70<sup>th</sup> Years Anniversary Certificate to Chapter President Joe Brinkley.



Secretary Johnson also praised Mr. Brinkley (along with Mrs. Brinkley) for his leadership as President in the last twenty plus years.



3. I went to Arlington Chapter on 3/17 and attended regular meeting. The guest speaker was Ms. Mary Louise Nicholson, Tarrant County Clerk, on 5/19 the guest speaker was Melissa Danchak, Doctor of Audiology and on 6/16, the guest speaker was Texas Federation President-Elected, Mr. Steven Johnson who warmly meeting and greeting the chapter members to summarize the past and forward thinking into the future.
4. I went to Waco Chapter 0229mon 3/20 and met with Chapter President, Robert Bradford who happened to be the North Area Vice President. The members were delighted with the passage of the Social Security Fairness Act are thankful to the NARFE organization (PAC) for its many years of call for actions.

More discussions on the Trump administration and the impacts on just about everything. Finally, we encourage more members to attend the upcoming Texas Federation Conference at the end of April.



5. The important event was the Texas Federation Conference held in Houston on 4/29 to 4/30. A summary of the events including a visit to NASA Space Center and conference photos can be seen at the NARFE Texas Federation Website. Bob Bedford, Ben Weiger, Michael Dodyk and me (all with spouse) were there representing 3 out of 5 chapters from the North Area. Bob Bedford continues his position as AVP, Ben Weiger gained another position as the Federation Treasurer and I also became the Federation Webmaster.





The elected leaders taken their oath of office with National President -William Shackelford.



The happy couple – Michael and Bonnie Dodyk. After the conference, we are on a cruise ship for fun and relaxation.

6. Ben Weiger is still the Federation Membership Coordinator and together we did a 2 days recruitment at the Holiday Inn, Tyler Texas on 6/9 and 6/10. The event was the Texas Rural Letter Carriers Association Annual Conference. On 6/9, Bob Lemons, President of the Dallas chapter 0122, manned the NARFE booth outside the conference room and on 6/10, Ben and I took over. We answered many questions and collected a total of 15 M-2 cards with 1 person signed up on the spot. Furthermore, Ben Weiger gave an excellent speech on NARFE mission and benefits to a pack house that led to dozens of people asking for more information about NARFE membership during the breaks



7. I went to Ben Weiger's house 7/8 to help with the transfer of the Treasurer's working file containers from James Ploen to Ben.

- I went to N.E Tarrant County Chapter 1583 meeting on 7/9 to welcome the newly elected Federation President Steven Johnson who is making the round of visiting all 28 Texas Chapters by year end. Steven gave us a mini “State of Texas” address and gave compliments to Arlington chapter and NE Tarrant chapter having over 100 members. Bob Bedford encouraged everybody to contribute to the NARFE-PAC.



- Upcoming recruitment activity: National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks is coming to the Omni Hotel, 1300 Houston Street, Ft. Worth

