

# NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES



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Chapter 860 December 2009**

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## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

**At this time last year I mentioned that our cost of living increase for 2009 was the highest since 1982. As you already know the cost of living for 2010 will be a big 0. Not good news and certainly not what we need at this time. This action is difficult to understand when it seems everything we buy seems to be more expensive each time to shop.**

**The climate in Washington as it relates to proposed changes in health care delivery and an ever increasing national debt is a good time to emphasize to our federal retired friends the need to become a member of NARFE. In addition, the burden is on us, as retirees, to let our elected officials know how we feel on these issues, particularly the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. We may complain about our health insurance but I do not believe we want our system moved into nationwide program. NARFE has**

**asked us several times this year to contact our senators and congressmen concerning issues that directly affect each of us. Please do not delay your response to these elected officials. PLEASE READ THE NARFE MAGAZINE for these issues and if you have email pay particular attention to these issues.**

## **December Meeting – Christmas Banquet**

**Our Christmas banquet is scheduled for Dec 10, 6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn (Mountain View), Cleveland, the same place as last year. We will meet in the Bradley Room with a private buffet line. The menu will be baked ham, turkey breast with cornbread dressing and cranberry sauce, sweet potato casserole, whipped potatoes with gravy and broccoli with cheese sauce. In addition, tossed salad, coleslaw and Heavenly Hash/Ambrosia, assorted desserts, rolls and butter will be served.**

**Coffee, iced tea and water are included.**

**The total cost per person including tax and 18% gratuity is \$18.00. The restaurant requires a single payment for the event. Therefore, we need exact change or a check. Please give to Dean McAlister when you arrive at the restaurant. Credit cards cannot be accepted.**

**We will use this event to collect our contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Bring your cash or checks and contribute to this cause.**

**Bring a couple of canned food for our contribution to the Food Bank.**

**Please plan to attend this event and help us enjoy the evening. We need an exact count. After our number of attendees goes to the restaurant we will be committed for that amount. If you haven't received a phone call advising you of the banquet by the time you receive this newsletter and would like to attend please call Dean McAlister (336-2330).**

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### **INSTALLATION OF 2010 OFFICERS**

**The Officers for 2010 will be installed at the December meeting. The members that have agreed to serve are: President – Don Ledford; Vice-President—Jim Burner; and Secretary/Treasurer—Danny Britt.**

### **2010 FEDERATION CONVENTION**

**Mark your calendar for our next convention meeting – April 18-20, 2010 at the Oak Tree Lodge in Sevierville. This should be a good opportunity for many of us to attend this convention. We will discuss at our December meeting.**

### **FEDERATION ALZHEIMER CHAIRPERSON**

**Joan Gates of the Knoxville Chapter is the new chairperson. Her contact information is: Joan Gates, 341 Eaton Village Trace, Lenoir City, TN 37771, (865) 986 7256, [mjoan@20gmail.com](mailto:mjoan@20gmail.com)**

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