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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Bertha and I attended the Convention at Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, TN in April. Less than 100 delegates registered.

Some highlights of the Convention: Passage of the GPO/WEP seems almost certain not to happen in the foreseeable future. Comments were expressed that NARFE should begin to focus on issues that have a better chance of passage. Premium conversion appears to have a much better chance of passage, at least in some form.

Declining membership was a major emphasis. Nationwide, our membership is down over 87,000 from nine years ago. All members have a responsibility to actively recruit new members. New current

employees are a must if we are to survive.

Excellent training focusing on all Chapter Officers was available for all delegates. I have copies of handbooks and Guides for all of our officers.

PAC-NARFE was another major item of emphasis. We'll have more to say about PAC in our future Chapter meetings.

Probably the two greatest items of emphasis at the Convention was Membership and PAC.

Richard Ostergren, National Treasurer represented the National office. He provided the delegates with excellent information from a

NARFE national viewpoint.

The convention elected a new President. Carey Frazier from the Nashville Chapter is the new Federation President. He can be reached at 615-373-4817 and email ctfraz@comcast.net.

What was the most exciting happening at the Convention? When the fire alarm sounded at 10:00PM and all the delegates were forced into the cold upper 30's night for over an hour until a safe to reenter the hotel was issued by the fire department.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 30th National Convention is September 7-12 in Louisville, KY.

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JUNE PROGRAM - THURSDAY 6/12/08 ST. TERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH 6:30 PM COVERED DISH DINNER

Judge Sheridan Randolph will be our guest speaker. The topic will be Wills, Powers of Attorney and Living Wills - who needs them and why.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Mark your calendar for our
Christmas banquet at
Oliver's Restaurant 6:30 PM,
December 11.**

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