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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### DUES REFERENDUM

This is a term we will be hearing more of in NARFE this summer. We discussed it at our April meeting and will talk about it some this month. I encourage you to read the open letter to NARFE members by our President Margaret Baptiste published in the June issue of the NARFE magazine. If you have already read it, go over it again. Each of us will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes in NARFE dues this fall. Be informed before the time to vote. If you have questions or concerns find someone to talk these over with.

### THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

There is some good news in the NARFE magazine, page 50, for those of you that are investing in the TSP. The performance of all TSP funds have shown a significant improvement during March and April. These are the first "plus" months in more than 10.

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 6:30 PM, St. Therese Catholic Church, Cleveland. Green Environment will be our emphasis for the June Program. After our Covered Dish Dinner, the speaker for the evening will be Alan Gentry, Dean at Cleveland State Community College. He is currently serving as Interim Dean of Technology/Instruction at the College.

## FEDERAL RETIREES STIMULUS PACKAGE INFORMATION

The stimulus bill provides a one time \$250 payment made available to all federal retirees currently receiving Social Security benefits.

If you receive Social Security benefits you are eligible for the \$250 payment. You do not have to do anything to receive the payment. You probably

have received a letter from the Social Security Administration informing you that a check will be deposited in your bank account by June 4.

Federal retirees not receiving Social Security will be eligible to receive a \$250 refundable credit for certain federal annuitants. To claim this credit the annuitant must file for the relief next year when you submit your 2009 federal income tax returns. More information on this can be found at the Social Security website at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

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