

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dues Referendum – as it has been dubbed, will be discussed at the October meeting. At this meeting we will vote for or against the dues increase. Our Chapter is entitled to two votes. The votes can be both for or against or one vote could be for and the other against, depending how the members attending the October meeting vote. If you cannot attend this meeting and would like to express your opinion on this issue, please let Dean McAlister (336-2330) or Danny Britt (478-2837) know before the meeting. If you would like to utilize the “Special Voter’s Coupon” located on page 36 of the August edition of the NARFE magazine, just be sure we receive it before the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 6:30 PM, St. Therese Catholic Church, Cleveland. We will not be having a program this time, since we have several things we need to discuss and make decisions on at this meeting.

Christmas Banquet – Mark December 10, 6:30 pm for our annual Christmas Banquet. We will meet at the Holiday Inn This year. This location seems to be the best we can find in town. Final details will be decided at the October Meeting.

What has NARFE Been Doing for You Lately -

If you have been asking that question, I ask you to read the NARFE Magazine each month. If you have access to the NARFE website, it offers current events

that pertain to each of us. Our NARFE staff in Washington is working very hard to represent us before the current session of Congress. This is a critical time for each of us to have someone at the National level looking out for our interests. Just last week Congress began nipping at our Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan. This is just the beginning so be sure to keep abreast of the latest happenings regarding our health plans. When you have the opportunity to speak to retirees or active employees about NARFE, share with them that NARFE is well positioned to help protect their benefits.

Membership – Here is another item to think about as we contemplate our effort to increase our membership of Chapter 860. A recent article in the NARFE Magazine listed some information about the number of annuitants by state. Tennessee has 43,477

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annuitants on the roll with monthly annuities of almost \$85,000. Of the 43,477 annuitants, 32,814 are employee annuitants and 10,663 are survivor annuitants. How many Federal employees do we have in Tennessee? Almost 40,000. Of this number over 12,000 are postal employees. This is a great recruitment pool. Now we don't know how many non-NARFE retirees we have in our Chapter area, nor active employees, but you can be sure our Chapter membership of 51 is dwarfed by that number. How do we reach these potential members?

Speaking of Tennessee, did you see the article in the latest edition of the NARFE magazine that listed twelve likely places to move to? Crossville, TN made the list.

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