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National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association

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## Chapter 182 Reporter

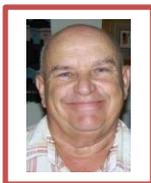
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We Need Candidates for Chapter Officers - Please Volunteer!



### President's Message

*Woody Woodard*

"Hello" fellow NARFE members. I hope everyone had a great holiday season! In my third year as President, I would appreciate ALL members who "can" to contact a Federal worker or retiree who is NOT a current NARFE member and invite them to join us at our regular Saturday Breakfast Meetings. This will give us an opportunity to show them our Mission in helping inform the Federal workforce of the benefits of NARFE. I invite interested Federal workers/retirees to join me at our Wednesday Board Meetings in order to see how we operate our Chapter in service to all members. We now meet at the MountainView Senior Circle Facility located behind the Walgreen's on the corner of Lohman and Roadrunner. Thanks to Sharon Reese for obtaining the new space for our meetings.

I hope all of you are reading our Chapter Newsletter "*The Reporter*" to keep up on events going on each month.

We are planning a Garage Sale at Roy and Sharon Willoughby's home again this year in May.

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### Franklin McKay - Program (February 14)

*Janet Acosta*

*MountainView Senior Circle Advisor*

The February program for Chapter 182 will be an exciting one as always. We will meet Janet Acosta, Senior Circle Advisor, who will tell us the wonderful activities of the MountainView Senior Circle. The Chapter Board of Directors meet at the Senior Circle Center each month. She will talk about the various activities and events at the Center and also explain the perks and benefits to members of the Circle.

You will be amazed at the variety of activities that are available. This is a good time to bring a guest.

Mark your calendars now and place your reservation!

San Rafael Room, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S Telshor.  
Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at 8:45. Cost: \$12

Reservations: Missed the telephone committee call? Contact Carol Main (382-7686) or Carol Decker (522-3033) by **Feb 10th**.

### President's Message Continued....

So, please start sorting and saving your things now. We want this year's sale to be as successful as last year's. (Date to be announced.)

January starts the Nominating Committee process to make sure we have sufficient members to fill ALL Officer positions in our Chapter. I would like to see multiple candidates for each of the five positions: President, 1st Vice President of Membership, 2nd Vice president of Legislation, Treasurer, and Secretary! If we are to maintain the Chapter, members must step up and serve on the Board! I'm sure you will not let the Chapter down!

*Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!*



**Sunshine  
Report**

**Marcele  
Skelton**

Valentine's Day is coming up soon, and that day gives us an opportunity to spread some sunshine to our NARFE friends. Some of our members are unable to attend NARFE meetings. You may want to send a card, greet them with a telephone call, give them a small gift, offer transportation, etc. I am sure it would be appreciated! A fun activity for you might be to see how many words you can make using the letters in the word VAL-ENTINE.

A Thinking of You card was sent to **Dorothy Hayes** who is recovering from a fall. Dorothy is working hard as our Chapter Historian. A birthday card was sent to **Myrtle Silva** who celebrated her 90th birthday. Myrtle sold Alzheimer's raffle tickets at our chapter meetings for several years. Sympathy cards were sent to the families of **Mary Ray** and **Margaret Hardin**.

Please notify me if you know of a member who has passed away, is ill, or could use some sunshine in their life. (**Marcele 575-521-4954**)



**January 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**We had 43 members attend  
our meeting  
and 468 volunteer hours  
reported.**

**Nominating Committee  
Chair**

**(Irv Skelton)**



**CHAPTER OFFICERS NOMINATION AND ELECTION**

The officers of the Chapter shall be President, Vice President (Membership), Second Vice President (Legislation), Secretary, and Treasurer. These shall be elected at the annual meeting in March for one-year terms. A nominating committee has been appointed, and will make its' report at the February Board and Chapter meetings.

Any member in good standing in both the National and Chapter associations is eligible to hold any Chapter office. Current chapter officers are eligible for nomination for their current or any other office. Nominations for all offices are open.

If you are interested in being considered for any of the offices, or wish to nominate a member who has agreed to have their name placed in nomination, please contact me at 575-521-4954 or email at [iwskelton@alaska.edu](mailto:iwskelton@alaska.edu), or any member of the Board. Telephone numbers and email addresses are included in this newsletter.

The election will be held at the March Chapter meeting. Prior to the election, the Nomination Committee report will be presented and nominations will be open from the floor. Nominees from the floor must have given consent.

The Chapter has been blessed with outstanding officers, but it is recognized that there is a lot of talent throughout the membership. If we are to remain a vibrant chapter, the election and support of the officers needs to be thoughtful and committed. We all benefit from NARFE's efforts to protect our earned benefits and related purposes.

Please get involved by holding an office or serving on a committee. It is a rewarding experience.

**Alzheimer's Association**

If you or someone in your family is affected by Alzheimer's, local help is available. The NM Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is located at 1121 Mall Dr, Suite C, Las Cruces. Their phone number is **575-647-3868** and they offer the following services: 24/7 Helpline, Support Groups, Information, Education, Resource Listings, Respite Assistance, Newsletter, Advocacy. Please call them if you or someone you know is struggling and needs help.

**HERE ARE PHOTOS OF SOME OF OUR MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE JANUARY MEETING.  
PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING WHICH JUST HAPPENS  
TO FALL ON *VALENTINE'S DAY!* (Sarah McAdoo, Newsletter Editor)**



***Cathy Phillips, Larry Erickson, & Sharon Willoughby***



***Lois Simonton, Anitta Montijo & Allaire Dunn***



***Sue Merrick, Cindy Zaklan, & Jack Dage***



***Marlene Mayfield & John Reese***



***Dorothy Rachele & Linda Venable***



***Pat Quinlan & Fil Apodaca***



***Carol Decker & Ron Lerdal***



***Joy Davenport & Chuck Redman***



**Service Officer Report**

*Jim Kielty*

**PREPARATION FOR INCOME TAX SEASON**

With the arrival of the new year, tax preparation for the 2014 tax year is upon us. One of the key elements for efficient and timely income tax preparation and submission is collecting all necessary instructions, forms, and income source documents (for example, Form W-2, Form 1099R, dividend and interest forms from payers) and storing them in a central location. One of the main tax documents for federal retirees and survivor annuitants is the Form 1099R (Statement of Annuity Paid) which is issued by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). OPM mails Forms 1099R during the last week of January. Your Form 1099R will be mailed to your address of record which is on file with OPM. If you have recently changed residence and did not notify OPM of your move, you should do so immediately. This can be accomplished by calling OPM at 1-888-767-6738; by signing on to [www.serviceline.opm.gov](http://www.serviceline.opm.gov); or by sending OPM an e-mail at [retire@opm.gov](mailto:retire@opm.gov). If you have not moved, and have not received your Form 1099R by the end of the first week of February 2015, you may request a duplicate from OPM by calling the 1-888-767-6738 number, which is staffed from 5:40 A.M.- 3:00 P.M. Mountain Time Monday-Friday. You may also go to the OPM website at [www.serviceline.opm.gov](http://www.serviceline.opm.gov) and use your OPM-provided Personal Identification Number (PIN) to view, print, and request a duplicate Form 1099R.

Federal annuitants and survivor annuitants need to be aware that Forms 1099R will continue to be mailed to their address of record UNLESS you wish to receive your Form 1099R electronically, in which case you must "opt-in" for receipt of the electronic version using [www.serviceline.opm.gov](http://www.serviceline.opm.gov). While OPM strongly encourages annuitants and survivor annuitants to receive the electronic version of the Form 1099R as part of their "paperless initiative", the agency recognizes that this would create a potential hardship for those individuals who are not computer literate or do not have ready access to a computer.

***Come & Get It!***



**Records Officer**  
*(Carol Main)*

**Welcome New Members:**  
*Cindi Romero*  
*Patrick Romero*  
*Mickey Mumfrey*

**New Prospective Members:**  
*Sean O'Brien*  
*Zachary Sahker*  
*Wayne Rossman*  
*Blanca Cenicerros*  
*Alton Luper*

We would like to see you at the February meeting. Come meet your fellow chapter members.

Our chapter membership is  
**345** members strong!



*Irv Skelton & Chuck Redman*



*Lois Simonton, Mary Ellen McKay, Larry Erickson, Allaire Dunn, & Emroy Shannon*



**NARFE-PAC (Mary Ellen McKay)**

I hope you have read the NARFE-PAC article in the January issue of the *narfe* magazine. If not, this is a heads-up on changes for 2015. January marks the start of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress and a new two-year election cycle.

It seems almost impossible to realize that we as a Country are already getting geared up for a Presidential election in the fall of 2016. To begin the new election cycle, NARFE has made important changes to strengthen NARFE-PAC, the Association’s separate political action committee. When federal employees and retirees benefits are being threatened, we need the impact of NARFE-PAC more than ever. You can make a one-time contribution or become a sustainer and make a monthly credit card contribution to NARFE-PAC.

Please refer to the article and contribution form on page 11 of the January magazine. Also, I will have contribution forms available at the monthly chapter meetings.



**WAYS ‘N MEANS (Judy Rosco)**

Our Chapter had a very successful Christmas fundraiser and we thank all the members who supported it by purchasing items. We sold an afghan, macramé bracelets, a Christmas table runner and tree skirt, a beautiful shawl, knitted

hangers for your best sweaters, miniature sweater hanger decorations, angora and silk scarves, knitted caps, and beautiful Christmas wreaths. My thanks go out to Carol Decker, Cathy Phillips, Carol Main, Craig Singleton, and Woody Woodard for helping with sales at the Yucca Pod Arts and Crafts Fair back in November. Their efforts are very much appreciated and their purchases, too! The Willoughby’s won the beautiful red and gold wreath that was part of the December Alzheimer’s raffle. Without our members support, we would not be able to keep our chapter in the black and financially healthy.

Much thanks to ALL.

**December Alzheimer’s Raffle**

*Roy & Sharon Willoughby* were the lucky winners of the beautiful Christmas wreath made by Judy Rosco. Thanks to all our members who participate in our Alzheimer’s raffles.



**Bob Main**

**BRING YOUR CANS!**

Please remember to bring your aluminum cans to our meetings. The money from our can collection helps to pay for the printing and mailing of our newsletter.

Thanks for your help!



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**NARFE Monthly Meetings**

The Las Cruces Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association holds a breakfast meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month except in June, July, & August. The meeting is held at the **Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 704 S Telshor Blvd.** Doors open at 8:30am (breakfast at 8:45am), and the cost is \$12. All members, those that might be interested in joining, and guests are most welcome. Membership is open to all federal civilian employees, retirees, their spouses, and surviving spouses. For reservations, contact **Carol Main (382-7686) or Carol Decker (522-3033)**

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