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March Meeting - Chapter Officer Nominations & SW District VP Visit



President's Message

Woody Woodard

I welcome all our members to the March 14th General Meeting at the Encanto Hotel. We will hold the election of our chapter officers at this meeting. We need a full slate of candidates for our five officer positions to make sure we can perform all chapter services for another year!

It appears to me that volunteerism is at an all-time low with membership losses decreasing at an alarming rate. We are now only 345 members strong in Chapter 182. This is NOT a statistic that I am proud of! All of us must try our very best to change direction and help our chapter survive. Due to my personal circumstances, I will be moving away from the Las Cruces area and will not be a candidate for the office of President in the coming year. I ask all of you to help me fill our officer positions which will give us all a good chance to sustain our chapter in the future. I wish you all the very best and hope our members will step up and keep doing the great job they have been doing in support of our Federal workers and retirees for years to come.



Franklin McKay

**Program
(March 14)**



The program for our March meeting will be given by Marian Thornton, Southwest District Vice President. Marian is a member of the Truth or Consequences NARFE Chapter. She will share news from the New Mexico Federation and talk about her upcoming workshop scheduled for March 28 in T or C. She is the New Mexico "Voices" newsletter editor for the Federation. Please attend this very informative meeting.

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 **March 10th**.

Reminder to all members: Please remember that all members are welcome to attend our Chapter Board meetings. They are held on the second Wednesday of the month (the Wednesday prior to our General Meetings). The Board meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. at the MountainView Senior Circle, 3948 E Lohman Ave, (the building behind the Walgreens at the corner of Roadrunner & Lohman).

Our next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th.





**Sunshine
Report**

**Marcele
Skelton**

In this area, the month of March brings several windy days. The days are getting longer though, so we have more hours of sunshine.

A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Mary Beth Reinhart, who is back in rehab. A "Thinking of You" card was also sent to Bob Kinman who is undergoing medical treatment. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Vicenta Drabbs, who passed away in January. A card was sent to Bob & Yola Kinman congratulating them on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Spring brings lots of holidays with **Valentine's Day** just past and **St. Patrick's Day** just ahead. Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?

A rash of good luck.

What do you get when you do the Irish jig at McDonalds?

A Shamrock Shake

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

Because they're always a little short.

Why don't you iron 4-Leaf clovers?

Because you don't want to press your luck.



SW District Workshop

(Sharon Reese)

The SW District Workshop will take place on Saturday, 28 Mar, 10 am – 3 pm, at the Clubhouse of the Elephant Butte RV Resort (across from the Elephant Butte Inn). Lunch is on your own at the Elephant Butte Inn or you are free to go wherever you like.

The draft agenda will be opening by Janice Baker, Legislation Presentation by the Legislative Conference Attendees, PAC Presentation by the NM Federation NARFE PAC Coordinator, and a Recruitment and Sustainability Presentation. There will also be laptops available for hands-on training with Legislation and Membership Presentations.

Marian Thornton plans to be at the March 14th chapter meeting to provide more information. Let's see if we can carpool so that more members may attend. This can be arranged at our March 14th meeting.

Alzheimer's (Sarah McAdoo)

Many thanks to our members who buy 50/50 raffle tickets at every monthly meeting. Our members are very generous because most donate their winnings back to the Alzheimer's fund and many make personal donations throughout the year.

Since 1985, NARFE members have played a major role in seeking a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Through its partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, NARFE supports research into the cause, prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease as well as a cure for Alzheimer's and related disorders.

This month, the Alzheimer's Association released *Changing the Trajectory of Alzheimer's Disease: How a Treatment by 2025 Saves Lives and Dollars*, a report that presents information about the current trajectory and economic impact of Alzheimer's disease, and describes an alternate trajectory if, in 2025, a treatment became available to delay the onset of Alzheimer's. You can download this report at <http://info@alz.org/>.

Note: The local Alzheimer's Office has moved to **125 N. Main Street**. The phone number and email address have not changed.

Members have asked us to share more photos. So, here are a few from our Valentine's Day General Meeting. Lots of people wore Valentine Red! (Sarah McAdoo, Newsletter Editor)



Anitta Montijo, John Reese & Allaire Dunn



Sue Merrick & Marlene Mayfield



Larry Erickson & Jim Kielty



Craig Singleton & Mary Ford



Sharon Reese & Judy Rosco



Bob Main



Cindy Zaklan

Be sure and join us at our March 14th general meeting. Wear a bit of **green** for St Patty (or you may get pinched)!





Service Officer Report

Jim Kielty

CPI-W REFLECTS DOWNWARD TREND FOR FIRST QUARTER 2015

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Personnel (CPI-W), used to determine if Social Security recipients, federal retirees, and survivor annuitants will receive a Cost-Of-Living- Adjustment (COLA) in 2016, has declined in each of the first three months (October-December 2014) of Fiscal Year (FY) 2015. The CPI-W declined by 0.40 percent in October, by 0.72 percent in November, and by 0.71 percent in December.

The December 2014 CPI-W was 229.909, 1.85 percent lower than the average for the months of July-September 2014, which was 234.242. The 234.242 figure is the reference number for determining if there will be a COLA beginning in January 2016. The CPI-W for January 2015 is to be released in late February.

NARFE 2015 LEGISLATIVE TRAINING CONFERENCE WASHINGTON DC

Advocacy before Congress is NARFE’s core mission and the Legislative Training Conference is the premier opportunity to learn from the NARFE Legislative staff. The 2015 NARFE Legislative Training Conference will be held **Saturday, March 14 through Tuesday, March 17**. The three-day conference includes training opportunities, national speakers, and the opportunity to network with fellow NARFE grass-roots activists. The conference culminates in a visit to Capitol Hill, where attendees will meet with their legislators.

Sharon Reese, NM Federation VP and Chapter 182 VP for Legislation, will represent us at this Conference. She will bring us up to date on this at our April meeting.

NARFE-PAC

Along with strong lobbying in Washington, DC, and organized grassroots activities across the country, NARFE-PAC is essential in defending the federal community from attacks to earned pay and benefits. NARFE-PAC helps elect lawmakers who support federal employees/retirees, builds relationships with key policy makers and assists supportive lawmakers rise to leadership positions.

You can donate on line at www.NARFE.org or you can find a contribution form in your monthly *narfe* magazine.

YARD SALE!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Saturday, 16 MAY

It’s that time of year again to start sorting out and saving your things for our annual NARFE chapter yard sale. It will be held once again at Roy & Sharon Willoughby’s home in Mesilla Park. Remember, we will be happy to pick up your items if needed. Next month we will give you more details on time of pick up, time of sale, etc.

Start your spring clean out now! We appreciate your support.



Records Officer (*Carol Main*)

We would like to see you at the March meeting. Come meet your fellow chapter members. Our chapter membership is **345** members strong!

43 people attended our February meeting and 768 volunteer hours were reported.

Prospective Members:

Julie Aguirre	Elizabeth Estrada	Jerame Lopez	Will Reyes
Alvina Alcorta	Leticia Evaro	Virginia Lopez	Brandi Rivas
Cathy Alvarez	Sergio Felix	Jononthan Lozano	Richard Rivera
Teresa Anaya	Rebecca Flores	Kathleen Lucero	Nancy Rodriguez
Daniel Apodaca	Nenel Frenoa	Roberta Lujan	Carlos Rodriguez
Ruth Baca	Diane Gamboa	Andrew Macias	Hector Rodriguiz
Anissa Baldonado	R Gatia	Cecilia Magallanos	Garth Rogers
Chrystal Barragar	Elesha Gentry	Jessica Maitland	Nia Rucker
William Blickman	Elaine George	Gailan Malett	Lorraine Salas
Josh Blundell	John Gill	Dina Marrujo	Pete Sanchez
Randy Brody	Laura Godfrey	Bea Martinez	Alberto Sanchez
Rachel Cano	Patsy Gomez	Tim Marton	Joe Sanchez
Anna Cardov	Yolanda Gonzales	Duwan Mason	Sylvia Saucedo
Rafael Carrillo	Noe Gonzalez	Connie Maxwell	Danna Schulle Everett
Sam Castaneda	Samuel Gonzalez	Florence Medina	Crystal Scott
Jeannette Castillo	Raul Grajeda	Odis Melton	Jon Selby
Jose Castillo	David Grimes Jr	Frank Mendoza	Alberto Silva
Thomas Chacon	Arturo Guadian	Nairober Meran	Erica Simmons
Guadalupe Chavez	Richard Guevan	Sal Mineo	Patricia Skokowski
Frank Chavez	Mark Hakkila	Larry Misquet	Lincoln Sorrell
Joann Chavira	Nancy Hale	Amanda Monroy	Jerrin Sosa
William Chitwood	Lane Hauser	Mercedes Montelongo	Yvette Sota
Marcelo Cisneros	Patricia Haworth	Victor Montoya	Joann Strandridge
Denisse Cortez	Victor Hernandez	Erika Moody	Peter Tapia
Ericha Courtright	Dyana Hernandez	John Mosier	Christina Tarin
Wendi Cox	Orlando Hernandez	Karin Murray	Miguel Torres
Allison Crist	George Herrara	Carlos Natividad	Carmelita Torres
Ciara Cusack	Mario Herrera	Mary Ellen Navarro	Enrique Torres
Joe Delapaz	Vicki Hilwick	Ricardo Neira Jr	Raul Trejo
Beatriz Delgadillo	Cynthia Hobson	Julia Olivarez	Sharon Uricta
Anna Delmont	Brendt Hoffman	Mike Orozco	Darlene Vaillancourt
Laura Delvalle	Lee Holland	Wilbert Ortega	Vanessa Valles
Jesus Diaz	Peter Hopkins	Melissa Ortiz	Yvonne Vasquez
Ramon Diaz	Lisa Jacobs	Ricardo Ortiz	Arthur Villa
Alma Diaz	Melanie Javery	Theresa Pacheco	Carlos Villalva
Ernest Durah	Nancy Jenkins	Israel Porras	Patricia Villarreal
Ronald Edward	Jessica Knopic	Dianne Portugal	Janet Villegas
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Peter Edwards	Kevin Larkin	Elizabeth Quntanelle	Scarlett Williams
Jose Enriquez Jr	Tye Lightfoot	Kim Reck Butz	Robin Wilson
Eric Ernst	Stephanie Logston	David Resalez	Suzanne Zapien
Jose Esquivel	Darrin Loken		Harold Zucconi
Thomas Estes			

Attention Current Chapter Members: If you recognize a name of a prospective member on this list, please help our chapter by making contact with that person. Give them a call and invite them to attend one of our general meetings. Offer to meet them at the breakfast meeting and introduce them to the other members. You can be a big help in our membership recruitment program by doing this.



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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 2nd 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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