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*Protecting the Future for Retired and Current Federal Employees*

## Chapter 182 Reporter

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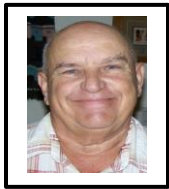
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*April 11<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers & Program (Mr. Evan Davies, Institute of Historical Surveys Foundation)*



*Las Cruces, New Mexico*



*Chapter 182  
President*

*Woody Woodard*

Greetings to all our members during this beautiful month of April! Our election process was a SUCCESS with all our Board Officers elected so that a new year can start with a full Board. We will have the Installation of Officers at the April General Meeting. I cordially invite all members who can to come to our General Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, 11 April 2015 at the Hotel Encanto in the San Rafael room.

I hope in the coming year we can increase our member numbers, since the overall economy seems to be improving (finally), giving all Americans more resources to improve their lives and hopefully more inclined to help worthwhile causes such as NARFE! There will be many Federal Workers and Retirees needing our help in keeping our pay

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### *April 11th Program*

**Evan Davies, D. Phil. (Oxon)**  
of the Institute of Historical Surveys Foundation



Mr. Davies is the President of the Institute of Historical Surveys and founded the Institute in the 1990's. The 10,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility in Mesilla Park, was constructed with funds raised by Mr. Davies. The facility houses paper, film and sound, and other historical documents.

Please join us for what promises to be an entertaining presentation.

Mark your calendars now and place your reservation!

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S Telshor (San Rafael Room)

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 **April 7<sup>th</sup>**.

*(Franklin McKay, NARFE Chapter 182 Programs)*



**Sunshine Report**

**Marcele Skelton**

Daylight savings time is here and April brings lots of sunshine. There may be several showers too, but it all seems to balance out. I am reminded of my childhood, when I was fascinated with a picture embroidered by my mother. It showed a little girl in a flower garden with raindrops falling. At the bottom was the statement: "**April Showers bring May Flowers**".

A sympathy card was sent to **Gloria Chappell**, whose daughter passed away in February. A Get Well card was sent to **Marian Thornton**, Southwest District Vice President, and editor of the New Mexico Federation newsletter, "Voices". Marian was injured in a car accident near Truth or Consequences. A Get Well card was also sent to **Mary Ellen McKay** after her recent hip surgery.

Please contact me 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)

**Happy Easter!**



**March Meeting**

It was great to see long-time member, **Jackie Pickering**, and prospective member, **Vince Fresques**, at our March meeting.

We hope to see them at future meetings!

**President's Message  
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and benefits safe from the Political System bent on paying the government's debts on the backs of the federal workforce. I was not a candidate for the Office of Chapter President this year; however, I request all of our chapter members give their best support to our Chapter and the Board of Officers elected just like you have given me for the past three years. I look forward to working with the new Chapter Board in every way I can and will always remain a member of NARFE!



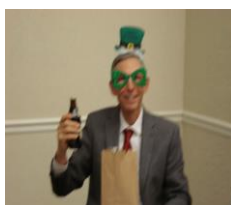
**CANS – WE NEED YOUR CANS!**

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 to our members for collecting and donating them and thanks to **Bob Main** who takes them to the recycling station for us!

**We had some "St Patty's Day" fun with members at our March meeting!**



**Jim Kielty**



**Ron Lerdal**



**Records Report**

**Carol Main**

Welcome Back:

**James Withers**

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

**Our chapter membership is 341 members strong!**

**Attendance at our March meeting: 38**

**Volunteer Hours reported: 599**

**Alzheimer's Association  
(Sarah McAdoo)**

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 their new location: **125 N. Main St, 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.



**John Reese, Sarah McAdoo, & JoAnn Sherman (March 2015)**



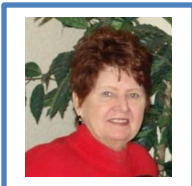
**Service Officer Report ( Jim Kielty)**

**NEW LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS COULD AFFECT  
CURRENT HIGHER-GRADED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES,  
FUTURE FEDERAL RETIREES**

As predicted by NARFE headquarters, the convening of the new 114th Congress has once again made federal employees and federal retirees targets for new legislative proposals, which if enacted into law, would adversely affect these groups. All NARFE members need to be on alert for such legislative proposals and to be prepared to voice our concerns to our Congressional representatives when necessary.

On March 3 Representative Bruce Westerman of Arkansas introduced the Government Employee Pension Reform Act of 2015 (H.R. 1230), which would significantly change the way in which federal retirement annuities are calculated. If enacted into law, H.R. 1230 would base federal annuities on an average of the employee's highest five consecutive years of salary, rather than the average of the highest three years of pay which has been in effect for decades. Under Representative Westerman's proposal, this new "high 5" calculation would apply to all federal employees retiring on or after 1 January 2017. Because the annuity calculation would be based on salary over a longer time span, the obvious effect would be to reduce the annuity of all those retiring on or after 1 January 2017. Representative Westerman asserts that enactment of his bill would save the federal government 3.1 billion dollars during the first ten years it would be in effect.

On 26 February Representative Tom Rice of South Carolina introduced the Promoting Accountability In Decisions (PAID) for Progress Act (H.R. 1137) which if signed into law would affect all federal employees earning \$100,000 a year or more, as well as all members of Congress. His bill, if enacted into law, would immediately reduce the pay of those federal employees by 8.7%, since he indicated that the median household income in the U. S. dropped by 8.7% between 2007 and 2013, and many American households have not yet recovered from the Great Recession. Under H.R. 1137, these federal employees would receive no pay increases until the median household income has returned to the 2007 pre-Great Recession level (\$56,436). The median family income for 2013 was \$51, 939. Once median family income returns to the 2007 level, any pay increase in subsequent years would be tied to the percentage increase in the median family income in those later years. Federal employees earning \$100,000 a year or more often hold positions such as physicians, medical researchers, and senior level engineers and scientists with advanced degrees. H.R. 1137 unfairly singles out these highly accomplished individuals holding very responsible federal jobs, and if enacted, would make it even more difficult for the federal government to recruit and retain top talent for high level positions. Stay tuned for further developments as these bills move through the legislative process.



**Ways 'N Means Committee (Judy Rosco)**

***ANNUAL NARFE YARD SALE***



The Annual NARFE Yard Sale will be held on ***Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>*** at Roy and Sharon Willoughby's house at 3142 McDowell Rd, Mesilla Park. If you have items that you would like to donate but need help getting them to the yard sale, please call Roy Willoughby at (575) 524-9395, Woody Woodard at (575) 635-9569, or Bob Main at (575) 382-7686. Items will need to be ready for pick up on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Big items are welcome!



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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, 705 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)** or email: [lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com](mailto:lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com).