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President's Message

(Sharon Reese)



It is that time of year when we are preparing for the upcoming Federation Convention. We are looking for delegates to represent your chapter members at this convention 19-21 April in Tucumcari. The Registration fee of \$50.00 also includes the Thursday Welcome Reception. All delegates will be reimbursed \$50.00 from your Chapter to attend this convention. If you would like to volunteer to be designated as a “delegate”, please contact either Marlene Mayfield or myself.

Also, Lorna Howerton (NM Federation President) is looking for volunteers to be on the following committees: Memorial Committee, Ballot and Teller, Secretary (convention notes), Auditor, Timekeepers, and Sergeant at Arms. Tucumcari can use help with Registration (most likely on Thursday & Friday a.m.) and they need raffle & door prizes for the convention. As you can see, help is desperately needed. If you would like to be on one of these committees, please email Lorna Howerton at hhowerton9379@msn.com. All the documents and information are posted on the NM Federation website (www.narfe-nm.net).

The Federation must revise the Bylaws to incorporate “one member one vote” as approved by the members at the 2016 National Convention in Reno. The revised Federation Bylaws will be voted on at the Federation Convention. In preparation for this, Chapters have been asked to review and provide comments to these proposed bylaws as soon as possible. You can find the proposed bylaws on our Chapter website, <http://www.narfe-nm.net/ch0182/ch0182.html>. Members are encouraged to review the proposed [Bylaws](#) for discussion at the General Membership Meeting that will be held on February 10th at the Hilton Garden Inn. You may also email comments to: nmreeses@msn.com.



Programs

Franklin McKay

**Saturday, February 10th
8:30 a.m. - Esperanza Room
Hilton Garden Inn**

Please join us for a program covering a topic that is of interest to many of us – Renewing Your Driver's License.

Ms. Gonzales from the Las Cruces Department of Motor Vehicles will inform us of New Mexico licensing laws and requirements for obtaining and renewing New Mexico Drivers Licenses.

Please bring a friend and join us for this interesting program.

**Breakfast Buffet: \$13 cash only
Reservations: NLT Feb 6th
Call Carol Main (382-7686) or
Carol Smith (522-3033)**





Mr. Scott Krahling, Dona Ana County Clerk, was guest speaker at our January meeting. He spoke about the NM voting laws and procedures. (Franklin McKay, Program Chair; Mr. Krahling; and Sharon Reese, Chapter 182 President and NM Federation Vice President.



Service Officer

Jim Kielty

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FIGURES FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2017 REFLECT SLIGHT UPWARD TREND

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 2019, stood at 240.526 in December 2017 after registering 240.573 in October and 240.666 in November. The 240.526 CPI-W figure for December is 0.36 % higher than the 2017 CPI-W average for July-September 2017, which was 239.668.

To determine if there will be a COLA in 2019, the CPI-W figures for July, August, and September 2018 will be averaged and compared with the July-September 2017 CPI-W of 239.668, which is the reference point for determining if there will be a COLA in 2019.

January Chapter Meeting

It was great to see new members Margarita Trujillo, Libby and Morgan Stoops, long-time member Robert Bennett, and guest Celia Hernandez at our January meeting. We hope to see them at future meetings.



Sunshine Report

Marcelle Skelton



My wish for you is a new year filled with sunshine. We hope our weather will include lots of sunshiny days. It helps us cope with the spring wind.

A get well card was sent to **Kathy Treat**. While on a Christmas trip to visit her sister in California, Kathy fell and broke her femur bone and nose, which required surgery and therapy. We hope your recovery is progressing well and that you are able to return home soon, Kathy.

The answer to December's Christmas riddle: **WHAT DO ELVES LEARN IN SCHOOL?** (*The Elf-abet*)

Have some sunshine fun by answering this month's Valentine riddle (we are transitioning from Christmas to Valentine's Day). **WHICH ONE OF SANTA'S REINDEER CAN BE SEEN ON VALENTINE'S DAY?**

You can email or phone me with your guess for a surprise. (The answer will be in the next newsletter.) Please let me know if you hear of a member who is ill, has passed away or could just use a little sunshine in their life. Marcelle: 575-521-4954 or marcele@skelton.net.



New chapter members Libby and Morgan Stoops from Deming attended our January meeting. It was wonderful to meet them and we are glad they joined our chapter.

Candidate Statements – Chapter 182 Officer Positions



Sharon Reese – Candidate for Chapter President

I would be honored to serve for another term as your Chapter President. I joined Chapter 182 in 2007 as a current federal employee.

I have held the following offices: PAC Chairman, First Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Legislation, as well as your President. I am a true believer in good leadership, mentorship and above all communications. You cannot be an effective leader if you do not communicate with your board and above all you the members. By being involved in NARFE outside of the Chapter provides me with contacts and information to keep you informed. By that, I mean attending and participating on committees and being a responsible delegate at Conferences and National Conventions. These experiences have been invaluable as it fostered my working relationship with employees at the National Headquarters but also Federations, Chapters, and members throughout the United States.

I do not plan on running for Federation President this year as I want to have time to devote to our Chapter. I do plan to run for my current Federation position, Vice President for Legislation.



Judy Rosco – Candidate for Chapter VP for Legislation

I have been a member of NARFE, Chapter 182, since February 2006 but did not become active in the chapter until after I retired in February 2010.

I joined NARFE because I was impressed with what they were trying to do for federal employees. I became ACTIVE in our chapter for the same reason. I have held elected positions as Secretary, 1st Vice President for Membership, and 2nd Vice President for Legislation (my current position) on the Executive Board of Chapter 0182. To date, this position has been the most rewarding and challenging position for me in our chapter. In March 2015, I attended the NARFE Legislative Training Conference in Washington, D.C. and met with our New Mexico Senators and Representatives, and their staffers on Capitol Hill. In 2017, myself and several other chapter members met with Representative Pearce; encouraging him to support NARFE issues for federal employees and retirees regarding their earned benefits. I continue to believe in NARFE and with the support of our chapter members, we can keep our earned benefits.

It has been a great pleasure and rewarding experience serving as 2nd VP for Legislation of Chapter 182 and I hope to continue as your VP for Legislation in 2018-2019.



Dan Carroll – Candidate for Chapter VP for Membership

I have been a NARFE member since 2012. I retired from federal service in 2009 with 24 years as a Border Patrol Agent and my last 5 years as an ICE agent for a total of 29 years.



I was a Las Cruces Chapter Board of Director's Member at Large for two years and Vice President for Membership and Chapter Historian for the last year. I am running for re-election for the VP for Membership position. Thank you.

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Marlene Mayfield – Candidate for Chapter Secretary

I have held this position for the last three years. I am also the Public Relations Officer for the Chapter.

I joined NARFE in 2005 while still an active employee at White Sands Missile Range in the Office of the Department of Defense Area Frequency Coordinator. I retired with 36 years of Federal Service.



Steven Craig Singleton – Candidate for Chapter Treasurer

I have been Treasurer for the past two years. I am also the Budget Officer, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and on the Member Communications Committee.

I joined NARFE in 2011 while still employed at the Communications Electronics Command (CECOM) Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD as a Logistics Management Specialist, working in Program Management and Budget. I retired with 26 years of Federal Service.



Nominating Committee (Sharon Willoughby)

As Nominating Committee Chairperson, my job is finished. The nominees are: President, Sharon Reese; Vice President-Legislation, Judy Rosco; Vice President- Membership, Dan Carroll; Secretary, Marlene Mayfield; Treasurer, Steven Craig Singleton. Their candidate statements shown above and on page 3 show their interest in continuing in their positions for another year. There were no nominations from the floor, so these are your candidates. ***Please vote for them.***



See page 5 for voting instructions and ballot.

Join us!

Records Officer (Carol Main)

***Welcome New Members: Michael Hayes - Libby Stoops
and Margarita Trujillo***



We would like to see you at the February 10 meeting. Come meet your fellow chapter members.
Our chapter membership is **292** members strong!

We had 47 members and guests at our December meeting with 335 volunteer hours, and 45 members and guests at our January meeting with 313 volunteer hours.

Reminder: Have you changed your home address, telephone number, or email address? If you have dropped your landline and are using your cell phone only, let me know. Please notify me at csmain7@gmail.com or phone (575)382-7686. We don't want you to miss any copies of the ***narfe*** magazine, our chapter newsletter, or any notices we send out.

BALLOT FOR NARFE CHAPTER 182 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2018 ELECTION

This Ballot shows the Nominees presented by the Nomination Committee at the January Chapter meeting. Below each nominee is a space for a potential write-in candidate. Any write-in candidate that is a winning candidate must declare their acceptance of that position at the March Chapter meeting. To complete ballot, please enter either your Membership ID number (found on your *narfe* magazine label) or your name at the top of the form in the brackets next to NARFE Member Name and/or ID. In order to verify voter eligibility, we need your name and or/NARFE ID number. If you would like to vote by secret ballot, put your name/ID number on an envelope and insert the completed ballot. Since your name/NARFE ID number will be on the envelope, leave it off the ballot itself. Envelopes will be opened and ballots only will be submitted to the Ballot and Teller Committee. Complete the ballot by entering an X between the brackets next to Yes. Leaving a blank is considered a “No” vote.

NARFE Member Name and/or ID Number	[]	
Officer Position	Nominees	
President	Sharon Reese	Yes []
	[]	
1st Vice President Membership	Dan Carroll	Yes []
	[]	
2nd Vice President Legislation	Judy Rosco	Yes []
	[]	
Secretary	Marlene Mayfield	Yes []
	[]	
Treasurer	Steven Craig Singleton	Yes []
	[]	

You may return this ballot by one of three methods:

1. Please complete this ballot and mail to:

NARFE Chapter 182

PO Box 16424

Las Cruces NM 88004-6424

(Ballot must be postmarked by 1 March 2018)

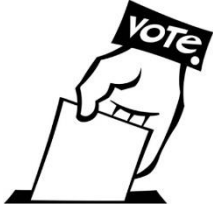
2. Bring the completed ballot to the February 10, 2018 meeting and put it in the ballot box.

3. If NARFE National has your email, you will receive an electronic ballot from our chapter, lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com. Complete and submit your ballot following the directions in the email message from our chapter.



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**VOTE FOR
YOUR CHAPTER
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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 **Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Dr, Las Cruces**. Doors open at 8:30am (breakfast at 8:45am), and the cost is \$13. 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 Smith (522-3033)** or email: lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com.