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*Protecting the Future for Retired and Current Federal Employees*

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**CHAPTER YARD SALE – MAY 5<sup>th</sup> (See Page 3 for Info)**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING – MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**



### *Chapter President (Sharon Reese)*

First, I want to thank you, all members, for electing your Chapter 182 Board. We are truly honored to represent you in all of our activities.

This past month has been very busy for your Board and members as we prepared for the NM Federation Convention in Tucumcari. A separate report is included in this newsletter.

Also, in this newsletter you will find a chart on the proposed National Bylaws/Resolutions that we will be voting on from May 10<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The chart with your Chapter Bylaws/Resolutions Committee recommendations is for your information. Vote the way you want to vote, even if it isn't the same as the suggested vote. A ballot will be inserted in the June *narfe* Magazine. If I hear anything new on this I will let you know at our May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. You may also find information on the issues and candidates at [www.narfe.org/2018Balloting](http://www.narfe.org/2018Balloting). Please exercise your right and responsibility to vote by ballot or electronically!

I am keeping this short as there is a lot of information in this newsletter. See you May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SENIOR  
PROGRAMS  
CITY  
OF  
LAS  
CRUCES**

*Franklin  
McKay  
Program  
Chair*



*Join Us on  
Saturday, 12 May, 8:30 a.m.  
Hilton Garden Inn*

We will have a representative from the City of Las Cruces Senior Nutrition and Programs Department give a presentation of all the many programs and activities that are available for seniors age 60 and over in the Las Cruces area.

**Reservations: NLT May 8<sup>th</sup> - \$13 for Breakfast Buffet  
Call: Carol Main (382-7686) or Carol Smith (522-3033)**



**Chapter 182 Officers 2018-2019**

*Sharon Reese (President)  
Dan Carroll (1<sup>st</sup> VP for Membership)  
Judy Rosco (2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Legislation)  
Marlene Mayfield (Secretary)  
Craig Singleton (Treasurer)*



**Sunshine Report**

**Marcele Skelton**



It is great to be back in sunny, warm southern New Mexico. We have just returned from the NARFE Federation Convention in Tucumcari, where it was cloudy, cold and windy. The convention there was excellent--good program, efficient meetings and wonderful hospitality. I served on the Sergeant at Arms Committee, along with my husband, Irv, and John Reese.

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Willard Jones, who passed away April 6th. He had been a member of our chapter since 1986.

The answer to last month's riddle: WHAT GOES UP AND DOWN WITHOUT MOVING? (Stairs)

Have some sunshine fun by answering this month's riddle: HOW MUCH DIRT IS IN A HOLE 4 FEET DEEP AND 2 FEET WIDE? You can email or phone me 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 use a little sunshine in their life. Marcele: 575-521-4954 or [marcele@skelton.net](mailto:marcele@skelton.net)



**Welcome!  
New Chapter  
Member**

**Chuck Booth**

Chuck and his wife, Helen, recently moved to Las Cruces from Maryland. Chuck has been a member of NARFE since he retired in 2001. He worked most of his Federal career for the Medicare and Medicaid programs within what is now called CMS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. He has three children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren all living in Maryland. He has already attended a few of our meetings. Say "hello" to Chuck at our next meeting and welcome him to our chapter.

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**Welcome!  
New Chapter  
Member**



**Cindy Cook**

Cindy has worked at White Sands Missile Range since 1988. Before that she was a Federal employee in Grafenwoehr, Germany for three years. Her plan is to retire in December of this year. She has four children and four grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, and helping out others when needed. Cindy has attended a few of our meetings, too. Say "hello" to her at our next meeting and welcome her to our chapter.



***Congratulations to our  
Newly Elected NM Federation Chapter Officers***

***Sharon Reese, President  
Mark Mickelson, Legislative VP  
Marlene Mayfield, Secretary  
Lee Tomlin, Treasurer***



**MAY 13TH**



**JUNE 17TH**



*Membership Notes*

**Dan Carroll**  
*(VP for Membership & Chapter Historian)*

Our Board Members have been working hard on the Chapter Yard Sale to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We lost a great lady in Barbara Bush. She was wife of 41<sup>st</sup> President George H.W. Bush and mother of 43<sup>rd</sup> President George W. Bush. Wow! Membership has been going down due to deaths and members moving. We still have a cadre of 280 members and one of the best chapters in the state. New Medicare ID cards are coming. Your social security number will no longer be displayed on card. Be careful as scammers are using this angle in one of their latest schemes. If someone calls and says they are with Medicare and asking to confirm your personal data don't fall for it. Medicare isn't going to call you. They communicate by old fashioned mail.

Next meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup> at Hilton Garden Inn. See you there! Support Alzheimer's research by participating in our raffle following the business portion of meeting.

*Join Us!*



*2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Legislation*

**Judy Rosco**

I attended the 2018 NM Federation Convention in Tucumcari, NM, 19-21 April, and was blown away by the preparation and dedication that the Tucumcari Chapter provided, from the Presentation of the Colors by the Air Force Color Guard, to the closing Benediction.

Jessica Klement, NARFE Staff VP for Advocacy, gave a two-hour presentation. A video from Barbara Sido, NARFE Executive Director was introduced and Barbara talked about the direction NARFE will be going in the future. Also a video from Richard Thissen, NARFE President, was presented and he expressed his appreciation to the members for attending and supporting the 2018 Federation Convention. He urged all members to be diligent in contacting their members of Congress on matters dear to NARFE's heart...their EARNED benefits. Don't let anyone tell you your benefits are *entitlements*; you have EARNED your benefits!

Keep those letters flowing to your Senators and Congressman. Please contact your representatives through the NARFE Advocacy Site at <http://www.narfe.org/legislation/index.cfm?fa=voterVoice>.



**Ways 'N Means (Craig Singleton)**

Just a few more days until the NARFE Chapter 182 YARD SALE will be held. Saturday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** is the date. The place is the home of Sharon and Roy Willoughby, **3142 McDowell Rd, Mesilla Park**. Proceeds go into our Ways and Means fund.

Big items are most welcome, they do attract attention. Any items that you can price in advance are especially welcome and would save us time. We haven't had much luck with selling clothing but accessories do well. If you need help getting your donations to the yard sale, we will be happy to pick them up. Items will need to be ready for pick up on April 30th so that we can arrange a convenient time. Please contact me, Craig Singleton (575) 373-0705, Carol & Bob Main (575) 382-7686, Roy & Sharon Willoughby (575) 524-9395 or Sharon Reese (575) 532-9422 to make arrangements.

I want to thank all of those members who have already signed up to help. If you would like to help with the pricing or on the day of the sale even for an hour or two, contact any of the POC's listed above. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday 2 May – Delivery of items and pricing after 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 3 May – Delivery of items and pricing continues after 9:00 a.m.

Friday 4 May – Delivery of items and pricing continues after 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday 5 May – Gather at 6:30 a.m. - Open to the Public at 8:00 a.m.**



**Report on the  
New Mexico Federation Convention  
Sharon Reese  
(Chapter 182 President & NM Federation President)**



The 55<sup>th</sup> New Mexico Federation Convention was held April 19-21 at The Tucumcari Convention Center, Tucumcari, NM.

Attendees from Chapter 182 were: Sharon & John Reese, Judy Rosco, Marlene Mayfield, Mary Ellen & Franklin McKay, Bob & Carol Main, Irv & Marcelle Skelton, Jim Kielty, Woody Woodard, Nadine Boor, and Cathy Phillips.

Thursday, April 19: A “welcome reception” was well attended which included piano music by Kevin Mueller.

Friday, April 20: The opening ceremonies included an Invocation by Sharon Huffman, Presentation of colors by Cannon Air Force Base Color Guard, and welcomes which included Tucumcari Mayor Litchfield.

Congressional Representatives included Ben Salazar, Senator Tom Udall; Dave Nezzi, Senator Martin Heinrich, and Sharon Reese read a letter from Representative Michele Lujan-Grisham.

The Keynote Speaker was Jessica Klement, Staff Vice President for Advocacy. She provided an extensive report on current happenings that affect current employees and retirees. Then she had another timeframe that included what the National Office is planning for the future.

The Resolutions/Bylaws Committee Chair Lee Tomlin turned over the proceedings to Marlene Mayfield. The proposed revised bylaws were approved. The Standing Rules had minor revisions and were approved as amended. The Approved Revised Bylaws and Standing Rules will be signed by the Federation Acting Secretary, Mark Mickelsen and will be sent to Jon Dowie, National Secretary/Treasurer for signature.

Federation Officer Elections were conducted. Your Federation new officers are Sharon Reese, President; Executive Vice President - Membership position is Vacant; Mark Mickelsen, Vice President - Legislation; Marlene Mayfield, Secretary; and Lee Tomlin, Treasurer.

The Memorial Ceremony was conducted by Betty Hicks and the District Vice Presidents. Carol Main stood in for SW District VP Sharon Willoughby.

The Banquet was catered at the Convention Center by K-Bob’s. The recipient of the Tony Genta Award for “Dedicated and Meritorious Service to NARFE” was Billie Jean Zinter, Albuquerque Chapter. The newly elected Federation Officers were installed. The entertainment was a local four member country band, Tucumcari Crossroads.

Saturday, April 21: Lorna Howerton read a report from Rodney Adelman, Region VII Vice President as he was not able to attend.

Reports of the officers were in the program and no questions were asked. However, the Treasurer’s report was given in person (nothing in writing to the attendees). The Federation is financially sound.

All in all this was a good convention with 64 attendees. The Tucumcari members (30) did a very good job in hosting this convention.





**Service Officer Report**

*Jim Kiely*

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FIGURES  
FOR JANUARY-MARCH 2018  
REFLECT STEADY RISE**

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-Allowance (COLA) in 2019, stood at 243.463 in March 2018 after registering 241.919 in January and 242.988 in February. The 243.463 figure for March 2018 is 1.58 percent higher than the 2017 CPI-W average for July- September 2017, which was 239.668. The April 2018 CPI-W will be released on May 10.

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 average of 239.668, which is the reference point for determining if there will be a COLA increase. The July-September 2018 average must exceed the July-September 2017 average for a 2019 COLA to be authorized.

**Our chapter membership  
is 280 members strong!  
We had 51 members and guests at our April  
meeting with 496 volunteer hours.**



*Mary  
Ellen  
McKay*

**Winner!**

**Chuck James held another impromptu auction at our April Alzheimer's raffle. Several people bid on a bottle of wine donated by Mary Beth Rinehart. Mary Ellen McKay was the winner. She looks happy doesn't she? Thanks to all! (Sarah McAdoo)**

**NARFE-PAC Report  
*Mary Ellen McKay***

The NARFE-PAC report at the recent New Mexico Association of Chapters Conference held in Tucumcari was very positive. The report was given by Linda Clarke, Federation NARFE-PAC Chairman.

Since January of 2017 (note that is 2017 not 2018) New Mexico Chapters have given \$10,065.50. I think that is a total to be proud of. There are 15 sustainers in New Mexico. In that time frame, our Chapter has contributed \$3,077.50.

The recent Conference also raised \$145.00 for NARFE-PAC. I feel it is evident that New Mexico NARFE members value supporting Congress members who are supportive of NARFE issues.

Good Job.



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

**Welcome New Prospective Members:  
*John Hackworth  
John Schlegel***

We would like to see you at the May 12 meeting. Come meet your fellow chapter members.

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](mailto: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.

**Chapter Bylaws/Resolutions Committee Recommendations, Page 1**

Number	CHAPTER 182 Recommendation	Type	Subject	Effect	National Bylaws/Res Committee Recommendation
1801	REJECT	Bylaws	Term Limit Exception	Allow president to run for third consecutive term.	REJECT
1802	ADOPT	Bylaws	NARFE Executive Director	Spells out duties of executive director	ADOPT
1803	ADOPT	Bylaws	Federations	Defines federation membership/organization	ADOPT
1804	ADOPT	Bylaws	Committees	Redefines committees.	ADOPT
1805	ADOPT	Bylaws	Proxies	Disallows proxies on NEB	ADOPT
1807	REJECT	Standing Rule	Access to Lists and Labels	Defines access to labels for federation candidates	REJECT
1808	REJECT	Standing Rule	Timing of Ballot Votes	Issue month of magazine coincides with conference	REJECT
1809	REJECT	Standing Rule	Expand Federation Duties	Federations become communications hub	REJECT
1811	REJECT	Standing Rule	Membership Lists & Labels	Removes language from standing rules	ADOPT
1813	REJECT	Bylaws	Reallocate Chapter Dues	Reallocates new member dues from federation to chapters	REJECT
1818	ADOPT	Bylaws	Clarify National Membership	Replaces "national" with "association"	ADOPT
1819	REJECT	Bylaws	First Year Chapter Fee	Extends period of chapter fee receipt to six months	REJECT
1820	ADOPT	Bylaws	Publication of Roll Call Vote	Requires publication of board votes on policy changes.	REJECT
1824	ADOPT	Standing Rule	Federations and Chapters	Incorporates OCM and OMOV into federations/chapters	ADOPT
1826	ADOPT	Bylaws	Publication of NEB Agendas	Requires publication of board agendas 7 days ahead	REJECT
1827	ADOPT	Bylaws	Changes to Regions	Requires a two-thirds vote to change regions	REJECT

**Chapter Bylaws/Resolutions Committee Recommendations Page 2**

1828	ADOPT	Bylaws	Renew Chapter Membership	Change to renewal form	REJECT
1829	REJECT	Bylaws	Member Category Names	Changes "national" to "non-chapter" members	REJECT
1840R	REJECT		NARFE Cannot do it Alone	Forms a new coalition of similar interest organizations	REJECT
1846R	REJECT	Consolidation of Rosters		Consolidates national and chapter member data	REJECT
BC01	REJECT	Bylaws	Supporting Members (1806/1810)	Allows those supporting NARFE mission as nonvoting members	ADOPT
BC02	ADOPT	Bylaws	RVP Term Limits	Restricts RVPs from serving more than three consecutive term	ADOPT
BC03	ADOPT	Bylaws	Vacancies	Allows NEB to fill vacancy in president from NEB	ADOPT
BCR-01	ADOPT		Membership Forms	Requests review and possible redesign of membership forms	ADOPT
BQ 1*	REJECT		Voting	Preferential Voting Explained	
BQ 2*	ADOPT		Articles of Incorporation	Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association	
BQ 3*	ADOPT		Executive Board	NARFE National Executive Board Resolution: Secretary/Treasurer Salary	
NEB01	REJECT		Bylaw	Article IX, Amendments (procedure eliminated a single member from submitting an amendment)	ADOPT

BQ = Ballott Question





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*Return Service Requested*



**YOUR VOTE COUNTS! 2018 NARFE ELECTIONS**  
NARFE members will vote on candidates for office and proposed bylaws and resolutions in the June 2018 edition of the narfe Magazine or online. Find FAQs, candidate statements, ballot questions and proposed bylaws and resolutions.

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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 **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](mailto:lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com).