



**NARFE**

*National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association*

***"Protecting the Future for Retired and  
Current Federal Employees"***

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***Chapter President  
And  
NM Federation President***

***Sharon Reese***

I ask each of you to go to pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter and take the time to provide your input on our Member's Survey. This is very important to your board as we want to utilize your comments to improve your services. Now you may return the survey via mail or you can bring it to the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have a box so no one will know who completed the surveys.

It's the beginning of a new year where many of us start to clean out our paperwork. The American Document Services, 300 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, provides veterans, the disabled, or those 60 years of age, with 100 pounds free shredding on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00-11:30 or 1:00-5:00 only! For any questions, please call **575-847-0060**.

Do you want to interact with National Officers and get first-hand information on issues pertaining to NARFE members? Here is your opportunity!!!! Attend the joint New Mexico Federation and Region VII Conference April 4-6 at the Hotel Encanto. The price is too good to pass up – only \$125.00 which includes a lunch and the banquet. A registration form is attached to this newsletter. Mail it in or give it to Sharon Willoughby at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The committee is diligently working on making this a conference to remember. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of our committees, please let us know. Also, we are in the process of selecting our entertainment for the banquet. You can attend a performance of the Las Cruces Ukes on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 in the Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan. Let us know what you think of them!

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***Programs***

***Franklin  
McKay***

**General Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.**  
**Esparanza Room, Hilton Garden Inn**

***"Aggies Without Limits"***

***Founded in 2007 in the  
College of Engineering***

**Aggies Without Limits** helps those in need throughout the world by involving Aggie students in sustainable engineering projects, ultimately fostering the development of internationally and environmentally responsible students and professionals.

Come join us and learn more about this wonderful Aggies Program.

***Breakfast Buffet: \$13 cash only***  
***Reservations: NLT Feb 5th***

***Call Carol Main (382-7686) or  
Carol Smith (522-3033)***

***Join Us***

***President's Message***  
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I have also attached my NM Federation Newsletter for those who are receiving our newsletters through the regular mail. I hope all of you who receive email have already received the Federation Newsletter and had a chance to read it. I just want to make sure **all** Chapter 182 members receive the information.

I hope to see you at our February 9<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn! Sharon

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***NOTICE ABOUT  
NARFE MAGAZINE  
MAILING LABEL***

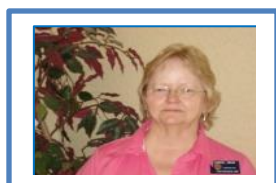
Did you notice that your address label on your recent copies of the **NARFE** Magazine no longer has your NARFE ID number on it? We noticed because we always remind our chapter members to look at the address label if you need your ID number, especially if you are recruiting a new member and want to get credit for that recruiting effort! NARFE Headquarters has notified us that they are aware of the problem and are working on getting it placed back on future issues.



***Dan Carroll***  
***2<sup>nd</sup> VP for  
Membership &  
Chapter Historian***

We now have **280** members in our chapter. Wow! Health Fair recruiting efforts paid off for 2018.

Our Federation Convention is coming up in April 2019. More to come in future articles. On the topic of conventions, I recently saw a hilarious movie on television on the Turner Classic Movies (TCM) channel called "Sons of the Desert" starring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. They were members of a fraternal organization called the "Sons of the Desert" which was having its annual convention in Chicago, Illinois. Stan and Ollie went without their wives' knowledge but their scheme went awry when the wives went to the local movie theater and saw a newsreel that showed Stan and Ollie in the convention's parade in Chicago. The wives had a big welcome home for the two and it was a riot. The film was made in 1942 and directed by Hal Roach. See you at the movies!



***Records  
Officer***

***Carol Main***



Welcome New Member: ***Donald Jansen***

We would like to see you at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Come meet your fellow chapter members.

Our chapter membership is **280** members strong! We had 50 members and guests at our January meeting with 331 volunteer hours and 48 members with 410 volunteer hours at our December meeting.

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.



*1st VP for  
Legislation*

*Judy Rosco*



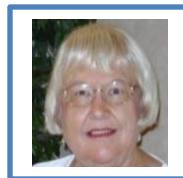
I attended a “Come and Go Chat” for Congresswoman Xochitl Torres Small on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber of Commerce offices. There were approximately 25-30 people in attendance. We had a round table discussion and each attendee was asked to give their name, the organization they were representing, and a couple of issues they were concerned about. Of course I spoke about the government furlough and although I am retired, the shutdown of the government is affecting my family. I told her I hoped to visit her in March when I attend the NARFE FEDcon19 legislative training.

Congresswoman Torres Small has been appointed to the highly sought after House Armed Services Committee. She seems to be a representative that wants to solve issues for the people of New Mexico. I believe she will be amenable to the issues facing current and retired federal employees and I am looking forward to working with her. She still does not have any offices established in the state but you can email her at:

<https://torressmall.house.gov>.



*Judy Rosco (representing NARFE Chapter 182) meets Congresswoman Torres Small at the “Come and Go Chat” on January 20<sup>th</sup>.*



*Sunshine  
Report  
Marcele  
Skelton*



We need more sunshine to help us keep warm on these cold days. At least we don't have to deal with the snow, sleet and ice storms happening in several other states.

Since our December newsletter, a sympathy card was sent to Mike McMullen, whose wife, Meriam, passed away. Meriam was a former president of our chapter. A sympathy card was sent to chapter member, Joyce Hageman, whose husband passed away. A sympathy card was also sent to Jean Hay whose husband, Paul, passed away. Paul was a past chapter member.

A get well card was sent to Rodney Adleman, Region VII Vice President, who is experiencing some health issues. Thinking of you cards were sent to Sharon Wooden who was hospitalized and in rehab, and to Marlene Mayfield who injured her wrist.

***The answer to our Christmas riddle: HOW DO SHEEP IN MEXICO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS? (FLEECE NAVIDAD)***

Have some fun by answering our Valentine riddle: ***WHAT DID THE HAMBURGER GIVE TO HIS SWEETHEART 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 use a little sunshine in their life. Marcelle (575-521-4954) or [marcele@skelton.net](mailto:marcele@skelton.net).

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!*





*Service Officer Report (Jim Kielty)*

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FIGURES FOR  
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2018  
REFLECT SLIGHT DOWNWARD 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 2020, stood at 244.786 in December 2018 after registering 247.038 in October and 245.933 in November. The 244.786 CPI-W figure for December is -0.64 % lower than the 2018 CPI-W average for July-September 2018, which was 246.352.

To determine if there will be a COLA in 2020, the CPI-W figures for July-September 2019 will be averaged and compared with the July-September average CPI-W of 246.352, which is the reference point for determining if there will be a COLA in 2020. The July-September 2019 average must exceed the July-September 2018 average for a COLA to be authorized in 2020.



**PREPARATION FOR INCOME TAX SEASON**

With the arrival of the new year, tax preparation for the 2018 tax year is upon us. One of the key elements for efficient and timely 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 your residence or mailing address 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.servicesonline.opm.gov](http://www.servicesonline.opm.gov); or by sending OPM an email 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 2019, you may request a duplicate from OPM by calling the 1-888-767-6738 number, which is staffed from 5:40 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Mountain Time Monday-Friday. You may also go to the OPM website at [www.servicesonline.opm.gov](http://www.servicesonline.opm.gov) and use your OPM-provided Personal Identification Number (PIN) to view, print, or request a duplicate Form 1099R.

Federal retirees and survivor annuitants need to be aware that the Form 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.servicesonline.opm.gov](http://www.servicesonline.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 hardship for those individuals who are not computer literate or do not have ready access to a computer.



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### **DON'T FORGET!**

**Please help us by completing the  
*Member Survey* on pages 7 and 8  
and return either by mail or bring it  
to our February meeting.  
Thank you!**

*You Need NARFE and NARFE Needs You!*

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**U.S. Representative Xochitl Torres Small (D) (Dist 2)**  
<https://torressmall.house.gov>

#### **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: [lascrucschapter182@yahoo.com](mailto:lascrucschapter182@yahoo.com).





**National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
Region VII Arizona-Colorado-New Mexico-Utah-Wyoming**

**New Mexico Federation Conference and Region VII Conference  
April 4 – April 6, 2019**

**Registration Deadline: March 13, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(One person per form) (Please PRINT)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

NARFE State Federation \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

I am a (circle one only) Federation Officer Chapter Officer Chapter Member Guest

In case of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Need \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for New Mexico Federation Conference only: \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee for NM Federation & Region VII Conferences: \$125.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(includes Reception, Breaks, Lunch and Banquet)

Lunch: **CIRCLE CHOICE**: Mexican Club Dijon Chicken Salad

Banquet: **CIRCLE CHOICE**: Grilled Salmon Spanish Marinated Pork Loin

**FOR GUESTS or VISITORS Only PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE**

( ) \$15.00 Reception \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) \$25.00 Lunch – **circle choice** – Mexican Club Dijon Chicken Salad \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) \$50.00 Banquet – **circle choice** - Grilled Salmon Spanish Marinated Pork Loin \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION NOTES: (READ CAREFULLY)**

1/ Each attendee must complete a separate registration form.

2/ Registration forms must be postmarked no later than March 13, 2019 and forwarded with accompanying fees to: Sharon Willoughby, Conference Treasurer, P.O. Box 16424, Las Cruces NM 88004-6424

Makes checks payable to: **2019 NARFE Conferences**. Conference registration fees are refundable if requested prior to April 1, 2019. Please contact **Sharon Willoughby, 575-524-9395**, or [swillowbee@comcast.net](mailto:swillowbee@comcast.net), for questions and/or refund.

Hotel Information: (NOTE: Cut-off date is Wednesday, March 13, 2019) Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, NM. 1-866-383-0443 (Code: NARFE) Rooms \$94.00 + tax 13.3125% + \$2.50 Convention Center Fee or \$109.00 per night. (Problems? Call Sharon Reese: 575-649-6035.)

**CHAPTER OPERATIONS MEMBER SURVEY  
FEBRUARY 2019**

As our Chapter continues to seek ways to provide value to members, it is important to hear from you. This survey will ask about chapter meetings and activities, preferred methods of communication, and members' needs and expectations from the chapter.

If you could take a few minutes to answer this survey and return it to:

NARFE Chapter 182, Attn: Sharon Reese, PO Box 16424, Las Cruces, NM 88004-6424 or bring it to our meeting February 9, 2019. You will help us determine how the chapter provides services to the membership. Questions about this survey should be directed to Sharon Reese, 575-649-6035 or [nmreeses@msn.com](mailto:nmreeses@msn.com). Results will be published in our March Newsletter.

Your city/town \_\_\_\_\_

Member of chapter for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s).

Is your spouse a chapter member?

( ) Yes      ( ) No

Do you consider yourself an active member of this chapter?

( ) Yes    ( ) No    ( ) Not Sure

Personally, how committed do you feel to this chapter? (check one)

- ( ) Very Strongly  
( ) Strongly  
( ) Moderately  
( ) Slightly  
( ) Not at all  
( ) Don't know

Have you recruited a new member in the past 12 months?

- ( ) Yes    ( ) No  
( ) Plan to in the next few months

How many chapter meetings or activities have you attended in the past 12 months?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you attend chapter meetings?  
(Check all that apply)

- ( ) Socialize  
( ) Hear interesting speakers  
( ) Just to get out  
( ) Chapter Officer/Chair  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

What would prevent you from participating in chapter activities? (Check all that apply)

- ( ) Scheduling conflict  
( ) Health concerns  
( ) Primary caregiver to someone  
( ) Don't have reliable transportation  
( ) Not interested in programs/speakers  
( ) Don't know anyone who will be there  
( ) Don't learn about activities/meetings in time  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAPTER OPERATIONS MEMBER SURVEY

What program areas would you like to see at future chapter meetings?  
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Health update
- ☐ Retirement laws
- ☐ Finances
- ☐ Travel
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Politics, current/international events
- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Small Business
- ☐ Tax (and life) planning
- ☐ Volunteer opportunities
- ☐ Fitness
- ☐ Legal issues (wills, trusts, etc.)
- ☐ Technology
- ☐ Today's markets/investments
- ☐ Hobbies
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in participating in more chapter activities?

- ☐ Yes    ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

If you would like someone to talk to you about opportunities where you can participate in chapter programs, activities or leadership, please provide your name, phone number, and email. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is the chapter doing right? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What could the chapter do differently? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which meeting times are most convenient for you? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Morning    ☐ Weekday    ☐ Weekend
- ☐ Lunch time    ☐ Weekday    ☐ Weekend
- ☐ Early Evening    ☐ Weekday    ☐ Weekend
- ☐ Evening (7:30 pm)    ☐ Weekday    ☐ Weekend
- ☐ Weekends
- ☐ Depends on time of year

What is the preferred method of chapter communication to you?

- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Telephone
- ☐ Bulletins or alerts
- ☐ Legislative updates
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Notices posted in newspapers

In what areas would you like to participate?

- (Check all that apply)
- ☐ Assist with a special event
  - ☐ Help with communications
  - ☐ Assist with meetings
  - ☐ Aid committee leaderships
  - ☐ Lend a hand with legislative affairs