



**Las Cruces Chapter 182**  
**REPORTER**

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National Web Site: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)

Local Web Site: <http://www.narfe-nm.net/ch0182/ch0182.html>



**General Meeting: Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m.**

**Creative Arts Room at the  
Good Samaritan Village  
Program: Film Las Cruces  
(Mr. Jonathon Sepp)**

**Cost: \$13.00 for Breakfast Buffet  
Reservations: Call Carol Main at  
575-382-7686 NLT 29 March**



Our April program will be Mr. Jonathon Sepp, Film Liaison for Film Las Cruces. Working for Film Las Cruces, Mr. Sepp maintains a film liaison office focused on the development and promotion of the film and entertainment arts industries in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, and Southern New Mexico. He assists in the promotion and development of film and entertainment arts production infrastructure in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County and he collaborates with regional academic institutions, professional film workforce development organizations, and the community to develop and sustain a trained film and entertainment arts workforce.

Come join us and learn about Film Las Cruces. Who knows, you could be the next Las Cruces Film star!

Our final program in May will be Staci Mays, Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Any ideas for programs are always welcome. Please contact me with your ideas by email, [md.harris1@comcast.net](mailto:md.harris1@comcast.net) or at our meeting. Your input is valuable to successful programs.

*(Donna Harris, Program Chair)*



**FEDCON22**  
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FEDcon22 is the premier conference for the federal community. Attendees will engage in leadership development, receive comprehensive federal benefits and financial planning information and make connections with colleagues from across the federal community. We're looking forward to seeing you in person August 21-23 in Scottsdale, Arizona. See additional comments and information on this conference from our Chapter President on Page 2.



***NM Federation and Chapter 182 President  
(Sharon Reese)***



Spring is in the air and Easter is just around the corner! Life is getting back to normal – it's been a long time coming. It has been nice having in-person meetings with many of you attending.

I do want to apologize to anyone who had their ballots returned. We did have an issue with the Post Office but it has been rectified. During our March meeting we had nominations for Sharon Willoughby and Craig Singleton for Treasurer. Craig declined the nomination and Sharon accepted the nomination. The Ballot and Teller Committee received all the email ballots, in-person ballots, and a few mail-in ballots. Your new board is: President (Sharon Reese), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Legislation (Judy Rosco), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership (Dan Carroll), Secretary (Marlene Mayfield), and Treasurer (Sharon Willoughby). The new board will be installed at our 9 April meeting. We thank Marsha Smith for serving as our Chapter Treasurer for the last two years.

The National Conference (FEDcon22) will be held at the Kierland Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, 21-23 August. Your board has approved a reimbursement to each member attending the conference of \$250.00. The early bird registration is open and is \$190.00. The hotel rates are \$115.00 plus taxes per double room. It is 360 miles from Las Cruces to the Kierland Resort with an estimated driving time of 6 hours. For budgeting purposes, if you think you will attend please let a board member know. This will be included in the proposed budget in May that members will be voting on. Please consider this conference as there are many valuable and informative sessions not to mention being able to make connections with members you haven't seen for some time. Additional information is available in the *NARFE Magazine* and you can get details and register at the [FEDcon22 website](#).

All members will have the opportunity to vote for a National President (4 Candidates), National Secretary (1 Candidate), and Region VII Vice President (2 Candidates), as well as many National Bylaw and Standing Rule Amendments. Information will be published in the May *NARFE Magazine* and in the Chapter 182 May Newsletter. Voting will take place in August electronically or by mail-in ballot.

The New Mexico Federation will NOT be holding an annual meeting this year as only our Chapter and Sierra County (Truth or Consequences) Chapter are holding in-person meetings. Officer reports will be sent out in a New Mexico Federation Newsletter in May.



***Alzheimer's (Cindy Cook)***

Our Chapter's Executive Board has decided to send all our donations to Alzheimer's quarterly instead of monthly. We have also decided to split the donations between National Alzheimer's and our local Alzheimer's Association. We appreciate our members who participate in our raffles and who donate prizes. If you need assistance or have questions regarding Alzheimer's care, please contact our local Alzheimer's office:



NM Chapter Alzheimer's Association  
SW Regional Office  
1155 S Telshor #202, Las Cruces  
575-647-3868  
(alz.org/newmexico)  
24/7 Helpline: 800-272-3900



### ***Judy Rosco, VP Legislation***

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed  
House Bill 163 on March 8, 2022.



This Bill includes many of her priorities intended to keep more money in the pockets of New Mexicans, including exempting social security income from taxation and cutting the state's gross receipts tax rate for the first time in 40 years. House Bill 163 is sponsored by Rep. Christine Chandler, Rep. Javier Martinez, Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena, Sen. Peter Wirth, and Sen. Michael Padilla.

- The bill eliminates taxation on social security, saving New Mexico seniors over \$84 million next year.
- The bill also cuts the state's gross receipts tax rate by an eighth of a percent starting July 1, 2022 and ramps up to a quarter-percent reduction on July 1, 2023, saving New Mexico businesses and consumers nearly \$200 million when fully implemented.
- The bill also includes a one-time, refundable income tax rebate of \$500 for married couples filing joint returns with incomes under \$150,000, and \$250 for single filers with income under \$75,000, which will save New Mexicans about \$312 million.

Legislators will meet in a special session on April 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss fuel rebates spending. The agreement comes as New Mexico – the nation's No. 2 oil producer – enjoys a revenue boom but consumers are hit by high gasoline prices. Legislators are reviewing the possibility of one-time checks of \$110 to \$160 for each tax filer or twice that for couples who file jointly. They may also limit the rebates to filers who made under \$75,000 last year or under \$150,000 as a couple.

(The above information is reported by [DAN MCKAY / JOURNAL STAFF WRITER.](#))

**HAPPY SPRING!!!!**



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

Spring is on the horizon. We now have 225 members in our local Chapter 182. Next general meeting is on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This year tax returns are due on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Full moon (Mary Ellen) coming up on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Easter is on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Quote of the month: "The worst loneliness is not to be comfortable with yourself."—Mark Twain. He is one of my favorites besides Yogi Berra and the fortune cookies from China Star Restaurant on El Paseo here in Las Cruces. Have a good month and see you at the movies.

*please  
join us*



### *Sunshine Report (Marcelle Skelton)*

We are getting more sunshine every day. With Daylight Saving Time kicking in and the winds abating, we are ready to celebrate spring. April has been called the "spring fever" month. It begins with the frivolous April Fool's Day, proceeds to the religious holiday, Easter, and motivates the outdoor activities--gardening, hiking and baseball. Enjoy April!



A get well card was sent to Franklin McKay, who fell and is in rehab. Franklin served as our chapter program chairman. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Loyd and Marjorie Hutson. Marjorie passed away November 27, 2021. Loyd passed away December 2, 2021. Loyd joined our chapter after the Silver City chapter closed. The Hutsons lived in Valley View, Texas. A sympathy card was sent to Libby Stoops, wife of Morgan Stoops, who passed away March 8. Libby and Morgan became our chapter members after the Deming chapter closed and they attended our chapter meetings. A sympathy card was sent to Linda Ritchie, whose husband, Dale, passed away March 9. Linda transferred to Chapter 182 after the Alamogordo chapter closed.

Have some fun by answering this Easter riddle: WHAT IS THE EASTER BUNNY'S FAVORITE VEGETABLE?

The answer to the March riddle: WHEN IS AN IRISH POTATO NOT AN IRISH POTATO? (When it is a French fry.)

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)



**Donna Harris** (Chapter 182 Program Chair) and **Aubrie Krause** (Firefighter/Paramedic with the Las Cruces Fire Department)

Firefighter Krause presented a very informative program at the March 12<sup>th</sup> NARFE meeting which included all types of safety information for your home. For those of you who missed this program, we hope to have her back in the future.

Try this...

"Why is it nearly impossible to do the following? Sit in a chair with both feet on the ground. Then lift your right foot a couple of inches off the floor and make a clockwise circular motion with your foot. At the same time, try to write the number six in the air with your right hand." Well?

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Did you know?

The CDC is now recommending you wear a face mask over your eyes when pumping gas to prevent heart attacks!





*Service Officer (Jim Kielty)*



### INFLATION CONTINUES TO PUSH CONSUMER PRICE INDEX UPWARD IN FEBRUARY 2022

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 2023, continued to rise in February 2022. The February 2022 CPI-W was 278.943, 0.96 percent higher than the January 2022 CPI-W of 276.296. The 278.943 figure for February 2022 was 3.92 percent above the average CPI-W for the third quarter of 2021 (July-September 2021), which was 268.421. The 268.421 figure is the reference point which must be exceeded for a 2023 COLA to be authorized. The average CPI-W figure for the months of July-September 2022 will be compared with the 268.421 average CPI-W for July-September 2021. If the 2022 CPI-W average exceeds the 2021 CPI-W average, a COLA will go into effect in January 2023. The March 2022 CPI-W will be released on April 12, 2022.



### REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING 2021 FEDERAL TAX RETURNS OR REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE IS APRIL 18

NARFE members are reminded that the filing deadline to submit federal tax returns for the 2021 tax year or to request an extension of time to file is **Monday, April 18** for most taxpayers. By law, the due date is April 18, since Washington, D.C. holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way as federal holidays do. Therefore the due date is April 18 instead of April 15 because of the Emancipation Day holiday in the District of Columbia.



Welcome New Chapter Member  
*Della Apodaca*

We would like to see you at the April 9 meeting.  
Come meet your fellow chapter members.  
Our chapter membership is **225** members strong!

*Carol Main*  
**Records Officer  
&  
Telephone  
Committee Chair**

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.







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Chapter 182  
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***You Need NARFE and NARFE Needs You!***

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#### **NARFE Monthly Meetings**

The Las Cruces Chapter of the **National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association** normally holds a breakfast meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month except in June, July, and August. The meeting is held from 0830-1100 at the Good Samaritan Village (Creative Arts Room/First Floor), Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. Reservations are required and breakfast cost is \$13. All members, those who 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 (575-382-7686)** or email: [lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com](mailto:lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com).

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