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**National Active & Retired
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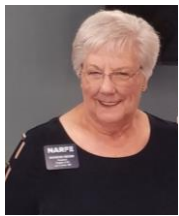
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**NM Federation and Chapter 182 President
(Sharon Reese)**

The past eight months have been very good for our Chapter! We have met every month with very good attendance.

Your new board looks forward to the next year! Officers were installed by our past Chapter President “Woody” Woodard. We are already busy planning for our future. As it stands today, we will have 12 Chapter Members attending **FEDcon22**, our National Conference at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale. Information on the conference is in the last edition of the **NARFE** Magazine. Just want to remind you that any Chapter member attending will be reimbursed \$250.00 to help offset some of the expenses. You still have time for early registration -- \$190 by 13 May.

Your May magazine will contain information on all candidates for National President (4 candidates), National Secretary/Treasurer (1 candidate) and 10 Regional Vice Presidents, as well as Bylaw Resolutions (currently 11). Region VII has two candidates, Ted Van Hintum, Colorado Federation President and myself, New Mexico Federation President. Voting will take place July 15th through August 30th. Previously I had stated that I would provide information on the Bylaw Resolutions as well as on the Candidates and our voting process. I have been told that Rodney Adelman, Region VII Vice President and Etta Brant (Arizona Vice President) are working on training for all of our region members on all resolutions as well as candidates. In the meantime, you can go to <https://fedhub.narfe.org> and read all about these items. You can also participate in conversations regarding the bylaws and candidates.

We plan on having a yard sale next April/May. More information will be provided in the coming months. Remember that the monies raised at our yard sales help provide you, our great members, the

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Mesilla Valley Hospice
Honoring Life

General Meeting:
8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 14th
Creative Arts Room at the
Good Samaritan Village

Our May program will be presented by **Christine May** and **Lorraine Padilla** of Mesilla Valley Hospice. Since 1982, Mesilla Valley Hospice has provided end-of-life care 24 hours a day for patients who have been diagnosed with an illness that limits their life expectancy to six months or less.

Come join us and learn about this very important facility. There is a cost of \$13.00 for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45, and reservations must be made by May 3rd by calling **Carol Main** at **575-382-7686**.



**Chapter
Program Chair**

Donna Harris



President Sharon Reese

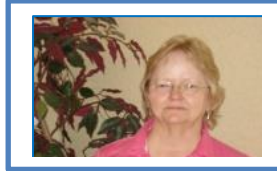
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opportunity to be reimbursed for some of your expenses at conferences. We average \$1500 at each yard sale. So, save your items for next spring!

Next spring we will also be having a New Mexico Federation Conference. Election will be held at that time of the Federation President, Executive Vice President (Legislation), Vice President (Membership), Secretary, Treasurer and Bylaw Resolutions. More information will be provided at a later date.

We also are looking for two members to be appointed "Member at Large" for our Chapter Executive Board. This provides you the opportunity to learn the responsibilities of all committees and your elected officials. Maybe you will want to run for an office or chair a committee! Our Board meetings are held the Wednesday prior to our Chapter Saturday meeting, in the Kiva Room, Good Samaritan, at 9 a.m. Also, any member is welcome to attend. We do have coffee for attendees! We hope to see some new faces at the meetings.

I hope that everyone has a fabulous summer. With things opening up again we are able to travel for fun and visit family members. ENJOY! Sharon



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Carol Main

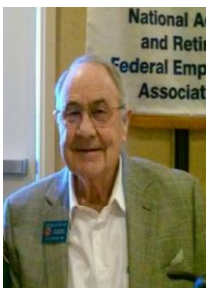
Welcome New Chapter Member:

Dave Fox

We would like to see you at the May 14 meeting. Come meet your fellow chapter members.

Our chapter membership is **223** members strong!

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.



**Franklin
McKay**



In Memory

On March 28, 2022 Franklin McKay passed away. Franklin was a very active member of our chapter for over 24 years. He served in the past on our Executive Board as our Programs Coordinator setting up many interesting programs for our monthly meetings. He also assisted in many of our chapter projects over the years such as Book Sales for our Alzheimer's Program, attended Federation and Region Conferences, Federation Legislative Day at the State Capitol where he worked the NARFE Recruiting Table, District Workshops, etc. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, worked together as a great team to keep NARFE going! He was always there with a smile and a helping hand. We will miss him!



Service Officer Report (Jim Kielty)

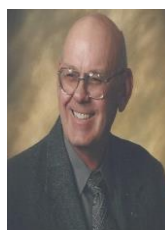
UP, UP AND AWAY! CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SHOWS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT GAIN IN MARCH 2022



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, increased sharply in March 2022 as inflationary pressures continued to drive up prices in many sectors of the economy. The March 2022 CPI-W was 283.176, 1.52 percent higher than the February 2022 CPI-W of 278.943. The 283.176 figure for March 2022 was 5.50 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.

In October 2022 the CPI-W average figure for the months of July-September 2022 will be compared with the 268.421 average CPI-W for the months of 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 April 2022 CPI-W will be released on May 11.

If current trends continue, it is very possible that a COLA in January 2023 may well exceed the 2022 COLA, which was 5.9 percent for those under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and 4.9 percent for those under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).



Federal Employee Education & Assistance (FEEA)

**Find online at: feea.org/hacks
Here you will find information and resources
for all ages and stages of life.**

**For more information call
Roy Willoughby at 575-524-9395.**

IVP for Legislation Judy Rosco



Thanks to our members for reelecting me as the Legislative Officer for our chapter. I have thoroughly enjoyed being in the position and will continue to serve to the best of my ability. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.



VP for Membership & Chapter Historian (Dan Carroll)

End of April was very windy! Should calm down in May but it will start to get hot. We have **223** members in our local chapter. Holidays for May include May 5th (Cinco de Mayo), Mother's Day (May 8th), and Memorial Day (May 30th). Full moon is on May 16th (Mary Ellen). Quote of the month - "Character is the cornerstone of success." It's from a fortune cookie I got at one of my favorite eateries, Golden Star Chinese Restaurant on El Paseo in Las Cruces. Get those swamp coolers going! See you at the movies!

JOIN US



Sunshine Report (Marcelle Skelton)

The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, flowers, trees and shrubs are blooming, and gardens are growing. The month of May acts as the bridge between spring and summer.



During May, we observe several holidays:

May 1 -- May Day

May 5 -- Cinco de Mayo

May 8 -- Mother's Day

May 21 -- Armed Forces Day

May 30 -- Memorial Day

Celebrate the gorgeous month of May!

A sympathy card was sent to Mary Ellen McKay, whose husband, Franklin McKay, passed away March 28. Both Franklin and Mary Ellen have been active NARFE members at the local and state levels.

Have some fun by answering this riddle: I AM BLACK WHEN YOU BUY ME AND ORANGE WHEN YOU USE ME. WHEN I TURN GRAY, YOU THROW ME AWAY. WHAT AM I?

The answer to the Easter riddle: WHAT IS THE EASTER BUNNY'S FAVORITE VEGETABLE?
(*Eggplant*)



May 8th

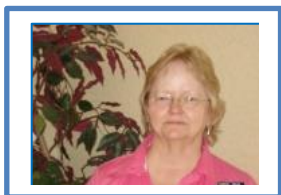


June 19th

NARFE CHAPTER 182 AUDIT REPORT 2022

In compliance with NARFE Chapter 182 Bylaws, our Audit Committee completed an audit of the Treasurer's records. We have a beginning balance of \$7981.53.

We thank our Chapter Audit Committee!



Carol Main



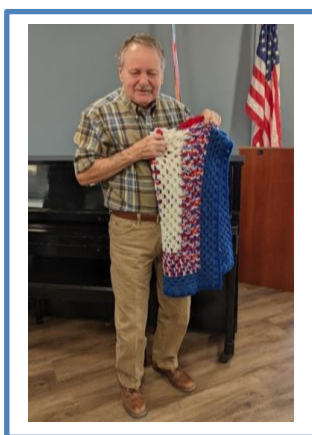
Sharon Willoughby



Craig Singleton



April 2022: Emery “Woody” Woodard (former Chapter 182 President) gave the Oath of Office to the Chapter 182 New Executive Board Members: Judy Rosco (Chapter 1VP/Legislation), Sharon Reese (NM Federation & Chapter 182 President), Marlene Mayfield (NM Federation & Chapter Secretary), Sharon Willoughby (NM Federation and Chapter 182 Treasurer), and Dan Carroll (Chapter 2VP for Membership).



Alzheimer’s Raffle (Cindy Cook)

Chapter Member, Bob Nichols, was the lucky winner of another afghan made and donated by chapter member, Terry Bloom. Bob said he has been collecting these and happily gives them to his granddaughters!

Thanks for all our members who participate in our Alzheimer’s raffles.

**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**



Voting takes place between July 15 and August 30!

The May *NARFE* Magazine has the candidate statements and the August issue of the magazine will include instructions for voting online or by mail.

www.narfe.org/2022election

Region VII includes Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming!

VOTE SHARON REESE FOR REGION VII VICE PRESIDENT



**Candidate for Region VII
Vice President**

**Working together we can
make a difference.**

**I will be your voice and
work on issues important
to you.**

**I would appreciate your
vote!**





I am the Rev. Dr. Gary Roundtree Sr., Ph.D.

I am currently the Regional Vice President of Region II covering the States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.



**I HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR VOTE
AND SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION
OF NARFE NATIONAL PRESIDENT.**

**COMING TOGETHER IS THE BEGINNING
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS**



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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 2nd 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: lascrucescchapter182@yahoo.com.

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