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National Active & Retired Federal Employees
Magic Valley Newsletter

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Presidents Report

WHAT IF THEY CUT OUR ANNUITIES. ??

ARE YOU PREPARED, if your benefits are cut? Are changes coming too Medicare? Have you heard that the Government wants to cut 24% of what Medicare pays Doctors? Do you think that your Doctor will continue to treat you the same if that happens. ? Did you know that the current Healthcare bill will take \$500mil out of Medicare? Do I have your attention?

Idaho is near the bottom of the list of NARFE MEMBERS responding to the requests, of our leadership in NARFE Headquarters. That is the AMERICAN HEARTBEAT PROJECT SPELLED OUT IN THE NARFE JUNE MAGAZINE.

IF YOUR WAITING FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT,
IT MAY NOT GET DONE.

IDAHO CONVENTION REPORT

A Convention report is available at IDNARFE.ORG. I also sent that same report by E-MAIL to all members who have provided there E-

Mail address:

If you did not receive it ,Send me a current E-Mail address, or call me at 308-1670.

My E-Mail address is R_Killgore@yahoo.com

I have finally got most of the E-mail addresses into my new Computer, so I will be sending out weekly Notes, If you don't want them just tell me and I will take you off the list.

We all need to RE-CRURT NEW MEMBERS. Do you have a blank membership form with you? If you meet a former buddy from work, can you hand him a application to join NARFE? The Vice President for Region IX, hands one to the guy at the airport who pats him down before he gets on an airplane. Have you ever thought about that? I must confess, I have-not. But I will from now on.

At our next meeting in Sept. we will pass out the new ones. Doing use an old one that is out of date.

Our next meeting will be Sept 12, hope to see you there.

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Protect America 's Heartbeat: Well over 20,000 NARFE active

Protect America 's Heartbeat to send e-mail messages to the Congress and the White House, and NARFE members have placed over 2,500 calls to Congress and the White House. But with federal employees and annuitants under attack, we cannot rest – we need you to speak up today. Use the Protect America's Heartbeat web site or the telephone instructions listed below to tell the Congress and President you are engaged and will hold them accountable. Click here to tell Congress not to cut your earned benefits!

Telephone Campaign: Launched last week, NARFE's telephone campaign continues. President Joseph Beaudoin urges all members to both call themselves and share the telephone script and steps with everyone in their chapter, district and federation. President Obama and Congress need to hear from you.

Logistics: Reaching policymakers in Washington , D.C. is easy and only takes a few minutes. Even if you've never called Congress before, now is the time. Use the toll free numbers and **follow the simple instructions below:**

Step 1: Dial 1-866-220-0044 for the Capitol. Ask the operator to connect you to your Senator's office or Representative's office or supply your ZIP Code.

Step 2: Tell the staff person who answers the telephone next where you live so they know you are a constituent, then say:

- I am a retired/ active federal employee who [tell the staff person a little about your work].

- I am calling because I want to voice my opposition to any attempt to shift the cost of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program onto employees and retirees.
- IF RETIREE - A FEHBP contribution increase would squeeze millions of middle-class federal retirees like me – most of whom are on a fixed income – forcing seniors to choose between healthcare premiums and groceries and gas.
- IF ACTIVE – A FEHBP contribution increase would be a further burden when we are in the middle of a 2 year Federal pay freeze.
- I also oppose any mandatory increase in the amount that federal employees must contribute to their retirement fund, which is nothing more than a 5% tax on 2.2 million middle-class families.



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SERVING OUR MEMBERS

A message from the IDAHO Federation Chairmen.

I want to thank you all for supporting me and helping me to become your new Idaho Federation president. I promise to do my very best to make our organization as effective as it can be in protecting and improving the earned benefits of federal employees and retirees. I have some big shoes to fill. Bob Conquergood did an outstanding job for the last four years. He followed an outstanding example set by Dorothy Martindale. Our late and most lamented friend, Don Worthington showed us all how it should be done during and after his term as Idaho Federation president.

I obviously can't do this all on my own. I'm counting on our new Southwest Vice President, Bob Mallis, and the rest of the executive board to help set the tone for the next two years. Most important of all is what the members of Chapter #83 and the rest of the chapters in Idaho decide to contribute to the success of the federation and the future of its members and their families. Our political situation is dire. We have few friends in either party, and we're a terribly tempting target for all the budget cutters. The heat the Republican House members have been feeling this spring over their support of Congressman Paul Ryan's plan to privatize Medicare hurts, rather than helps, our own cause. Many politicians on both sides of the aisle are perfectly happy to push the false notion that our pay is too high, our annuities too generous, and our health benefits far better than we deserve. That is certainly the perspective of Idaho's congressional delegation, all four of whom voted for Paul Ryan's budget resolution, which would gouge \$375 billion in earned pay and benefits from federal workers and retirees in the next 10 years - and that's just for starters! If you don't need your annuity and health benefits, do nothing; if you do, don't sit back - step up, and take some responsibility for protecting your own earned benefits. Spend at least some of the time this summer being a big pest to your Congressman, both senators - and the White House, too. How many of our earned benefits we can save, depends entirely on how

much noise you make - how often. Use all the tools available to you on the NARFE website. If you don't own a computer and you can't get to the public library to use theirs, make a phone call or write a letter - or both. When a chapter or federation office becomes vacant, don't wait to be asked - volunteer! It isn't going to be easy, but if we ALL put some effort into it, maybe - just maybe - we might be able to hang on to the income and benefits we paid for and earned.

Arnold F. Hartigan, President Idaho Federation of Chapters



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James Davis and Lee Urie, are shown with some of the items collected at our December meeting.

It has been our Chapter's tradition to collect food items for the Salvation Army at Christmas time. This food is shared with the needy. Once again our Chapter Members were very generous, and helped to brighten the holidays for many Magic Valley families.



Program Chairperson Zenia Williams

I would appreciate any suggestions for our special speakers that can come during 2010
Call 208.324.7613.

Tom Burnikel: is the membership Chairmen, He would like a call from you if you know of someone that should be a NARFE member. Call him at 733-0600.

Sunshine Charmin. Is Judy Pepperdine, Please Contact Judy if you hear of someone that is ill. Judy is also the 1st VP and handles the Alzheimer's fund. Her Telephone # is 420-8837. E-Mail address is JPep-
perdine@Gmail.com.

Regular meetings held every second Monday of the month @11:30 a.m. Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID \$8.43 per person, except June, July and Aug.



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Did you contact one of our Senators, or Congressmen in the last few weeks, about Health care, or the national Dept. If so did you get a response. ??

Do you read the NARFE news releases on the Federation web page?? You can read all the latest publications, as they are posted every Friday. Simply type in WWW.idnarfe.org, on your Browser page.

We need your help at our Chapter meetings each month. We need to get the call comities going again. We need a greeter at each meeting. We can use some help on the newsletter. What are you good at. Pleas help us out. This is your Chapter, don't let it slowly drift away too nothing. Roy Killgore

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Greetings from your Membership Chairman. Due to a few glitches beyond my control, my column has not been in the last two news letters. Here is a recap:

I went to a family reunion in Siren, Wisconsin last summer. It was nice to see old friends and family whom I have not seen in 30 plus years. The town sure has changed and grown a lot and now has a population of about 1,000, but it's still a nice small town. While on this trip I visited an old friend, a retired postal inspector. I noticed a NARFE magazine on his table. It was nice to see that NARFE is known there too.



Driving back to Twin Falls I stopped to eat lunch in North Dakota. I sat next to a letter carrier and he said he was getting close to retirement. I mentioned NARFE to him and he said he never heard of it. This just tells me that we all need to get the word out. The last printout from NARFE I got for Feb 2020 states 5 members were sent 2nd notices for dues and 1 member dropped her membership. For those who don't have dues withholding, it might be a good idea to get it and not have to worry about when it is due.

Well spring is around the corner. Let's hope the weather gets a lot nicer. I'd like a nice warm spring, say starting next week!

Here is a joke for you all:

Taxing down the tarmac, the jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour long wait, it finally took off. A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant "what's the problem"? She responded "The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine" and it took us a while to find a new pilot!!!!

Respectfully,
Tom Burnikel
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