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MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT

(Jeanette Keepers - Federation President)

Next month we will be going to the polls to vote in the mid-term elections. Regardless of your political affiliation, please familiarize yourself with where the candidates stand on NARFE issues. If they are incumbents, review their voting record, which is featured in the special pull-out section in the October issue of the NARFE magazine, pages 29 through 34. If you didn't have a chance to meet with them in the August "Meet Your Candidates" initiative, there is still time to do so this month. The incumbents are on an election recess and should be very willing to meet with their constituents.

If the candidates are new, this is all the more reason to meet with them and present NARFE's position on key issues. You will find a wealth of information on the legislative section of the NARFE website about suggested talking points and how to plan and prepare for the meeting. John Geiger, Federation Legislative Officer, has been very proactive in getting this and other important information to us each month in the e-Newsletter. His past articles are archived on the Federation website, www.scnarfe.org, for review and further guidance. Thank you, John, and keep up the great work!

While I am on the topic of great work, check out 1st VP Sally DePreker's spot-on article "Here Today - Here Tomorrow". Her suggestions on how to be a more effective recruiter and "retainer" are easy to follow and to implement. The more we do individually toward these efforts, the stronger NARFE becomes at all levels. At the Federation Convention in April, you will have the opportunity to attend seminars and learn best practice methods to use in your chapter. Much more information about the upcoming convention will follow in a special edition of the Federation e-Newsletter.

Heads up: Your Federation Executive Board has begun work on "The Judy Kemp Memorial Award", which will honor the most outstanding chapter member in the state. I was premature in mentioning that it would be given at our April 2011 Convention, because there are still many details to flesh out. Because of this, plan on seeing it make its premier at the 2012 Convention. Know that a few of the parameters might be things like participating in chapter meetings on a regular basis, giving outstanding service as a chapter officer, providing outstanding leadership as a chair or member of a committee, giving back to the community as an outstanding volunteer, or being a recruiter of NARFE members. Be thinking about how you might fare in this competition. Could you be the first recipient of "The 2012 Judy Kemp Memorial Award"?

Take care, be well, get out and vote, and keep on "NARFEing"!

Jeanette M. Keepers
SC Federation President



Jeanette Keepers - President

MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

(Sally DePreker - 1st Vice-President)



Sally DePreker - 1st VP

HERE TODAY - HERE TOMORROW

This is our challenge. We need members today, and we will still need them tomorrow! NARFE does a good job getting members to join, but the problem is getting those new members active and involved and committed!

There is no other NARFE member I can think of that better fits this ideal of NARFE membership than our very own Margaret Baptiste! As most of you know, Margaret is the first woman, the first non-Fed, and the first Brit to become

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President of NARFE. Margaret has said, "I came to America in 1956, just to see New York and to travel across the county. It's been a very long year."

She first joined NARFE when her husband retired from Federal service-with his encouragement. "We always saw NARFE as a way to protect and preserve his annuity." Now that she's a widow Margaret says, "I am very happy to get that small check every month, and I would be a fool if I didn't work to preserve and protect it." She first became involved with her local chapter in Charleston and was continuously elected to higher posts, all the way up to President (2006-2010). And what an impressive President she has been! At the 2010 Convention in Grand Rapids, she was awarded OPM's highest award, The Theodore Roosevelt Award, for her outstanding contributions.

Now Margaret is heading back to Charleston, thank goodness! We can certainly put Margaret to work again. She epitomizes the ultimate NARFE member.

What can we do to insure more "Margarets" within our own chapters? Each chapter needs to review its membership program and delegate responsibilities. The Membership Chairman should not be expected to do it all.

New member retention should begin immediately. Does your chapter welcome new members with a letter from your chapter's president and a "New Member Packet" that includes the latest information about NARFE nationally and locally? Items in that packet should be publications such as the F-122, "Look at What NARFE Has Done for You Lately" (June 2010); the F-100, "Be Prepared for Life's Events" (Mar 2010); the F-121 "Welcome to Your NARFE Chapter" (Apr 2008); the FH-12, "Alzheimer's Research Program "(Jan 2010); the F-130, "NARFE Disaster Relief Fund" (Feb 2009); and the F-105, "NARFE Scholarship Program Guide" (Sep 08). These will provide helpful information to a new member that also emphasizes NARFE is a very worthwhile organization to which to belong. Your chapter should look into ordering some inexpensive items from NARFE Headquarters that include the NARFE Logo, such as ballpoint pens (20 for \$20.49) or key chain flashlights (5 for \$20.45). These can be included in the packet for new members along with the printed information.

New members can be assigned a mentor, someone that calls them and invites them to the next meeting and perhaps even offers to pick them up. That same person should prepare a short introduction and introduce the new member to the chapter. As the mentor gets to know the new member, the new member can be encouraged to participate in activities that encourage chapter involvement.

The membership committee needs to use its imagination and enthusiasm to turn new members into committed members, keeping in mind that lawmakers may want to cut federal retirement benefits in response to the tremendous pressure 77 million retiring baby boomers will place on the budget. A strong membership means enhanced clout with Congress and better protection for our earned benefits.

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LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

(Sally DePreker - 1st Vice-President)

Here's last month's new member listing. Please make every effort to meet and greet everyone that's new to your chapter at your next meeting.

Chapter 87, Columbia

Olivia Ashford, Columbia
Minnie Butler, Columbia
Olivia Carraway, Columbia

Chapter 1013, Charleston

Ronald, Millings, Charleston

Chapter 1082, Summerville

Bruce Adams, Summerville

Recruiters August 2010

Congratulations to Ernest Williams, Chapter 87, for two new members and to Barbara Bryan, Chapter 1082, for one new member.

Prospective Members

The M-112 issued on September 10, indicates NARFE Headquarters mailed information about NARFE to four prospective members. Chapter presidents and membership chairs from Chapter 72 and Chapter 1786,

please contact the prospective members listed on your M-112. They've expressed an interest in NARFE. Let's strike while the iron is hot.

FROM THE OUTGOING REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

(Bob Harrell - Region III Vice President)

The 31st National of NARFE is now history. Personally, I think that it was a very good convention and the delegates in attendance made some smart but very hard decisions. First of all, they bit the bullet and voted for a much needed dues increase to become effective on January 1, 2011. The delegates had to make some other very difficult decisions when electing officers to lead this organization for the next two years. Second, the number of vacancies was the largest in the history of the organization thus requiring some very difficult decision making. In addition, the members of Region III had to elect a new Regional Vice President (RVP). I want to congratulate Don Stewart for being the successful candidate and I know that he will serve the region well.

Now as I prepare to turn the duties of the RVP over to Don, I want to thank all of the members of Region III for your cooperation and help during the past six years. My turn as your RVP has been one of the best experiences of my life and it is because of you. Peggy and I have met and made so many new friends that we will certainly miss being with all of you on a regular basis. However, we will see many of you at future conventions and meetings as we continue our association with NARFE. Our plans are to slow down {not quit} and concentrate our NARFE efforts in support of the Alabama Federation.

Thanks again for a great six years.

Bob Harrell .

FEDERATION STATE CONVENTION 2011

(Jeanette Keepers - Convention Chair)

And speaking of Conventions, don't forget to mark April 11, 12 & 13, 2011 on your calendar for the Annual South Carolina Federation Convention at Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick, SC. We'll have more on this beautiful spring setting in upcoming newsletters. The only full-service resort in the S.C. State Park Service, Hickory Knob rests on rolling, wooded shoreline alongside 70,000-acre Strom Thurmond Reservoir on the Savannah River: South Carolina's "West Coast." Serene and tucked away, the location is another plus for this destination, with picturesque, historic small towns such as Abbeville and Greenwood nearby and Aiken and Anderson (and Clemson) just an easy drive away.



NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

(Bob Muller - Federation Newsletter Editor)

As a result of change in my home communications provider, I have had an e-mail and home phone change. Please change your address book to reflect these changes:

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Feel free to use any of these three, I will receive e-mails from whichever one it is sent to. Be sure you remove the broadstar.net address from your records. Anything sent to that address will be lost.

GET TO KNOW YOUR FEDERATION OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

(Bob Muller Newsletter editor - Greenville Chapter)

Continuing our monthly feature of getting to know more about your Federation Officers, we're presenting the background and biography of our technically inspired Webmaster and Historian, Paul Donahue. We've also included a few of his many accomplishments in his career and during his retirement. I'm sure you'll agree with me that he's quite a guy and we're lucky to have him in NARFE and in South Carolina

Paul grew up in Salem, Massachusetts (most famous for its 17th Century Witch Trials) and attended Salem Classical & High School. Upon graduating, he did a 3-year tour of duty in the U.S. Army. He received a degree in electronic engineering from Northeastern University in Boston. For several years he was affiliated with MIT's Psychology & Physiology Departments. He spent 35 years in various private industry managerial sales and marketing positions that involved extensive travel internationally, in the distribution of high technology electronic

instrumentation for use in Life Science Research projects conducted primarily at universities, pharmaceutical laboratories and various governmental agencies world-wide.

Now a spousal-member of NARFE, he retired to Lexington, SC, with his wife, Ruth (a former HUD, VA and FBI employee), who is also a member of NARFE's Columbia Chapter #87. Besides his roles, advancing through the chapter ranks, as 1st Vice President (Membership chair), plus past chapter President and now the chapter Web-Master, he also edited the chapter "quarterly" newsletter, which is currently mailed to over 625 recipients.

Now he serves as the Historian of NARFE's SC State Federation's Executive Board. In addition he designed and inaugurated the organization's entire Web site (including all 21 chapter Web pages), over six years ago and as the duly appointed Federation Web Coordinator he maintains each one on an as-needed basis. His affiliation with NARFE and past experience in medical-related research matters, coupled with his penchant for Web site design are a natural fit for his appointment as an Advisory Board Member of the Alliance for Medical Excellence, which is an advisory group to The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence (CCME) in Columbia, SC, and an Advisory Council member for CMS-Medicare, coupled with Quality Software Systems Inc. (QSSI), of Gaithersburg, MD, which is the sponsor of South Carolina's "free "pilot-program of Medicare's Electronic Health Records known as: My Personal Health Record, South Carolina (MyPHRSC.com).

NARFE Legislative Chair October 2010 Report

(John Geiger - Federation Legislative Chair)

Thirty four days until the mid-term elections and there is still time to continue the NARFE Meet Your Candidates--particularly with the challengers. So far, the 2d Congressional District has been superbly covered by Columbia Chapter 087 and the Summerville Flowertown Chapter 1082 has conducted a successful forum to cover the 1st Congressional District. The Clemson Chapter 1079 was able to have the 3rd Congressional District Democratic Candidate speak to their Chapter before the Primaries, so at least a part of that effort has been accomplished. In the category of "missing pins in the map," we could use some NARFE activity in the 4th and 5th Congressional Districts. The bottom line is that there will be at least 3 and possibly 5 new people who will be representing South Carolina in the 112th Congress. and we need to continue efforts to "enlighten" the successful challengers, even if it's outside the Meet Your Candidates window.

In your preparation for Election Day, please take advantage of the information on Congressional voting on issues that are of interest to NARFE (Page 34 of October NARFE Magazine). You can see that there is a distinct party line breakout. The two Democrats (Cong. Spratt and Cong. Clyburn) vote in support of NARFE issues, and the Republicans don't, with both Senators Graham and DeMint voting no on 3 Senate votes of NARFE interest and Congressman Gresham Barrett, 3rd District, voting no on 3 of 5 with the other 2 he didn't vote. Historically, we consider co-sponsoring of NARFE bills to be a good sign of support, but the voting record tells all. Co-sponsoring our bills may be the appropriate thing to do to gain NARFE support, but this may also provide political cover if the bills don't come to the floor (e. g. Premium Conversion trumped by the Health Care Law and eliminating Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision postponed to be a part of overall Social Security Reform). Maybe we should consider asking our lame duck Congressmen (1st District, 3rd District, and 4th District) what was their problem with NARFE issues, as an after-action review? Again, the challengers of both parties need to be made aware of NARFE issues and know that we are following how members of our Legislative Delegation vote.

Per CQ Politics (http://innovation.cqpolitics.com/atlas/house2010_rr), follows is the Congressional Election outlook for our 6 Districts at this particularly photograph in time:

- District 1, Safe Republican (R); District 2, Safe R; District 3 Safe R; District 4, Safe R;
- District 5, Tossup; District 6, Safe Democrat. Also, Senator DeMint's seat appears to be safe.

Look for Congress to return shortly to their Districts for the election recess and return after the Elections in mid November for a lame duck session to deal with continuing to fund the Government and tax cuts restored that could mean big bucks for the middle class-among others. Tomorrow night is "Fiscal New Years Eve" which should see the Congress bundle a short-term omnibus Continuing Resolution to keep the Government running. Continuing Resolutions are not without risk, as we could possibly see post-election. Continuing Resolutions sometimes have unintended consequences for Active Federal Employees, as well as Retirees, so standby.

The Debt Commission met today, 9/29, but video has not yet been posted. I suggest you checkout <http://www.fiscalcommission.gov/> in the next few days to view results. The Commission was to hear three expert budget witnesses:

- Dr. Paul Posner, Director of the Public Administration Program, George Mason University- Subject: Performance Budgeting
- Janet St. Laurent, Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office- Subject: Potential Budget Savings
- Patricia Dalton, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office- Subject: Potential Budget Savings

According to the proposed agenda, both Ms. St. Laurent and Ms. Dalton were to discuss finding potential budget savings from addressing duplication and overlap and eliminating wasteful spending. And that should be of keen interest to every Federal Employee, Retiree and Survivor Annuitant. Recall that the draft Commission report is due in 60 days, which of course falls after the election.

At the State level, not much news on the Tax Realignment Commission (TRAC)-and maybe that's good. As new or revised taxes are a "pocket book" issue, you need to provide input to your State Legislator as final TRAC recommendations have to be voted on by the General Assembly in next year's session and approved by the Governor.

In summary, our Federation Chapters need to continue the Meet Your Candidates initiative right up to Election Tuesday and beyond. It's up to each Chapter, or multiple Chapters to spread the NARFE word to our current elected officials and those who aspire to become our representatives. Please take advantage of every opportunity and let us know how you are doing.

Thanks for your support of NARFE in these "interesting" times.

John Geiger
 SC Federation Legislative Officer
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FROM THE FEDERATION HISTORIAN

(Paul D. Donahue, NARFE SCFED Historian)

Greenville & NARFE Chapter #121 History

Greenville lies approximately halfway between Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina along Interstate #85. It is also the sixth largest city in the state of South Carolina. In 2009, it boasted a population of approximately 62,000. Originally, the area was predominately the Cherokee Nation's protected grounds after the Treaty of 1763 ended the French & Indian War. An early white trader named Richard Pearis married a Cherokee and was given several tracts of land by the tribe. This eventually became a huge plantation around 1770 which included Paris Mountain. During the American Revolution the Cherokee (including Pearis) sided with the British. However, because he was not a Patriot, all of Pearis' possessions were lost during the Revolutionary War. In 1776 the Cherokee agreed to ceding territory that includes present day Greenville County to South Carolina. Following the defeat of the Cherokee Indians and the British during the war, South Carolina made available to Revolutionary soldiers for first occupancy all of the land in and around the area known as Greenville.

Soon after it was ceded to the state in 1777, Scots-Irish, English and many of German descent settlers, fleeing from high taxes, high land costs and bias of Pennsylvania, New York and New England traveled into the Piedmont region through the Blue Ridge Mountains for access to cheaper farms. They brought with them tools for clearing land, livestock, seed and firearms. Where they chose to build their homes and plant their crops was part of the Cherokee Indian territory. The Cherokees were usually friendly, although at times they became hostile.

The origins of the name Greenville County are uncertain, but the county was probably named for Revolutionary War General Nathaniel Greene (1742-1786) or for an early resident, Isaac Green. Because of its location in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville County became a popular summer retreat for low-country planters. Encouraged by abundant streams and rivers, textile manufacturers began operating in the area as early as the 1820's and after the Civil War Greenville County became a textile center. In early to mid-1900, Greenville became known as the "Textile Center of the South". Greenville, originally called Pleasantburg, underwent a name change in 1831. In February 1869, Greenville's Town Charter was amended by the S.C. General Assembly establishing Greenville, the town, as a City.

Morse Rifles, for use of the Confederate Army, relocated to Greenville to manufacture firearms. At the close of the Civil War, one of Greenville's citizens, Attorney Benjamin F. Perry, was appointed Provisional Governor of South Carolina for the duration of the reconstruction period. At the turn of the century another local man, Martin F. Ansel, was elected to serve as Governor of South Carolina.

With the growth of the area came the Southern Railroad, then the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, also a carriage and wagon manufacturing plant, the largest in the south. Both cars and trolley cars started making the downtown scene in the early 1900s, together with the publication of a daily newspaper, Greenville Daily News, Greenville was then well on its way to becoming the Upstate economic center. The county's population by 1900 had grown to nearly 53,500. The Federal Highway Act of 1956 had as profound an influence on the region as the development of the railroads.

Well known Engineer/Architect Robert Mills designed the new court house. Soon after, both Furman University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary came to town. In the late 1890s, Greenville hosted a U.S. Army training camp called Camp Wetherill where soldiers were trained to serve in the Spanish-American War. During World War I, the Army opened Camp Sevier and more than 100,000 soldiers were trained there. Then, along came textile mill strikes and the Great Depression which affected Greenville just as it did the rest of the country. Donaldson Air Force Base was opened during World War II improving the economy in Greenville. Postwar Greenville grew rapidly with industrial development. Greenville Technical College opened in 1967. A building boom paralleled the military growth, and progressives started a library system, expanded medical facilities and social service centers.

Civil Rights tensions in the 1960s led to the organization of biracial committees to work together and ensure that racial unrest would not harm growth. Jesse Jackson, working through the NAACP, organized a sit-in at Greenville's F. W. Woolworth's Five and Dime store, and quickly emerged as a civil rights leader. Compared to similar events in locations such as Birmingham, the protests were considered peaceful. Diplomat and Congressman Waddy Thompson (1798-1868) was a resident of Greenville. In more recent years the county has produced baseball player Shoeless Joe Jackson (1887-1951), and Nobel Prize winner Charles Townes, co-inventor of the Ruby Laser.

As Greenville developed from its' early Americana infancy and progressed over the years to include farming, industrial manufacturing and the divergence to hosting of military bases, governmental agencies also moved into the area. The climate of this region, being of near perfect living conditions year round, lends itself to attracting retirees from all walks of life.

NARFE Chapter #121 was founded and chartered March 21, 1952. James Chester Thomas was its first President. Soon after, he was instrumental in the formation of the South Carolina Federation of NARFE Chapters. A second charter was issued on July 18, 1956 due to a re-organization. Then on February 23, 1972, a third charter was granted when the Chapter was formally named after Mr. Thomas.

As one might expect, early chapter records are missing, so it is difficult to reconstruct names, places or even dates of memorable events. The following chapter members have served as Chapter Presidents: Arthur Chandler, 1986-87; Wilma Pridmore, 1988; Jack Loftis, 1989; Eugene C. Martin 1990-91; Wilma Hodges, 1992 and 1996; Charlie Huff, 1993; Glenn Hodges, 1994; John E. Tompkins, 1995; Eugene Bondurant, 1997-98 and 2002-03; Carolyn Dankel, 1999-2000; Margaret Wade 2001; Leo a Hofmeister, 2006-07; Joe A McCarty, 2008-09 and John L. Thompson, 2004-05 and 2010.

The chapter meets monthly, 11:30 AM on the last Friday of each month at Stax Grill, 850 Woods Crossing Road, Cross Point Plaza, Greenville, SC. Guest speakers are featured at nearly all meetings. Some notable and distinguished speakers have also presented to the chapter over the years. Among a selected few: Honorable Mark Sanford, Candidate for SC Governor, 2001; Honorable Inez Tenenbaum, Superintendent, South Carolina Department of Education, 2003; Honorable Jim DeMint, Member of Congress, 2003; Honorable Robert D. Inglis, Member of Congress, 2003; Honorable David Beasley, Former Governor of South Carolina, 2004; Greenville County Sheriff Stephen D. Loftis, 2004; Mr. Johnnie M. Walters, former Commissioner of the I.R.S. under President Nixon's Administration, 2005; Mr. Michael Cogdill, Anchor/Reporter for WYFF-TV, Channel 4, Greenville, 2006; Mr. Russell J. Chatelain, former resident of New Orleans, LA, regarding Hurricane Katrina, one of the five deadliest hurricanes in the history of the US. It formed on August 23, 2005 and dissipated August 31, 2005. Having lived there for 55 years, he lost everything in the disaster, 2007; Joseph M. Pelissier, PhD, Meteorologist, 2008 and Jane Goolsby, State Director for Senator Lindsey O. Graham, Upstate Regional Office, 2009.

NARFE awarded an Anniversary Certificate to James Chester Thomas, South Carolina Chapter 0101 upon its 45th Anniversary, February 9, 1952, in recognition of and with sincere appreciation for the chapter's dedicated service to its membership. Signed by Frank G. Atwater, National President and CEO and Ken C. Martin, National Field Vice President, Region III and presented on (no date) of 1997.

In July 28, 2006, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Chapter was celebrated, with a catered buffet, at Lake Robinson. In attendance were SC Federation President, Margaret Baptiste, Past-SC Federation President, Bill Nicol and Region III National Field Vice President, Bob Harrell, who presented a congratulatory anniversary certificate to then Chapter President, Leo Hofmeister.

It is also noteworthy to point out that many of NARFE #121 chapter members went on to become South Carolina Federation Presidents, including: James Chester Thomas, 1965; James Latimer, 1972; L. W. Crary, 1980; Wilma Pridmore Hodges, 1989 and Carolyn J. Dankel, 2004.

NOTE FROM THE FEDERATION SERVICE OFFICER

(Larry Shaff, Federation Service Officer)

Medicare B Considerations (Part 2 of 2) This is a continuation of last month's article.

- **Payment of Medicare B Premiums.** For Social Security beneficiaries the premiums are deducted from the monthly payments. For federal government retirees that are not eligible for Social Security, the premiums are deducted from their monthly annuity retirement payments. Their spouse's Medicare premiums may also be withheld from the retired federal employee monthly payments if the spouse does not receive Social Security or railroad retirement benefits. Another method to pay Medicare premiums is by using the Medicare Easy Pay System that will automatically deduct the premiums from the enrollee's bank account. More information on this procedure is available by telephone at 1-800-633-4227 or search the internet for "Medicare Easy Pay System."
- **Income Tax Deduction.** For people itemizing deductions, the amount of Medicare B premiums (\$1,326.00 for 2010) can be included as medical expenses as well as FEHP medical insurance premiums. Remember that only medical and dental expenses exceeding 7.5% of the adjusted gross income can be deducted.
- **Late Enrollment.** If a person does not enroll in Medicare B at age 65 but later decides to enroll the premium is increased by 10% for every full year of delay. The last day to enroll without a penalty is the day before the 66th birthday. Late enrollment can be made annually during Medicare open season, January 1 through March 31, and be effective as of July 1.
- **Retirement After Age 65.** If a person continues working after 65 and has FEHP insurance, he/she can enroll for Medicare B without penalty prior to retiring or during the 8 month period after the retirement date.
- **Claims.** The medical providers will file all Medicare claims and Medicare will forward the claims to the FEHP insurer for payment of any charges not covered by Medicare.
- **Summary Notices.** Medicare Summary Notices are mailed to the enrollee approximately every 2 months showing the amount charged by the medical providers, the approved amount, the amount Medicare paid to the provider and the amount you may be billed. The FEHP insurer usually issues the explanation of benefits forms more promptly with essential the same information but also showing the amount they paid to the medical provider resulting in nothing owed by the enrollee.
- **Prescriptions.** Medicare B has no benefits for prescriptions. Most FEHP insurers, such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, include prescription benefits equivalent to Medicare D.

Larry T. Shaff, Federation Service Officer

YOUR FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

Your 2010-11 Federation Officers are as follows:

President.....Jeanette Keepers, Spartanburg, Chapter 560
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Sergeant-at-Arms.....David Unwin, Summerville, Chapter 1082
Immediate Past-PresidentJohn Geiger, Aiken, Chapter 934

- District Field Officers with Chapters in their Districts shown:
- District #1...Charles Giavelli, Summerville, Chapter 1082: N. Charleston 72, Charleston 1013, Summerville 1082
- District #2...Ernest Williams, Columbia, Chapter 87: Columbia 87, Aiken 934, Orangeburg 1170
- District #3...W. Dan Love, Anderson, Chapter 825: Anderson 825, Greenwood 920, Clemson 1170
- District #4...Joe McCarty, Greenville, Chapter 121: Greenville 121, Spartanburg 560

- District #5...Moses Moultrie, Sumpter, Chapter 1786: Newberry 772, Rock Hill 1180, Sumter 1786, Camden 2319
- District #6...Jesse Adams, Florence, Chapter 960: Florence 960, Myrtle Beach 1015, Pawley's Island 1958
- District #7...Bill Nicol, Hilton Head, Chapter 2258: Beaufort 1021, Walterboro 1185, Hilton Head 2258

These officers make up the Federation Executive Board.

NARFE FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

NARFE Federation Executive Board, Committee Officers, Chairpersons & Chapter Presidents - January 10, 2011, 10:30 am, Seawell's, Columbia, SC

NARFE SC Federation Convention - Hickory Knob Resort State Park, McCormick, SC. April 11-13, 2011

NATIONAL NARFE Convention - Nugget Hotel, Reno NV in 2012.

NATIONAL NARFE Convention - Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL, August 24-28, 2014.

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Federation Link: http://www.scnarfe.org/index_files/Page299.htm

Simply click your mouse on the link above and then click on the officials name. You'll be taken to his web site and be able to contact his office. There are a number of useful links on this page also.

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