

March 2008

**Message from the SC Federation President:**



**O**ur Federation Convention is just around the corner. The Aiken Chapter is working very hard to make this an outstanding use of delegates' time and money. As an added bonus, our National President, Margaret Baptiste, will be with us.

**R**egistration deadline is MARCH 15. It is human nature for us to wait until the last minute to make commitments, but the last minute is here. Please don't delay in sending in your registration form and making your room reservations.

**I**would love to see every chapter represented by all of their allotted delegates. It would also be great if each chapter had a first-time delegate too. (I don't want much, do I?)

**I**nvited all six of our Congressmen and both Senators to participate in a legislative panel discussion on the first day of the convention. So far, I have heard from only three of the eight, none of which can attend because their presence is required in Washington. I have asked those three to send a representative, but haven't received a response yet. I haven't given up hope.

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Regards,  
Esther Crandall

**CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS:**

(By Larry Shaff, Constituion and Bylaws)

There will be several Resolutions brought up at the Federation Convention. Here are two from Larry Shaff, of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

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**SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION RESOLUTION**

**Initiator (s) of Resolution:** Larry T. Shaff, Constitution & Bylaws

**Title of Resolution:** Newsletter Reporters

**Qualifies Under, CONSTITUTION:** Article        Section        Paragraph        Page       

**BYLAWS:** Article II Section 3 Paragraph A & B.2 Page 7

**WHEREAS:** There is no mention of newsletter reporters in the documents of 35 other federations (25 constitutions, 35 bylaws and 10 policies & procedures) recently reviewed and there have been no reporters in any of the SC NARFE Federations

chapters for an extended period of time. Most of the articles in the federation newsletter are written by federation officers such as the President, Vice Presidents, Service Officer and Committee Chairs. During the Executive Board meeting on 01/14/08 the board members agreed that there is no need for this position.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** In Article II, Section 3., paragraph A., on page 7 of the bylaws delete "Reporters,." In this same article and section, paragraph B. subparagraph 2., on page 7 of the bylaws remove the complete subparagraph regarding Reporters. Renumber subparagraphs 4. through 8. to 2. through 6. (Present subparagraph 3. for Corresponding Secretary was removed by resolution 2008-1.)

And  
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**SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION RESOLUTION**

**Initiator (s) of Resolution:** Larry T. Shaff, Constitution & Bylaws Committee  
**Title of Resolution:** Procedures for Closing a Chapter and Reactivating a Closed Chapter  
**Qualifies Under, CONSTITUTION:** Article        Section        Paragraph        Page         
**BYLAWS:** Article   I   Section   2.   Paragraph        Page   3  

**WHEREAS:** During the July 23-26, 2007, NARFE National Executive Board meeting changes were approved to National Polices 310 and 509 pertaining to closing a chapter. The revised polices contain some procedures that differ from the steps described in Article I, Section 2., Chapter Closing,, of the SC NARFE Federation bylaws. The specific steps emanating from these national policies for closing a chapter are described in the NARFE Chapter and Federation Officers Manual along with the procedures for organizing a new chapter and reactivating a closed chapter. There is no information on reactivating a closed chapter in the current bylaws. During the Executive Board meeting on 01/14/08 the board members agreed the bylaws should be updated for closing a chapter and steps added for reactivating a closed chapter.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Change title of Section 2., Article I, on page 3 of the bylaws to read "Closing a Chapter and Reactivating a Closed Chapter. Delete the current narrative and add new paragraph "A. The Chapter President will take all actions available to him/her to maintain the chapter including seeking advice and/or assistance of the District Field Officer (DFO) and the Federation President. When all efforts have been exhausted to maintain the chapter without success, the Chapter President will notify the DFO by written notice of the chapter closure. If the DFO agrees it is impossible for the chapter to maintain active status he/she will notify the Federation President. Then the steps described in the Closing a Chapter paragraph, Section II: Federation Officers & Operations of the Chapter & Federation Officers Manual, NARFE publication F-10, latest edition, will then be implemented." Also add new paragraph "B. When the members and prospective members of a closed chapter, the DFO and the Federation President agree a closed chapter should be reactivated the instructions in Reactivating a Closed Chapter paragraph, Section II: Federation Officers & Operations of the Chapter & Federation Officers Manual, NARFE publication F-10, latest edition, will be followed."

**SC FEDERATION ANNUAL CONVENTION  
COMING UP SOON!**

(LouAnn Ainsworth - Convention Chair, Aiken Chapter 934)

Let's go to the SC Federation  
Convention at Hickory Knob,  
McCormick, SC on April 16-18, 2008 - Should be  
a beautiful time of year!

Hickory Knob State Park - McCormick, SC  
April 16-18, 2008  
Registration \$65 per person:  
Includes 2 breakfast meals  
1 Luncheon Meal  
President's Reception  
Convention Banquet  
Payment must be made in full by March 15, 2008  
Lodging: Rooms \$51.75 - Suites \$73.75 per night,  
plus 8% Tax. A deposit of \$55.89 plus tax per  
room is required at the time of registration. Call  
1-800-491-1764 to register. Rates for the hotel  
will be higher after March 15.

Speakers lined up for the Convention include the Lt. Governor of South Carolina, Andre Bauer, who heads up The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging and is involved with a number of programs dealing with Seniors in South Carolina. Lt. Governor Bauer will be the keynote speaker at the Thursday evening banquet and South Carolina's own Margaret L. Baptiste, National President of NARFE, will be the speaker at the President's Reception Wednesday evening. Anyone with questions and/or suggestions is welcome to call or e-mail Lou Ann Ainsworth, (803) 649-1076, [louann@gforcecable.com](mailto:louann@gforcecable.com).

The SC State Convention will be held at Hickory Knob on April 16, 17 and 18, 2008, sponsored by the NARFE Aiken Chapter 934. **Reservations should be made by March 15, 2008.** Reservations received after March 16, 2008 are subject to availability and at prevailing room rates. Rooms are \$51.75 and Suites are \$73.75, plus tax, currently 8%. The registration fee will be the same this year as the last two years, \$65.00. This includes two breakfast meals, one luncheon meal, the President's Reception on Wednesday and the Convention Banquet on Thursday. Registration forms are on the SC Federation web site, and can be filled in and mailed. Please submit payment in full by Saturday March 15, 2008, after that date registration will be \$75.00.



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." The park's amenities also include a boat ramp, campgrounds and one of the state's most popular mountain biking trails. Serene and tucked away, 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. Guests will be required to pay a deposit of \$55.89 per room, including tax. For cancellation with 30 days or less notice, \$5.00 (plus tax) per room will be charged. To make a lodging reservation, call the park toll free at 1-800-491-1764. Make sure you tell them you are with NARFE. Lodge rooms in the 200 section are located next to the lodge and restaurant. Lodge rooms in the 300 section and 400 section are located lakeside. If you would like to stay for the weekend, the rates will be the same. You can download a registration form at [http://scnarfe.org/REGISTRATION\\_FORM\\_2008.pdf](http://scnarfe.org/REGISTRATION_FORM_2008.pdf)

NARFE Chapters and/or members are encouraged to take out an ad in the State Convention program. The cost for NARFE members is: full page \$150; ½ page ad \$75; and, business card ad \$25. The program contact is: Paul Richardson, 494 Edengale Way, Aiken, SC 29803-3771, phone (803) 649-4738, e-mail [rrichardson@gforcecable.com](mailto:rrichardson@gforcecable.com).

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING FEDERATION CONVENTION**

(By Larry T. Shaff, Constitution and Bylaws Committee.)

The constitution and bylaws committee has submitted two resolutions to amend the federation bylaws for consideration at the Federation Convention in April. Copies of these have been provided to all Chapter Presidents.

- The first resolution is to delete newsletter reporters as discussed at the January 14th Executive Board meeting.
- The second resolution is to update the procedures for closing a chapter and to include the steps to reactivate a closed chapter also as discussed at the January 14th Executive Board meeting.

These bylaws amendments will not affect the chapters. Please assure that your convention delegates are familiar with the resolutions. These resolutions forms containing bylaws

revisions were mailed or e-mailed to all Chapter Presidents 45 days prior to the convention as required by Article VIII, Section 1., paragraph A., of the bylaws. If you did not get them please notify the Constitution and Bylaws Committee chair or your District Field Officer.

Larry T. Shaff  
Constitution and Bylaws Committee

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## **GUIDELINES FOR ALZHEIMER'S RAFFLE**

(Laura Wilcox, Alzheimer's SC Federation Chair)

**W**e will again be having a raffle at the SC Federation Convention to raise money for Alzheimer's. The Convention, as mentioned above will be at Hickory Knob State Park and will be sponsored by Aiken Chapter #934. The Guidelines for the raffle are:

1. All chapters are invited to participate by bringing a raffle item, big or small.
2. Each participating chapter needs to supply a marked container with chapter name and number for tickets.
3. Participants, please sell tickets at home, putting Name & Phone Number on the back of tickets you for the drawing. Sell one for \$1.00 each or \$5 for six tickets. Bring sold tickets with Name and Phone Number on the back to the convention, keeping separate from convention sale tickets. Also bring the money for the sold tickets.
4. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each at the convention. Upon completion of sale at the convention, tickets sold at the home chapter will be added to those sold at the convention - then the drawing will take place.
5. I will supply tickets at the convention, help with sales, and ask for volunteers to help.
6. All monies collected by each chapter will be credited to that chapter's Alzheimer's account.

Laura Wilcox  
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## **NEW CHAPTER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION CONTEST**

(By John Clements, Director, Membership Development, [jclements@narfe.org](mailto:jclements@narfe.org))

**N**ARFE is testing a special recruitment and retention rewards program for chapters. The test began January 1 and will end on June 30, 2008.

**C**ash prizes will be awarded in two categories – new member recruitment and member retention. Each category will include two contests. One will be based on gross numbers, and the other will be based on percentages to level the playing field between small and large chapters. There will be a total of 12 winners. Here are the rewards for each category;

- First place winner will receive \$500.
- Second place winner will receive \$300.
- Third place winner will receive \$200.

That means there is a total of \$4,000 available in prize money! The NARFE Chapter winners will be given special recognition and a check at the 2008 NARFE National Convention. Good luck, and let's focus on our recruiting and retention efforts at the chapter level.

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## Chapter Web Site Project Being Hampered

(By Paul Donahue, SCNARFE Federation Web Coordinator.)

At the beginning of 2008 I had announced to all Chapter Presidents that each chapter's Web page, in the South Carolina NARFE Federation, would be upgraded this year from the single page concept which was our early beginning, to a bright new four-page redesign, consistent with the future aims of NARFE.

Since the announcement, half of our chapter's have responded by forwarding a copy of their current F-7 Report (a listing of Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs) to my e-mail address located at [paddona@scnarfe.org](mailto:paddona@scnarfe.org). The success and completion of this project is being hindered by the lack of response from the following chapters : 934, 825, 1021, 2319, 1013, 1079, 920, 772, 170, 958 and 1185. It would be regarded with the utmost appreciation if **all** chapters would comply as soon as possible.

INSTRUCTIONS derived from NARFE'S F-7 Form states that: *All chapters are required, by January 1 each year, to send a complete listing of all chapter officers and their chapter's dues to the National Office, their Federation President and Secretary, and/or other requesters.* Currently NARFE'S Web site has a revised F-7 short-form, requiring that only the name and NARFE ID# of a chapter officer or committee chairperson be listed, if different from those of the previous year. It also has provisions for emailing it to the Federation President, Federation Secretary and to the Chapter Secretary. Being another requester, I asked that it be sent to either of my e-mail addresses (above) or at home: [paddona@windstream.net](mailto:paddona@windstream.net)

If you are interested in seeing what is in store, as a result of this request, may I suggest that you log onto any of the revised chapter Web sites. Might I recommend: <http://www.121.scnarfe.org> as one example. You will note many helpful "interactive links" which provide connections to places and folks affiliated with NARFE...directly and indirectly, to make your NARFE membership more meaningful.

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## NATIONAL NARFE CONVENTION - LOUISVILLE, KY

(From NARFE National)

Every two years since 1950, NARFE members have gathered to set the Association's course during the next two years. This year, Louisville, KY, plays host to the 30th Biennial

NARFE National Convention, September 7-11. This is the second time the convention has been held in Louisville. The last time was in 1990.

Not surprising for a gathering held in the Kentucky Derby City, the 2008 convention takes its theme, "NARFE: Going the Distance for Your Future," from the sporting world. Convention planners think they have a Triple Crown-winning event for NARFE delegates to enjoy.

- First, the convention schedule is being streamlined.
- Second, all convention activities will be conducted under one roof.

- Third, the convention hotel's downtown location is within walking distance of many attractions.

The convention program is being designed to try to ensure that delegates complete all convention business within the allotted time. As usual, most of the convention business will take place on the main convention floor, where delegates will debate and signal acceptance or rejection of resolutions and committee reports.



The Convention will be held in The Galt House Hotel & Suites, which recently underwent a \$60 million refurbishing. It has comfortably sized rooms; several restaurants, including a revolving rooftop restaurant; and all of the amenities of a large hotel. The Galt House consists of two towers joined by a covered walkway above the street between the buildings. The walkway features conversation areas, tables and a deli. The Convention will not be held in a convention center, but in the Hotel itself.

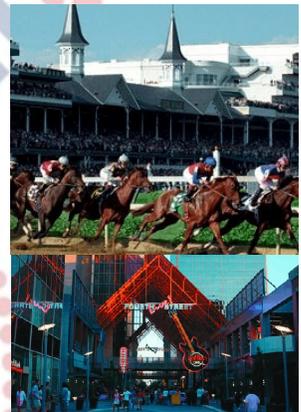
There are many things to do and see in Louisville and a lot of it is within walking distance of the Galt House.

Churchill Downs. Renowned for the Kentucky Derby. The Kentucky Derby Museum is located next to Churchill Downs.

The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. Home to the world's largest baseball bat, it features exhibits and a factory tour.

Muhammad Ali Center. The exhibits pay tribute to the boxing legend. Fourth Street Live! Louisville's \$70 million entertainment district contains restaurants and other entertainment venues.

Delegates also will have the opportunity to attend the convention's Kentucky Night, being planned by the Host Committee. It will spotlight the bicentennial of President Abraham Lincoln's birth near Hodgenville, KY, on Feb. 12, 1809. There will be a number of optional events and tours, including a dinner cruise on the Belle of Louisville on the Saturday evening before the convention and representatives of the Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau will be on-site to help delegates arrange their own tours.



Galt House Hotel & Suites - 140 N. Fourth St. Louisville, KY 40202 - Reservation number: 1-800-843-4258 Hotel rate: \$75 single/double + \$10.50 tax  
 Check-in: 3 p.m. Check-out: 12 noon. Cut-off date for reservations: August 3, 2008

## **RECRUITMENT:**

The NARFE Membership Development Department tallied a total of 2,231 recruiters for the year 2007. These are members who recruited one or more new members within the calendar year. A NARFE PIN has been mailed to each recruiter. NARFE wants to thank all 2007 recruiters for their hard work. You are an integral part of the NARFE family, and we appreciate your recruiting efforts.

In South Carolina we recognize these recruiters:

- Paul Russo, Chapter, #2258 8
- Thomas Castelluccio, #87 3
- Janet Johnson, #560 2
- Betty Law, #1015 2
- Mamie Clarke, #1021 2
- Clifton Atkinson, #72 1
- Esther Crandall, #72 1

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**SC FEDERATION CONVENTION: April 16-18, 2008**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION: Louisville, Kentucky, September 7-11, 2008**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2010**