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Message from the President

When I accepted the nomination for First Vice President this year, I fully expected to have some time to “listen and learn” before I was considered for nomination to the Federation Presidency.

Imagine my surprise when Margaret called me in September and said that she was being encouraged to run for National President! So much for best laid plans.

I have only been a member of NARFE for three years. As I complete my second year of being President of Chapter 72, I feel that I have gained a lot of experience in a very short time. It’s been quite a whirlwind, but I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.

I wish that every member could attend a Federation and a National Convention. This is where you really find out what NARFE is all about, and only with this experience can you have a full appreciation of what it takes to make an organization successful. Please make your plans now to attend the 2007 Federation Convention in Columbia on April 16-18.

With Margaret’s leadership, I know that NARFE will be even more successful in the future. I wish the same success for the South Carolina Federation, and I will do my best to make it happen.

If I can help you in any way, please call, write, or e-mail me Esthercrandall@aol.com; 843-553-8289; 2534 Greenridge Road, North Charleston, SC 29406.

Executive Board Meeting Scheduled

The Executive Board will meet at Seawell’s in Columbia on January 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. All officers, committee chairpersons, and Chapter Presidents are invited and encouraged to attend. Please notify Esther Crandall by January 15 if you will be there.

2nd Vice President Appointed

The President has appointed Jeanette Keepers, District #4 Field Officer, as our 2nd Vice President. We look forward to working with her in this new capacity.

Caution!

Predator loaners have arrived in SC after being banned in North Carolina and Georgia. These companies charge from 250% to 390% interest on loans. Anyone considering taking out a loan should read the terms very carefully before signing on the dotted line.



Tending The Lawn

“THE GRASS IS NOT, IN FACT, ALWAYS GREENER on the other side of the fence,” writes Robert Fulghum in *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* (Villard Books).

“Fences have nothing to do with it. The grass is greenest where it is watered. When crossing over fences, carry water with you and tend the grass wherever you may be.”

A moment’s insight is sometimes worth a life’s experience.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES (1809–1894)

Physician and writer

Bitten by the Bug

For those of you who have attended a NARFE National Convention as a delegate, proxy holder, or as a guest, I am sure you understand my enthusiasm as a first-timer: I was overwhelmed by the enormity of it all, by the friendliness of all the attendees, and by the overall learning experience it entailed. I certainly hope it won't be my last National Convention!

The city of Albuquerque was a clean, beautiful venue and the Convention Center, located in the heart of the city, was very well appointed. It accommodated us very comfortably, including those with special needs. The audio-visual displays were "hi-tech" and provided up-front, personal and timely action, be it on the stage, the open mikes, or with video-taped messages from celebrities who couldn't attend.

The only criticism I have of my experience is that we weren't all co-located under the same convention roof. Those of us who couldn't be roomed in the two main hotels had to take shuttles from the three out-lying hotels. Often that meant delays, when the shuttles were late, and more importantly, it meant for very long days, where we left our hotels at 7 a.m. and didn't return until after 5:30 p.m.

In spite of that, I say for all of you who have never attended a NARFE National Convention, it is definitely worth it. You learn first hand how important our organization is, how it accomplishes its goals and what it and we envision for our future.

I hope to see you in Louisville, KY, in 2008!!
Jeanette Morales Keepers
District Field Officer #4
Greenville 121/Spartanburg 560

Thank You! Thank You!

I want to thank the NARFE members in South Carolina that supported me in my efforts to be reelected to another term as your Region III, National Field Vice President. With this reelection, I pledge to continue to work with you for the improvement of this organization



We have just completed our bi-annual convention and it was a very busy time with numerous controversial resolutions. The members in attendance overwhelming defeated the resolutions on deleting the Mandatory Chapter Membership Requirement, Simplified Dues Structure and One Member-One Vote. With these decisions, it requires each of us in leadership and our current chapters to begin a renewed effort to improve the methods for retention of our current members. This may require some changes in the way we are presently doing business at the chapter level. All of us are open to suggestions and I wholeheartedly welcome any ideas you may have that will improve our organization.

During the next few weeks I will be contacting your leaders for suggestions and recommendations that will assist in the improvement of our declining membership problem. Let's attack this problem throughout our Chapters, Districts, Federations and Region.. **WE CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IN REGION III.**

Once again thanks for your support and let's get to work together.
Roberts S. Harrell
Region III, NFVP

Alzheimer's Report

In a study published in The American Journal of Medicine, researchers studying 2,000 people for as many as ten years, report that those who drank fruit and vegetable juices more than 3 times a week had a 76% less chance of developing Alzheimer's Disease. The reason appears to be that the strong anti-oxidants contained in fruit and vegetables seem to disrupt the accumulation of beta-amyloid in the brain. For full story eurekaalert.org

Chapter #1015 Myrtle Beach held their annual yard/bake sale Oct. 14 and netted \$1,670.58 for Alzheimer's Research. It was a great day and we had a good membership participation. I would like to hear from other chapters with reports of fund-raising activities so others can share the good news.

Alzheimer's collections are going well with \$4,166.30 collected as of Oct. 31, '06. Chapter #1013 Charleston sent another \$500.00 directly to Alzheimer's Association. in Chicago in addition to the Federation total.

Our goal of 7 million in 2007 just may become a reality!

Laura Wilcox
SC Federation Alzheimer's Chair

Changing An Annuitant's Mailing Address

To change an annuitant's mailing address, notify OPM of the new address by one of these methods.

1. Use the address change form RI 38-29.
2. Use the form provided on the back of the envelope in which the Department of the Treasury mails the monthly annuity check; or
3. Send or fax (724-794-6633) the OPM Change of Address Section (see RI 38-29) the following printed or typed information:

- a. Full name of annuitant.

b. Annuity claim number with CSA of CSF prefix.

c. New address, including ZIP code.

4. OPM will now accept changes of address and Direct Deposit enrollments by telephone. 888-767-6738.

5. To change financial institutions (direct deposit), complete a new SF 1199A at the new institution. The SF 1199A can be faxed to (724) 794-6633. To enroll in Direct Deposit or change the enrollment by telephone call (888) 767-6738.

Be prepared to provide the retirement claim number, the account number at the financial institution, and the institution's correct routing number.

Woodrow Evett

Woodrow "Dutch" Evett, 88, died on Tuesday, October 24. Born May 20, 1918, in Easley, S.C., he was a son of the late Sam E. and Dora Leopard Evett. During World War II Dutch served his country through work with the Army Ordnance Department as it tested weapons and ammunition at Aberdeen Proving



Ground in Maryland. Later in the war, he worked with the department at a new facility in York, PA. Mr. Evett, a U.S.C. graduate, was a civil engineer and land surveyor. During a 30-year career in the U.S. Geological Survey, he spent four years in Nepal and four years in Brazil, retiring in 1973. After retirement he was active in overseas consulting and mission work in Burma, Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Africa and other countries. He delivered Meals-on-Wheels for over 30 years, until the time of his death. He was an active member the Columbia Chapter 87 of NARFE.

Carl R. Caughman, newsletter editor of the Columbia submitted the following article to the NARFE magazine, but it was never published.

The article first appeared in the spring edition of the USC *The Carolina*. We are reprinting it here:

Jewel of the Miles 31 years of service yields 'gem' of travel tales

USC graduate Dutch Event, '40, and his wife, Lennie, traveled to some 60 countries during Dutch's 21 years of service with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Along the way, they climbed the Great Wall in China, visited the Forbidden Kingdom between Tibet and Nepal, and set up house-keeping in Brazil. They detailed their adventures in *Gems from Overseas*, a book they published in early 2005.

Dutch graduated with a degree in civil engineering. And after a brief stint with the S.C. Highway Department and three years in the U.S. Army, he joined the water resources branch of USGS as an engineering hydrologist. A few years later, he applied for with the survey's foreign hydrology section. The original assignment was a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). He got the job and several extensions.

"There were some memorable projects as I did the survey, including spending 10 days on Mt. Everest measuring the snowmelt coming off its southern side, and measuring the flow of the Amazon River in Brazil," he said. "As it turned out, we spent more than four years in Nepal and more than four years in Brazil, teaching the people there about wise use of water resources and setting up an entity similar to the USGS but for their specific countries."

"These countries today have a got of information about their rivers, but at the time there was nothing," Dutch said. "We really laid the groundwork for a system of data collection and analysis, and for future water studies. It's good to know that the results of my labors continue to pay dividends."

The Evetts also had the opportunity to know and serve with

numerous missionaries working at the United Mission of Nepal. "In 2004, we had a reunion in Portland, Oregon, with many of the people who had been with us in Nepal," Lennie said.

Dutch retired from the USGS in the early 1970s, and he and Lennie now live on Lake Murray and head a family of Gamecocks: their son and daughter graduated from USC and married USC graduates, and two of their grandchildren are USC graduates. The Events stay close to home much of the time now, except for Wednesdays, when Dutch delivers Meals on Wheels. He's done that I every week for 32 years.

6th District Field Officer Report - John Neely

On October 7, 2006 at the Subside Beach Family Festival, Myrtle Beach NARFE Chapter 1015 set up a table to publicize and promote their upcoming yard/bake sale to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research and to increase community awareness of the good works accomplished by NARFE Organization. During the Festival, many people stopped by the table to learn about the NARFE and 13 of them expressed an interest in becoming members of NARFE. The Chapter Members who manned the table enjoyed the chance to meet new friends and help get out the word about NARFE. The Chapter Members pictured are from left to right: Roberta Hammers, Laura Wilcox, Doug Wilcox and Mary Lou Woodey.



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WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED – PLEASE GIVE IT TO A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TO READ.

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SC FEDERATION CONVENTION: Columbia, SC April 16 thru 18, 2007
NATIONAL CONVENTION: Louisville, Kentucky in 2008