



# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Pennsylvania Federation of Chapters

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## President's Report

By: MARIA RITZMAN  
Federation President

The October Executive Board Meeting was very busy and we discussed many of the pressing issues including recruiting, retention and legislation facing our federation. I cannot place enough emphasis on the importance of these issues to the continued health of our organization. Our membership continues to drop and our influence with congress and the public seems to lessen as we begin to lose our interest and concern.



To illustrate this loss of interest, NARFE National Headquarters and the Federation issued a request to **Call your Congressional Leaders on November 2** using a special 1-866 number .....how many of you took the time to make the call. I received the listing of numbers made in PA using that phone number and it was very disappointing.

Of course, it didn't include those calling the District Offices or visiting the offices, but it represented the majority of calls made from PA and the number was not even high enough to put into a percentage. We have to do better!!!

Although the deadline is near for the Congressional Supercommittee to give its final report on the Deficit Reductions, there will still be issues and calls for us to contact our Senators and Congressman. Please be sure to do your part so that you will know you were not sitting on the sidelines waiting for someone else to do it for you. It's too late when the action, cut or reduction is taken...once it's gone, it's gone...

The 2010 Convention tasked National Headquarters to convene a study group to revise the National By-Laws and present recommendations for consideration at the 2012 convention. The Study Group has completed its review and the results will be reported to the NEB (National Executive Board) at their Nov 15-17, 2011 meeting. After the decision by the NEB, each Federation should receive a copy of the By-Laws for distribution to each Chapter for their review before the Convention.

As soon as I receive a copy, each Chapter President will receive a copy as well with the appropriate guidance for review and response. It could be a referendum response or a review for response at the convention. The method of review by the Federations and Chapters is dependent upon the level of approval by the NEB.

*The Federation Executive Board approved a motion to reimburse \$100 to the voting delegate from each chapter*

If it is not a referendum and a vote at the National Convention, the PA Federation will have a workshop on the by-laws and rules for our members to discuss and respond. A good reason to plan to attend the PA Federation 2012 Convention.

The planning for the 2012 PA Federation Convention has been happening behind the scenes in Allentown. Now you will be seeing the various Committee requests for raffle tickets, program ads, patron ads, and other requirements to make the convention a success. I would ask that you work with the con-

vention committee to meet the deadlines so that they can get their work done on time so that we can enjoy the fruits of their labor in May 2012.

In order to encourage attendance at the Federation Convention, the Federation Executive Board approved a motion to reimburse \$100 to the voting delegate from each of the 48 Chapters who attends the 2012 Convention. The \$100 will be sent directly to the delegate after the convention by the Federation Treasurer. Proxies will not be eligible for this reimbursement.

While considering the 2012 Federation Convention, please think about preparing a resolution. If you have an idea about your Chapter or Federation that can be changed or improved, put it on paper and send it forward to be considered. The only way a change can be made is through your suggestions. A convention is only as successful as its members make it and resolutions are interesting especially if they can be discussed and ideas shared. If you need help, call your DVP or me at any time.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season. Drive safely if you must travel and Art and I wish those traveling to you, reach you safely

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### Part B Premium Surprise

Medicare officials announced the new Part B premium rates for 2012 – and they were significantly lower across the board than most people had expected. And for the first time in memory, large numbers of seniors will actually see their premiums drop significantly.

For Federal retirees who were not entitled to the “hold harmless” provision that protected social security recipients, your Part B premium will decrease from \$115.40 to \$99.90. For those who were under social security and protected by the “hold harmless” law, they will see a small increase in monthly premiums from \$96.40 to \$99.90 – an increase of 3.6%.

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The following members receive the Pennsylvania Federation Newsletter: Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Chapter Service Officer, Federation President, Federation Vice Presidents, Federation Secretary, Federation Treasurer, Federation District Vice Presidents, Federation Editor/Webmaster, Federation Alzheimer Chair, Federation Parliamentarian, Federation Service Officer, Federation Public Relations Chair, Federation Immediate Past President, Region II Vice President, National Office, PA Congressional Members.

## Let's Keep Our Chapters Active

By: FRAN CAPUTO  
Federation 1st Vice President

Our problem of not being able to fill Chapter officer positions is huge in Pa. and all across the country. Present chapter officers must continually work on members to insure the Chapter will be able to function in the proper manner. For members who are interested in becoming an officer in the near future, keep them involved by getting them to help in Legislation, Membership, and other areas that could use some extra help. Many chapters that have closed and merged have stated that no member would take a position and many officers were in their positions for up to twenty years!! Mergers are not the solution in many cases due to the added travel time involved for members. If your chapter is having any of the above problems contact your DVP for assistance. You can also get in touch with me for help and if necessary, I will come and visit your chapter to see if I can help in any way. For your information NARFE has booklets that spell out the duties of all chapter officers. Use form F-18 to order these booklets.



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## Election of Executive Board Members

Beginning with this newsletter, candidates for Federation officer positions may announce their intentions to run for election or re-election for office. All positions on the Executive Board are open to all Federation members in good standing. An article of intention to run for the office should be made in this edition and the next edition of the Federation Newsletter (copy due to the editor by 2/11/12) and a letter with a resume should be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at a time determined later.

District Vice President positions are open to all members of the district in which they wish to represent. A letter of intent to run with resume should be sent to each Chapter President of that District before the May 2012 Convention. The election will be held at a District caucus at the convention.

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## Did You Vote?

By: TED MASON  
Federation 2st Vice President

There are a lot of rumors floating around about what the Supercommittee is going to recommend. There is one thing for sure, we need to stay alert and use the phone bank when appropriate. Please stay informed through the Protect America's Heartbeat on the NARFE web site.



I am writing this on Veterans Day 2011. I was surprised to hear on the news there are only twenty two million veterans alive today; this out of a population of three hundred and sixty million people. I thought the number of vets would be much higher. Please remember the twenty-two million protect our right to vote; there are too many people in this country that do not vote.

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This year was the year for local elections. Local elections are as important as the presidential year election. The main reason I say this is federal taxes have not increased in over ten years; local taxes (School, County, Municipal) have increased in most areas of this state.

I checked on some of the statistics in my school district. Out of all the adults that can register to vote only 70% are registered. In the primary we are lucky to get out 15% of the registered voters. At the November election we had about 30% of the registered voters come out. It definitely was not because of the weather -- it was a beautiful day.

Let me put some numbers on this in the area that constitutes our polling place. There are about 2,000 adults eligible to vote or 1,400 registered voters. There were 210 voters in the primary and 400 voters in the November election.

The reality of these numbers will show that it only takes a little over 200 votes out of 2,000 possible votes to win an election. This is despicable!

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## Hey, what happened to my Member of Congress?

By: GEORGE SHAL  
District 2 Vice President

A lot of NARFE members and other Pennsylvanians will be asking these questions sometime over the next year. Pennsylvania is losing one seat, and one vote in the House of Representative. The boundaries of all of the Pennsylvania Congressional Districts will face changes through Redistricting.

Redistricting is the process by which the boundaries of elective districts are periodically redrawn to **maintain equal representation on the basis of population.**

Article 1, Section 2, of the United States Constitution requires that a Census be taken every 10 years for the purpose of apportioning the United States House of Representatives. Census results are used to determine the number of congressional seats apportioned to each state. After the 2000 Federal Census, Pennsylvania had 19 members in the U.S. House of Representatives. Following the 2010 Federal Census, Pennsylvania has 18 members of the U.S. House.

## What Congressional District am I in Now?

Slow growth in the 00's completed an eight-decade cycle that saw the Keystone State's Congressional delegation, which numbered 36 in 1930, cut in half. The state's remaining 18 seats are set to have around 660,000 residents each after redistricting work concludes.

In addition to being used as a basis for apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, Census data is also used in State Legislative redistricting. This is where the fun begins.

Combined with a shrinking state, Republicans took the governorship, the state House, and the state Senate in 2010, giving them a trifecta of redistricting power. However, Pennsylvania still has almost one million more registered Democrats than Republicans. As state law requires each chamber plus the Governor to approve a final redistricting plan, such GOP dominance could speed up the process, and could also irk Democrats. The geographic allegiances of leg-

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islative leadership was also set to influence districts, with much of the GOP's top lawmakers hailing from Western Pennsylvania, which, like Philadelphia, lost population that was gained in the south-central part of the state. Oh, the drama of it all!

All this should be sorted out by the end of the calendar year. There really hasn't been a lot of speed in the process. In theory, the Districts have to be set by January because the Primaries are held in the Spring. Some believe that Allyson Schwartz, D-PA13, the only female Member of Congress from Pennsylvania, has a target on her seat in the redistricting. This could pit her into a head-to-head with the well liked Chalka Fattah, D-PA02 in a battle for the redrawn district. The Republicans will likely not seriously contest that seat regardless of the outcome of the Democratic primaries.

So, be prepared for some changes in your Congressional District wherever you live. Some NARFE chapters print the members Congressional District number on all mailings. Your Federation officers have asked the National office to include this important information on your NARFE magazine mailing label as well.

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### **Ted Mason Announces Candidacy for Federation 2nd VP for the 2012-2014 Term**

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of my intention to run for Second Vice President of the Pennsylvania Federation. My qualifications are as follows:

- Elected to the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Pennsylvania Federation of Chapters in 2006, an office I currently hold.
- Attended and took part in the last five National Conventions (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010).
- Accepted the duties of the 2002 Convention Chairman and ran a successful Convention at the Holiday Inn in King of Prussia.
- Became an active member when I assumed the office of President, Chapter 372 in January 1998; an office I held until January 2008 when I passed the gavel to a competent interested man; George Shal.

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### ***APATHY: lack of interest in or concern for things that others find moving or exciting.***

By: WILLIAM E. HURRLE, SR  
PA Federation PR Chairman

I think it is safe to say that a majority of NARFE members and other federal retirees like receiving their annuity checks each month but have very little concern that this will not happen. Congress has the power to make changes concerning any law on the Federal Register! Is this a certainty, probably not, but we have to be prepared for the worst. As a group we must stay concerned enough to constantly monitor what Congress is thinking and what they are actually doing. The letters sent to the Super Committee by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs certainly show what Congress as a whole is thinking. These are the two committees that must clear any bill that concerns federal employees and retirees.

PR covers a wide range of subjects that we would like to change the way people think. I would hope that as leaders in NARFE we follow through by convincing our members that where Congress is concerned nothing is sacred or certain. I will acknowledge that for now the only ones being attacked are the employees both current and future. The above mentioned letters show that there is some willingness to completely do away with FERS for those with less than 5 years employment and all new hires.

There is about 60% of the work force that will become eligible to retire in the next five (5) years. Why would anyone want to continue to work beyond that point with pay freezes and talk of no step increases? How does Congress expect to have new hires in the future? All of these things will certainly affect us as citizens if they truly become law. One more item to keep a close eye on is our FEHBP. There is talk about making us pay more than the 29% of the total cost that we currently pay. I say that PR is an ongoing commitment to NARFE members as well as the general public in keeping apprised of ALL of the latest information. Convince all federal retirees that the best source for information concerning our retirement is through NARFE and you a

NARFE leader.

For those of you who might want a copy of these letters, please go to my district website: [narfepad6.org](http://narfepad6.org) or contact me at: [DistrictVP@narfepad6.org](mailto:DistrictVP@narfepad6.org) or call me at: 814-366-0919 or via USPS at: William E. Hurrle, Sr., 60 Hurrle Drive, Lewis Run, PA 16738-2102. If you already have a copy **GREAT**, if not, you should read what Congress is thinking.

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### **The Federation Loses a Loyal Leader**

We sadly report that Regina M. McHale, President of the Pennsylvania Federation from 1975 to 1977 died on March 17, 2011 at the age of 86. **A long time member of both Chapter 342 Wilkes-Barre and Chapter 1723 Greater Pittston, she was best known as the first woman to be elected to lead the Federation in 1975.**

Born November 2, 1924 in Wilkes Barre, Regina graduated from Swoyersville High School Class of 1942 and continued to further her education at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital School of Nursing where she became a registered nurse. She attended the College Misericordia where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing education. Regina was employed for five years as a registered nurse for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Augusta, Maine. Prior to her retirement, she was a medical supervisor to the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Regina was involved and very active in the community, in councils and alumnus which kept her busy and well-known throughout the community. She was very proud of her education, was full of self confidence and was always beautifully dressed. She took leadership roles in whatever activity she participated. A woman of strong faith, she was a member of the Blue Army of our Lady of Fatima and a devout member of Holy Trinity Church in Swoyersville. She volunteered many hours with the American Red Cross.

The PA Federation of NARFE has lost a good friend and our wishes for sympathy go to her family.

# 3rd Quarter PA Recruiters Spotlighted. Are you one of them?

	Name	Chapter #	Chapter Name
District 1	Arlene Dougherty	404	Delaware County
	George White	664	Philadelphia Center Square
	Diane Kochan	1301	Oxford Circle
	Jacqueline Mace	1940	Media
District 2	James Eisele	337	2 Chester County
	Theodore Mason	372	Norristown
	Phyllis Reinhardt	129	Scranton
District 4	Timothy Murphy	102	Harrisburg
	Virginia Giordano	373	Carlisle
	Maria Ritzman	458	2 Lebanon Valley
	Robert Kakielny	1063	Chambersburg
	Ocielee McClure	1063	Chambersburg
	Marie Brookes	1465	West Shore
District 5	June Brandt	114	Pittsburg Metro
	Priscilla Leppel	114	Pittsburg Metro
District 6	Robert Bierre	143	Presque Isle
	Louis Presnar	657	New Castle Area
	William Hurrle	1782	McKean County Area

## Alzheimer's Donations towards Goal of \$10,000

By: DIXIE LEE GASPER  
Alzheimer Chairperson

Collection of donations for Alzheimer's Research for the year 2011/2012 (July 1 – June 30) has begun for the PA NARFE Federation. As of November 8, 2011 a total of \$2,233.50 has been submitted toward a goal of \$10,000.

Throughout the past year, I talked to several chapters on what fundraising they do to gather funds for such a worthy cause. It's been bus trips to a casino or dinner theater, 50/50 raffles, chances on gift cards, collection jars or basket on their sign-in tables, and a Bakeless bake sale. Chapters can be creative on ways to earn money for research to find a cure of Alzheimer's disease.

Since November is Alzheimer's disease awareness month, I thought a few words on "How nutrition can help prevent Alzheimer's" would help you understand the cry why research needs to continue. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and it is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause of death in those ages 65 and older.

Age and family history/genetics are major risk factors, but emerging research is suggesting that lifestyle factors include diet and exercise can also play an important role in prevention. Eating heart healthy and brain healthy diets are very closely related.

It's suggested you up your Vitamin E which is a very potent anti-oxidant and appears to play a role in staving off Alzheimer's. Research shows that those with the highest amounts of Vitamin E in their diet (from food, not supplements), have a significantly lower risk of Alzheimer's disease. Also, top food choices include sunflower oil, nuts, seeds, fish and plenty of green vegetables with a little healthy fat to maximize the absorption of vitamin E. For those who don't like fish, take a fish oil capsule daily or try out some of the new foods fortified with DHA including soy milk, yogurt and nutrition bars.

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### News from District 6

By: WILLIAM E. HURRELE, SR  
District 6 Vice President

I have had requests for three "Citation for Distinguished Service" certificates signed by the federation President Maria Ritzman. Two of these will be presented in November and one in December. This is a real pleasure for me to honor these members with a small token of our appreciation for service well done.



Just as the North Central Chapter was beginning to recuperate, they are now down for the winter. But, they did come up with what I think was a good idea. They had planned a Recruitment and Retention dinner for a Saturday. They were planning to advertise at local agencies and on radio and in the newspaper.

As I understand they would pay for the prospective members who attended. BUT due to circumstances beyond their control the whole affair was canceled. The idea was a good one and they may try again in the spring. As this was for recruiting, it may have qualified for matching funds. This is something for others to think about.

Peter Winkler, the District Director for Congressman Thompson, attended the November meeting of the McKean County Area Chapter. He spoke on contacting the Congressman. Tips were given as what to do and what not to do. He is a good speaker and had some funny stories to relate. While talking with him after the meeting he invited me to the Titusville office to discuss the Postal Service issue with him and another aide who is well versed in this matter. I hope to take one or two others with me.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE CARLISLE, PA THE SENTINEL

By: VIRGINIA GIORDANO  
Federation Secretary

National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) has been working hard to protect federal employees and retirees for 90 years. We personally contact our Federal Representatives and Senators to inform them of what is happening to us, and many times they don't realize how we are being affected by current issues coming before them and they are not representing us fairly. Most of these legislators have local offices in the various areas; e.g. Carlisle and other towns, where appointments can be made for personal visits to discuss our concerns.

Everyone should realize we aren't talking about only agencies such as Carlisle Barracks, Letterkenny, etc. but also the US Postal Service, Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, Environmental Protection, and many others. The Obama Administration plans to close 800 of the 2,094 federal data centers by 2015. In July, 140 post offices were targeted for closing; by March, 80 had closed and the other 60 will close by September. The Office of Management and Budget plans to reduce support services by 15 percent over the next 15 months. The good news recently was the debt-limit compromise did not include any immediate cuts to federal retirement, pay, or health benefits. NARFE generated more than 25,000 phone calls and more than 215,000 e-mail messages to legislators, but the threat has not disappeared. It is expected that the "Supercommittee" will target retired and active federal workers as they aim to cut spending by an additional \$2.5 trillion this year.

NARFE has created a program to ask for the support of all federal workers and retirees known as "Protect America's Heartbeat" to protect us from being singled out for unfair treatment. We ask the current administration not to single us out by asking for more cuts to our benefits which we earned through years of serving the public. We have already sacrificed pay and benefits. The federal government froze federal pay increases for two years, then they proposed to cut the federal work

force by ten percent, and now the White House and congressional leaders support the idea of forcing federal workers to pay an extra five percent of their salaries to their annuities, which is ultimately a tax on 2.2 million middle-class Americans. This plan means that 17.4 percent of a federal employee's salary, before taxes, would go to the government. Don't make the federal worker or retiree a scapegoat.

Private companies do not require their workers to contribute to their pension funds, but federal workers have been paying into out trust fund since it was created. It is unfair to expect federal workers to pay even more. There is no guarantee to our federal pension based on the economics we face today in this country. So you can see, there is much to be done by NARFE and we need ALL federal workers and retirees to be supporters of what we try to do for

the benefit of everyone.

NARFE is your insurance policy against reduction in your annuities and health care protection, which are always vulnerable. Pertaining to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session (2009), NARFE achieved equity for federal retirees in the Stimulus Bill; defeated an amendment that would have cut federal civilian retirement and/or health benefits by \$10 billion over ten years; and enactment of several Civil Service Improvements in the Defense Authorization Bill and others. If you are still receiving your full annuity, health care benefits and cost-of-living adjustments, then you can thank NARFE!

Some of the above statements have been taken from information provided by NARFE'S National President Joseph Beaudoin and National Headquarters of NARFE.

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## Deadlines for the 2012 PA Federation Convention

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Deadline for Chapters to send in ticket stubs and checks: APRIL 2, 2012



### CAMERA READY SPONSOR ADS

\$100 Full page ad (4.75w x 6.75h)

\$ 50 Half page ad (4.75W x 4.75h)

\$ 30 Quarter page ad (4.75w x 1.625h)

\$ 1.00 Patron listing

Deadline for Chapters to send in sponsor ads and patron listings: MARCH 15, 2012



### THEME BASKETS

Letter to be mailed to all Chapter presidents requesting a theme basket be brought to the convention to be chanced off or to make a donation of \$50 for the theme basket committee to make.



### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

2012 PA. FEDERATION NARFE CONVENTION

Thank you,

George Lescosky  
2012 Convention Co-Chairman/Secretary  
lescgeo1@verizon.net

**THEDA A. DIVELBISS**  
**2/28/1923**  
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**8/30/2011**

**Nomination of  
 Theda Divelbiss for  
 CHAMBERSBURG CITIZEN OF  
 THE YEAR-2011**

National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter #1063, Chambersburg, is the largest of 50 chapters in Pennsylvania, representing 1400 members. Theda Divelbiss dedicated her retirement years to enhancing and growing membership in this group, whereby she provided valuable volunteer service to all retirees in Chambersburg and Franklin County. Her phone never received a question that she couldn't answer and provide informative advice.

NARFE, the PA Federation, and Chambersburg Chapter 1063 mourns the loss of Theda and expresses our condolences to her family and friends.

After retiring from Letterkenny Army Depot in 1983, Theda worked from home by counseling future retirees on their federal retirement and health insurance benefits to include spousal information and advice to all. She then added her talents to the community by associating with the Franklin County Area Aging in 2001. This partnership resulted in the opening of an APPRISE/NARFE office and counseling center in the Eugene C. Clark recreation center.

If a family member or friend needed help or died, you only needed to contact Theda who captured those phone numbers for contacts at Office of Personnel Management or Social Security to make your work on estate settlement outcome timely and seamless.

Theda's knowledge and advice on Medicare, Medicaid and associated required gap insurance has helped Franklin County residents tremendously.

Theda not only provided benefit counseling. She worked tirelessly to recruit members to the local NARFE chapter. Always working to serve her fellow retirees, in September, 2002, Theda organized the last retirement celebration that Letterkenny Army Depot hosted to commemorate the depot's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary by nearly singlehandedly organizing a retiree

picnic.

Theda was an organizer who worked with those federal and state agencies to help her friends and associates solve problems.

The Borough of Chambersburg would be challenged to find a Citizen of the Year who has outperformed the work accomplished by Theda Divelbiss through her many years of volunteer service to local citizens.

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**District One Hosts a  
 Federal Employee  
 Benefits Seminar**

By: BETTY ROBINSON  
 District 1 Vice President

The PA Federation and D1 hosted a Federal Employees Retirement Benefits Seminar on November 2-3, 2011. The



Seminar was held at the historic Mother Bethel AME Church in the Society Hill section of Philadelphia.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> was for CSRS & CSRS Offset Employees

November 3<sup>rd</sup> was for FERS Employees

Both sessions of the Seminar were well attended and agencies too numerous to list participated.

Each session opened with a presentation by Federation President Maria Ritzman who provided an overview of the benefits of becoming a member of NARFE. A NARFE packet was provided to each attendee which included a letter from NARFE National President Joseph Beaudoin, copy of NARFE Magazine, pamphlets "Look at what NARFE has done for you Lately" and "NARFE Legislative Accomplishments," NARFE decal "Proud to be a Federal Employee" and a NARFE Membership Application.

Most employees had not heard of NARFE and were interested in the information contained in NARFE Magazine.

The Qs & As were popular and the fact that they can read them at their leisure is part of the value they have in the handout packet.

Maria offered a \$5.00 rebate to those who joined NARFE during the Seminar. Several employees took her up on the offer and were presented with a crisp \$5.00 bill by Art Ritzman.

The Benefits portion of the Seminar

was presented pro bono by Wienken Advisors, Ltd., Presenters Chris Lenz and George Snook.

A Power Point presentation was viewed on a dual screen. There were numerous questions by the attendees regarding their benefits which were answered by either Chris or George.

Other topics discussed during the presentation; e.g., high-3 to high-5; employees/retirees share of health care, etc. seemed to interest them especially when President Ritzman reminded them that these were included on the Supercommittee's deficit list.

Due to time constraints the Financial module was not covered and the attendees were offered a free individual consultation if they wished to be contacted.

The general consensus from review of the completed surveys was that the employees received answers to their benefits questions and "yes" they would recommend this seminar to their co-workers.

Many asked for additional information on NARFE and D1 members will follow-up with phone calls in the next few weeks.

Special Thanks to the D1 Retirement Benefits Committee Chapter Presidents: Neil Dougherty (Chapter 404); Virginia Ceccoli (Chapter 1287) and Wallace Robinson (Chapter 1384) and to volunteers: Isolene Dent-Nelson (Chapter 664); Chuck Schumacher (Chapter 1287); Joan Dragolic (Chapter 1287) and Dorothy Robinson (Chapter 1384).

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**REMINDER:**

All chapters are required to submit an annual F-7 Officers Roster by January 1st of each year whether there are any changes or not. Submit the F-7 online at NARFE.ORG. The Chapter President or designee that has the Presidents ID number is the only person authorized to submit the F-7.

**We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.**

**As you enjoy the good times, please remember all the Military Members who will not be home with their loved ones.**

# Chapter Membership Report

	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	% Change to date
<b>DISTRICT 1</b>														
31 Philadelphia Cntr City	383	384	378	371	375	373	372	371	364	363				-5.22%
404 Delaware County	504	503	503	488	482	481	481	479	469	467				-7.34%
664 Phila Center Square	320	327	325	331	331	331	328	325	316	313				-2.19%
1212 Metro Philadelphia	267	268	265	260	260	260	260	255	251	247				-7.49%
1287 Lower Bucks	340	342	341	338	339	336	336	326	321	318				-6.47%
1301 Oxford Circle	995	988	970	968	958	948	941	926	918	911				-8.44%
1384 Montgomery Cnty	751	751	742	742	733	728	722	721	717	704				-6.26%
1940 Media	216	216	216	217	216	216	215	212	208	207				-4.17%
<b>Total Dist 1</b>	<b>3776</b>	<b>3779</b>	<b>3740</b>	<b>3712</b>	<b>3694</b>	<b>3673</b>	<b>3655</b>	<b>3615</b>	<b>3564</b>	<b>3530</b>				<b>-6.51%</b>
<b>District 2</b>														
103 Reading	290	291	290	286	283	280	279	275	270	267				-7.93%
372 Norristown	335	336	336	334	329	332	333	330	325	323				-3.58%
377 Chester County	374	379	378	376	378	378	374	373	369	369				-1.34%
413 Schuylkill	254	252	250	250	250	248	248	250	251	246				-3.15%
740 Doylestown	261	262	262	261	266	265	263	258	258	257				-1.53%
1102 Easton Area	123	122	120	118	118	118	117	117	116	115				-6.50%
1371 Lehigh Valley	508	508	503	499	499	499	497	490	486	482				-5.12%
<b>Total Dist 2</b>	<b>2145</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>2124</b>	<b>2123</b>	<b>2120</b>	<b>2111</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>2075</b>	<b>2059</b>				<b>-4.01%</b>
<b>District 3</b>														
129 Scranton	194	195	192	192	192	192	191	189	186	184				-5.15%
342 Wilkes-Barre	413	411	409	407	404	402	401	395	390	386				-6.54%
412 Williamsport	130	131	129	131	132	130	128	148	148	148				13.85%
1189 Poconos	150	149	150	149	149	149	148	147	145	143				-4.67%
1258 Lewisburg	69	70	68	68	69	67	66 merged							-100.00%
1646 Susquehanna Valley	80	80	81	81	82	82	80	119	115	115				43.75%
1723 Greater Pittston	100	96	96	96	96	96	95	94	92	92				-8.00%
2259 Pike-Wayne Cnty	73	74	73	71	71	72	70	70	70	69				-5.48%
<b>Total Dist 3</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>1137</b>				<b>-5.96%</b>
<b>District 4</b>														
102 Harrisburg	579	573	568	568	556	551	547	539	534	532				-8.12%
301 Lancaster	354	354	354	351	350	353	353	352	346	344				-2.82%
331 York	313	313	310	306	301	299	298	296	293	292				-6.71%
373 Carlisle	372	373	374	371	373	371	366	364	357	357				-4.03%
458 Lebanon Valley	515	517	520	516	515	514	514	512	511	505				-1.94%
1063 Chambersburg	1393	1389	1385	1383	1383	1375	1364	1361	1354	1345				-3.45%
1465 West Shore	587	586	580	584	581	579	570	570	564	564				-3.92%
1797 Adams-Hanover	360	361	358	350	352	347	344	343	342	339				-5.83%
1816 Mechanicsburg	574	572	568	563	559	557	552	552	547	542				-5.57%
<b>Total Dist 4</b>	<b>5047</b>	<b>5038</b>	<b>5017</b>	<b>4997</b>	<b>4970</b>	<b>4946</b>	<b>4908</b>	<b>4880</b>	<b>4848</b>	<b>4820</b>				<b>-4.66%</b>

	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	% Change to date
<b>District 5</b>														
114 Pittsburgh Metro	1063	1057	1045	1037	1032	1027	1021	1009	997	992				-6.68%
1296 Butler Area	265	273	269	268	280	279	277	270	266	274				3.40%
1556 Allegheny-Kiski	195	195	191	190	188	188	184	179	177	176				-9.74%
1855 Mon-Yough	200	202	201	203	205	204	202	203	198	194				-3.00%
1997 Armstrong Cnty	54	55	55	54	54	53	49	49	49	49				-9.26%
2001 Fayco	139	139	139	135	135	135	134	153	131	130				-6.47%
<b>Total Dist 5</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>1887</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1818</b>	<b>1815</b>				<b>-5.27%</b>
<b>District 6</b>														
143 Presque Isle	216	216	216	212	211	211	212	209	206	206				-4.63%
657 New Castle	202	205	202	200	201	202	202	201	199	195				-3.47%
1575 North Central	89	88	87	87	87	88	87	85	85	87				-2.25%
1778 Kinzuz-Warren	65	65	65	64	64	64	64	63	62	64				-1.54%
1782 McKean County	74	74	72	72	72	72	73	71	68	68				-8.11%
2094 Beaver County	69	69	69	68	68	69	69	69	69	69				
<b>Total Dist 6</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>689</b>				<b>-3.64%</b>
<b>District 7</b>														
328 Altoona Area	232	236	232	229	226	225	225	223	223	221				-4.74%
1130 Johnstown	241	239	234	230	227	225	222	223	218	217				-9.96%
1861 Somerset	57	58	57	57	57	56	56	56	55	53				-7.02%
2093 Bedford County	79	79	80	79	81	76	75	75	73	74				-6.33%
2124 Indiana	66	65	64	65	66	65	65	65	65	65				-1.52%
<b>Total Dist 7</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>630</b>				<b>-6.67%</b>
<b>District 1</b>	<b>3776</b>	<b>3779</b>	<b>3740</b>	<b>3712</b>	<b>3694</b>	<b>3673</b>	<b>3655</b>	<b>3615</b>	<b>3564</b>	<b>3530</b>				<b>-6.51%</b>
<b>District 2</b>	<b>2145</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>2139</b>	<b>2124</b>	<b>2123</b>	<b>2120</b>	<b>2111</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>2075</b>	<b>2059</b>				<b>-4.01%</b>
<b>District 3</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>1137</b>				<b>-5.96%</b>
<b>District 4</b>	<b>5047</b>	<b>5038</b>	<b>5017</b>	<b>4992</b>	<b>4970</b>	<b>4946</b>	<b>4908</b>	<b>4889</b>	<b>4848</b>	<b>4820</b>				<b>-4.50%</b>
<b>District 5</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>1921</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>1887</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>1886</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>1818</b>	<b>1815</b>				<b>-5.27%</b>
<b>District 6</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>689</b>				<b>-3.64%</b>
<b>District 7</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>630</b>				<b>-6.67%</b>
<b>Federation National</b>	<b>15483</b>	<b>15488</b>	<b>15372</b>	<b>15273</b>	<b>15236</b>	<b>15168</b>	<b>15070</b>	<b>14962</b>	<b>14774</b>	<b>14680</b>				<b>-5.19%</b>
	<b>306364</b>									<b>288742</b>				<b>-5.75%</b>

# NARFE PA FEDERATION TREASURER'S REPORT 7/1/10—9/30/11

Quarter Totals 7/1/2011 9/30/2011	TOTALS 7/1/2010 to 9/30/2011	BUDGET 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2012
Beginning Funds on Hand each period	\$108,033.34	\$110,006.03
<b>INCOME</b>		
National 10% Rebate	10,185.64	53,882.65
Interest/Dividends	547.24	2,235.18
2010 Federation Convention		1,550.00
2012 Federation Convention		2,500.00
Matching Funds from National	50.00	
Total Income	\$10,732.88	\$57,724.84
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>118,766.22</b>	<b>167,730.87</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Alzheimer, PR & Service Officer		195.10
Advance Federation Convention Funds	500.00	2,000.00
D.V.P. Activities	187.08	2,623.98
District Meetings/Training	312.46	312.46
Federal Retirees' Assistance Centers	410.05	1,951.72
Honorariums		500.00
Legislative		200.00
Membership	1,831.56	3,441.23
Membership Incentive Program	90.00	90.00
National Convention 2010		10,444.76
National Legislative Conference		4,968.63
Organize / Rejuvenate Chapters		952.33
PA Federation Convention- 2012		8,200.00
PA Federation Quarterly Newsletter	251.00	1,162.12
Pa. Fed. Ex. Bd. Meetings	4,500.60	15,549.12
Postage	74.58	355.24
Pre-Retirement Seminars		229.11
Printing	158.33	880.91
Special and Ceremonial	781.94	1,086.20
Supplies	50.62	330.87
Telephone	44.07	94.06
Time & Place Committee		200.00
Treasurer's Bond & Liability Insurance		174.00
Webmaster		200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>9,192.29</b>	<b>47,341.84</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE ACCOUNTED</b>	<b>109,573.93</b>	<b>120,389.03</b>
<b>RECAP</b>		
NARFE Preimer Credit Union - Checking	\$109,518.89	\$ 99,190.93 Start 7/1/2010
NARFE Preimer Credit Union - Shares	\$ 55.01	\$ 57,724.84 Total Income
		\$ 156,915.77
		\$ (47,341.84) Total Expenses
Total Cash Assets- September 30, 2011	\$ 109,573.90	\$ 109,573.93 End 9/30/2011
Stanley Ostwinch, Treasurer		



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