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## Mt. Diablo Chapter 531



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## Chapter Chatter — The Monthly NARFE Chapter Newsletter

### CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING — MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009 @ 11:30

**Dragon 2000 Restaurant,  
1651 Bothelho Dr. (Palm Court Shopping Center) Walnut Creek**

Join your friends and fellow chapter members for a delicious seven-course Chinese luncheon. Bothelho Dr. is just off California Blvd—very easy to locate. There is free parking at the restaurant or several parking garages nearby. Bring your family and guests, all are welcome. For reservations at \$13 per person please use the coupon at the bottom of this page and send to June Zaloumis by 22 April.

Buzz Bertolero (The Dirt Gardener) from Navlet's will be back with us with his tips on plants, and advice on local gardening. He will answer questions about your problems.

### STATE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN: Paul Andrews

#### Last Chance to Sign Up

By the time next month's *Chapter Chatter* is delivered to your mailbox the 2009 State Convention at the Concord Hilton, May 1-3, will probably be over and you will either be telling your friends what a fun time you had and how much you learned — or wondering why you missed this once in a lifetime opportunity to attend a State Convention just a few miles from your home and at almost no cost or inconvenience.

Your Chapter is picking up the registration, lunch and banquet cost of any who sign up as delegates and the registration cost for those who just want to visit and see what is going on. It's the best deal in the county for a fun weekend that doesn't break the bank. To be in the first category, just pick up the phone and call me at 687-5162 as soon as you can.

While fun is definitely on the agenda with numerous musical acts during conference breaks, an opening wine reception and great menus and entertainment at the luncheon and banquet, there is also some serious information being presented that you will want to hear. Among the highlights is the address of Dan Adcock, our National Director of Legislation, who will bring us up to date on the current legislative strategy and the new opportunities and dangers in this time of great upheaval in Washington.

Your California Federation Officers will report on NARFE activities, past, present and future. You will also hear from an array of local and National politicians, from the Mayor of Concord (invited) to the Speaker of the House (invited) on their take on how all the turmoil in the economy and in Washington might affect their areas and constituents.

So get on the Convention train by calling in your registration today and sharing a great first weekend of May with your NARFE colleagues from all over the state.

### NATIONAL LEGISLATION: Rolland Hamilton

Theodore Roosevelt is reported as stating to the effect that no person has the right *to withhold support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within the sphere of that person.*

Sounds like he is speaking of Federal Retirees and NARFE members in particular. Have you supported NARFE-PAC? The fair share for each and every member is only \$20, for which you receive a pin to attest to your contribution.

NARFE continues to make toll free number 1-866-220-0044 available for you to phone your Representative by name and your two Senators to co-sponsor Premium Conversion, HR-1203 and S-491.

Also, same number and procedure, may be used to encourage support of complete repeal of GPO and WEP. ( 227 Representatives are co-sponsors of HR-235, and companion bill S-484 introduced by California Senator Feinstein has 15 co-sponsors.)

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Send reservations to June Zaloumis at 1588 Schenone Ct #B, Concord CA 94521  
Any questions, please phone June at 676-6759. **Deadline for Reservations is 22 April.**

Enclosed is my check (payable to **Mt. Diablo Chapter 531**) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$13 each for the 27 April luncheon at Dragon 2000 Restaurant.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEMBERSHIP: Paul Andrews**

Fitting right into Herb's call last week for every member to set a personal goal to recruit one new member this year, NARFE Headquarters has announced a new recruiting contest that will pay cash awards from \$200, \$300 or \$500 to the Chapters that recruit the most new members in their size category by July 2010.

Any one of these prizes would be a welcome addition to our bank account and are another incentive to get our local recruiting imitative started. They also have decided to continue to pay an \$8.00 finders fee to members who recruit active federal employees.

Our Executive Board will be addressing a new membership plan in the coming months and welcomes any input from the membership. If you have any ideas let any Chapter Officer know or, better yet, come to the Executive Board meeting at 1:30 P.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, at The Chateau in Pleasant Hill. Members are always welcome to attend the Board meetings and especially when they have an idea or ideas they want to discuss or present.

Applications and recruiting brochures are available at every membership meeting or by calling me at 687-5162. Let's get going on recruiting your "one" now and help keep our Chapter strong.

Please give a warm welcome to our new members and reinstatement listed below.

### **New Members**

Josephine Dare and Lillian Hart

### **Reinstatement**

Raymond Fish

### **In Memory**

Audrey Kratina

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Herb Roth**

By the time that you read this edition of the Chatter our Chapter will be close to the biggest event of the year. The 2009 California State Federation Convention will be several weeks away and all of the planning and organizing will come to its realization.

In the month of May it will be two years since this assignment was given to our Chapter at the State Convention in Costa Mesa. At that time it seemed like

an overwhelming assignment and the President of the Vallejo Chapter assured us that she would give us full support and their Chapter would co-host the event.

Soon after the 2007 Convention the Vallejo Chapter President resigned, but fortunately we had Paul Andrews of our Chapter accept the Chairmanship and from then on things began rolling. Paul immediately began organizing, scheduling meetings, appointing committee heads and spending considerable time dealing with the logistics of the Convention.

Paul has recruited a very capable Convention Committee and with the help of Lea Zajac, Vallejo Chapter President, and Werner Gumpert, State Federation Treasurer, both experienced in past conventions. Plus members of the Vallejo and Concord Chapters are bringing us skills and insights of previous conventions.

We need the support of each Chapter Member and we welcome your participation. I have mentioned on many occasions about the talents that our members have and have had as former Government Employees. When I am able to participate and see, on a first hand basis, the ability and determination going into an event of such magnitude I am proud to be a member of not only NARFE but also a former employee of the U.S. Government. Good luck and thanks to Paul Andrews and his entire Committee for a successful 2009 Convention!

### **Mt. Diablo Chapter 531 Officers**

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