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Chapter Chatter — The Monthly NARFE Chapter Newsletter

ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC — MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008



Our October Membership meeting will be a picnic held at the Roger Smith Pleasant Hill City Park on Columbus Day (October 13), starting at **approximately 11:30 a.m.**

The park is on Grayson Road between Taylor Blvd and Pleasant Hill Road.

The cost is just \$10. The committee will barbeque Tri Tip Steak and Sausages and provide disposable dishes and flatware. They will provide Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks.—What a bargain! We are seeking volunteers to help set up, clean up, barbeque, or bring picnic side dishes.

Currently working federal employees are especially invited since this is a federal holiday! Bring your favorite game to share. Lots of trees and tables. Send in coupon at the bottom of the page. Or just call Phil Waggoner at 925-228-6637 and tell him to add your name to the list.

AND DON'T FORGET THE ALZHEIMER' MEMORY WALK

The Memory Walk is on **Saturday, October 11, 2008** on Treasure Island. It starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. You can use BART by going to the Embarcadero station and a free shuttle will be available on Market St. every 15 minutes will to get to Treasure Island. Or, just drive onto the Bay Bridge and take the Treasure Island exit for on-site parking.

The walk is 3 miles long with a 1.5 mile shortcut. Walk at your own pace (or sit and enjoy the day). Actually, come when you are able, walk as far as you are comfortable and leave when you need to!

Free bottled water and oranges will be provided and several food vendors will sell a variety of snacks. Musical entertainment and family fun activities are provided. The Chapter plans a picnic together after the walk. Bring your own lunch bag.

I am the Team Captain for NARFE Mt. Diablo Chapter 531 and ask you to call me (June Duncan) at 925-228-5036 to register with our team.

MEMBERSHIP: Paul Andrews

August was a bit of an oddity in that we had no new members and no reinstatements, so we have no one to welcome or welcome back. Unfortunately we can not say the same about our losses, which continued at a normal pace. In all we lost eight voting members to death, transfer and failure to pay dues and two non-voting members for failure to pay Chapter dues. Our total voting members at the end of August were 688, non voting 71.

Transferred Out Karin Johnson

In Memory James Flynn

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 8, 2008 OAKHURST COUNTRY CLUB IN CLAYTON

Put it on your calendar now. We will print a coupon next month. The committee is working hard to make it the best Holiday party yet! Easy access—right off Clayton Road. Great view of the hills.



Send reservations by 8 October to: Phil Waggoner, 351 Glacier Dr. Martinez, CA 94553.

Or call 228-6637 and you can pay at the picnic.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Mt. Diablo Chapter 531) in the amount of \$_____ for _____ people at \$10 each.

NAME _____ GUESTS (S) _____ PHONE # _____

(optional): I volunteer to help _____ and/or bring food _____

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Herb Roth

The delegates that attended the National Convention from Chapter 531 were, Paul Andrews, Fil and Mildred Fong, Rolland Hamilton, Carole Roth, and myself, Herb Roth. The convention was a busy time for all of us and efficiently run by our President, Margaret Baptiste.

One of the most important actions to take place (that affects all of us) is the rejection of a dues increase resolution. More than 96 resolutions were presented, but many were combined in committee. I do not have the space to discuss all of the other resolutions, however many of them were of what some of us considered not too significant.

National Officers elected were: President, Margaret Baptiste, who was reelected by acclamation, Vice President, Joe Beaudoin, Secretary, Nate Brown, and Treasurer, Richard Ostergen were each reelected. Helen Zajac ran unopposed for our Region VIII Vice President and was also elected by acclamation. The Officers will take office November 1, 2008

Our votes were cast in accordance with the wishes of our membership as we best could determine as your delegates. We caucused before the voting took place and our votes were cast accordingly.

One of the main presenters at the convention was Dan Adcock, our NARFE Legislative Director, who took the position of Judy Parks after her retirement. His main theme was a warning of the "Perfect Storm". A "Perfect Storm" indicates the threat to Federal Employees and Retirees benefits. Once the election has taken place a new President and Congress will be in control. He reminded us of the constant themes that you have heard in the *Chatter* (1) involving recruitment and maintaining membership, (2) involving ourselves in politics (Voting), (3) NARFE PAC, (4) the various retirement benefits for both civilian and military, and (5) warning signals such as the federal deficit.

For those of us that attended the convention it was a good experience to not only hear the speakers but also to meet our National Officers on a one to one basis and to have the input to continue the operation of NARFE. Much of this might seem like I am preaching to the choir, because all of you that read the *Chatter* are aware of what is happening and many of you are very active in our Chapter. The point I would like to make is that we all know retired Federal Employees that do not belong to NARFE and with some encouragement might join.

In conclusion, we voted on the next National Convention site which will be in Sparks, Nevada at the Nugget. Considering how close that is to our Chapter it gives you a great opportunity to participate.

Now we must concentrate on the California Federation Convention in May 2009.

SERVICE: Duane Peterson

Open Season for FEHBP will be from Monday, November, 2008 through Monday, December 8, 2008.

If you have any questions on FEHBP please contact your Service Officer.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

<u>MEMBERSHIP MTGS</u>	<u>EXEC. BOARD MTGS</u>
• 11 OCT @ 9:30 am —TI Alzheimer Walk	• 13 OCT @ Picnic
• 13 OCT @ 11:30 am — Picnic	• 10 NOV @ 1:30 pm —@ Chateau
• 24 NOV @ 2:00 pm — Open Season speakers	• 1 DEC @ 10:00 am —@ Chateau
• 8 DEC @ 11:30 — Holiday Lunch	<u>CONVENTION COMM.</u>
	• 30 OCT @ 1:00 pm —@ Hilton Hotel

Mt. Diablo Chapter 531 Officers

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