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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

NARFE and the Fiscal Budget Commission.

As the commission charged with coming up with recommendations on the federal debt begins its work, NARFE wants every member to use the legislative Action Center, NARFE Web site to send a message and educate their representative and two senators.

<http://capwiz.com/narfe/issues/alert/?alertid=14982226>

These are important points to remember.

1. During the budget crises of the 1980s and early 1990s, federal retirees and survivors lost in excess of \$50 billion in deferred, reduced and canceled cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) while Social Security COLAs were preserved.
2. Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund is fully funded and actuarially sound. The system is not now and never will be 'insolvent' for payment of benefits.
3. Civil Service Retirement's share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will decrease by 0.06 percent while Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid will increase by two percent over the next 10 years.
4. Federal retirement not affected by boom in the senior population because it's a function of the size of the federal work force, not the general population.

You can make a difference in preventing our benefits from being eroded or eliminated. Can I count on YOU?

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NARFE AT WORK

Meet Your Candidate Month.

Congress will be in summer recess from 9 Aug -10 Sep. This is an excellent opportunity for NARFE members to meet with candidates and acquaint them with the association and our legislative concerns.

NARFE SPEAKS AT GPO/WEP SUMMIT. Retired teachers held a summit to learn more about and discuss the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and how it affects their own and spousal Social Security benefits. NARFE participated in the event, highlighting NARFE's efforts and those of the Coalition to Assure Retirement Equity to get legislation passed to repeal or reform the provisions.

Welcome New Members

*Joy McMillin, Vanessa D. Cowling,
Vicki J. Fluellen, Mamie L. Harrison,
Dan L. Lark, Dianna L. Sommerfield*

RENEWALS

*Susan Findley, Antonio Ovalle,
Raul F. Pendas, Marlys Williams*

IN MEMORIAM

Homer J. Leonard

Monthly meeting for the next Quarter

*JULY 21
AUGUST 18
SEPTEMBER 15*

We meet at RYAN'S FAMILY STEAKHOUSE,
7211 Hwy 6 - between Beechnut and Bellaire

◆ PROGRAMS ◆

JULY Hurricane Preparedness
Speaker: Mark Annas

AUG Congressman Al Green

SEP Auto Safety
AAA Representative

If you have any suggestions for a program or if you would like to make a presentation, please contact 1st VP & Program Chair, Pat Schuetz

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and you have an email address, send EMAIL address to rudycarr@att.net. This will help save \$ on postage + you get meeting notice.

UPDATES OF INTEREST

Health Care Reform (PL 111-148)

- Retains the FEHBP and most of its important benefits. Only member of congress and their personal staffs are required to enroll in the state exchanges.
- FEHBP coverage will be extended to dependents until age 26, starting in 2011.
- FEHBP insurance plans will have to include preventive services, with no co-payments, coinsurance or deductibles beginning in 2011.

Congress passes pay freeze for 2011 for members of congress.

CHAPTER 1375 UPDATES

Membership contest. CHAPTER 1375 is in the top 10 percent, (medium chapter) category. Let's all recruit one new member and take the lead.

The next planning meeting for the 2011 Texas Federation Convention hosted by Chapter 1375, will be held after the regular meeting on 21 Jul. Participation from other chapters in district 7 and 8 is encouraged for a successful convention in 2011.

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