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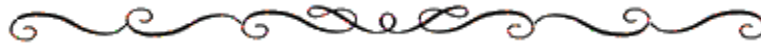
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Nominations for 2008 Association Officers



The nominating committee has submitted its report of nominees for election as Houston Association of Chapters officers for 2008. Nominations may also be made from the floor prior to the election to be held at the January 23, 2008 quarterly meeting. The nominees are as follows:

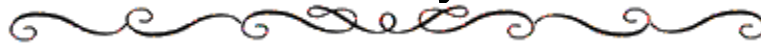
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Vice President: Marlene Wright

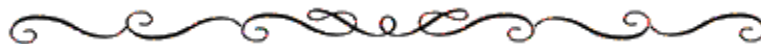
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Federal Pay Raise



It appears the Bush Administration is again attempting to favor the military and provide an additional .5% raise for the military. Earlier this year the Administration tried to limit the current federal employee pay raise for 2008 to 3% while giving the military a 3.5% raise, Congress however, again supported the policy of providing equal raises to military and federal employees by passing supplemental funding to provide the full raise of 3.5% for current federal employees. Recently President Bush vetoed the bill that included a 3.5% raise to the military for other reasons, and is now seeking to have a 4% raise for the military included in the new bill required because of his veto. This would provide an additional .5% to the military above the 3.5% provided federal employees. NARFE has steadfastly supported the equal pay policy in its lobbying efforts. NARFE members should consider contacting their Congressman to tell them they want them to support equal pay increases. Besides consistently failing to provide funding for the 1990 law that was to provide pay comparability the current administration has persistently sought to reduce annual pay increases by changing pay systems and taking away part of any increases to use for other purposes.

Meeting Place for 2008 Association Meetings



The next Houston Association of Chapters meeting will be on Wednesday January 23, 2008 at 10:30 AM. District 8 did not elected to host any meetings in 2008, thus all meetings for 2008 will be held at Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, Texas. A schedule of the meetings and a map showing the meeting location is available on the Association website at:

<http://www.narfehouston.org/meetinfo.html>

NARFE Websites:

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2008 District Meeting Dates



The meeting dates for the District 7 and District 8 Conferences have been announced. The District 7 Conference hosted by Southwest Houston Chapter 1375 will meet on March 5, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the Ryan's Restaurant on Hwy 6 just south of Bellaire. The District 8 Conference hosted by Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 will meet on March 6, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the Dinner Bell Cafeteria. Plan to attend your District Conference which will be the only major meeting this year before the National Convention (in Louisville, Kentucky in September 2008), as there will not be a Texas Federation Convention until 2009.

Association January Meeting Agenda



The next Houston Association of Chapters meeting will be on Wednesday January 23, 2008 at 10:30 AM at Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, Texas.

Agenda items for the January quarterly meeting will include:

Election of Officers for 2008

Acceptance of Chapter Representative Appointments

Chapter Reports on volunteers and support for hosting 2009 Region VI Training Seminar

NARFE 2009 Region VI Seminar



There was discussion at the October quarterly meeting about the possibility of the Houston area chapters getting together to host the 2009 Region VI Training Seminar. A motion was made, seconded and passed that asked representatives to go back to their Chapters and determine what actual Chapter and volunteer support there would be for hosting this event, and to report at the January quarterly meeting. Chapters are asked to give serious consideration to this matter.

Duties of Representatives



Beyond attending the quarterly meeting of the Association, Representatives should routinely report to their Chapter President and Chapter members at Chapter meetings, and in Chapter newsletters what transpired at the Quarterly meeting and seek the participation of the members in any events or volunteer needs. Distributing this newsletter to your chapter members at meetings, by email or by mail would also help bring the Association to the attention of your members. Volunteers are scarce - take every opportunity to recruit new volunteers to help the Association help NARFE succeed.

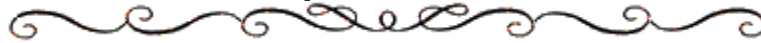
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Chapter News



Each Chapter President has been asked to have their Publicity Chair or Newsletter Editor contribute information on their Chapter two weeks before the beginning of each quarter. Each Chapter has also been advised to update their meeting and event information for the website quarterly. If information was submitted for your chapter it appears below. If not, ask why not!

Greater North Houston Chapter 828

At their Tuesday, January 15, 2008 meeting Chapter 828 will have two speakers, Martha Bath (identity theft) and a speaker from H & R Block on income taxes.

A Chapter 828 meeting is scheduled for Tues. February 19, 2008 but no speaker or program is set at this time.

A Chapter 828 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 18, 2008 but no speaker or program is set at this time.

Gulf Freeway Chapter 941

NE Houston Chapter 1349

Montgomery County Chapter 1350

Southwest Chapter 1375

Rosenberg Chapter 2030

The January 9th Chapter 2030 meeting will feature a speaker from AARP on Income Taxes for 2007 and information on AARP Income Tax Assistance. At the January meeting members will decide whether The March 12th Chapter 2030 meeting will be held or cancelled in view of the District Conference on March 5th.

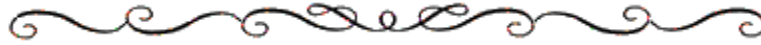
At the February 13th Chapter 2030 meeting the entertainment and Rodeo information will be provided by Texas Lovin' Cloggers.

On March 5, 2008 Chapter 2030 members will attend the NARFE District 7 Conference which will be hosted by Chapter 1375 at Ryan's on Hwy 6 just south of Bellaire in Sugar Land.

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Designation of Representatives & Alternates



Representatives, Alternates and Chapter Presidents are reminded that a letter designating the representatives of the Chapter should be submitted to the Secretary at the beginning of each year. A new list of Representatives and Alternates cannot be assembled until the information is submitted. Each Chapter should designate two representatives, and at least two alternates. Alternates are to insure that a chapter will be able to exercise its vote should a representative be unable to attend a particular meeting. For example, Chapters are encouraged to appoint their Chapter President and Vice President as representatives and their Membership Chair and Legislative Chair as Alternates. Of course where appropriate others can be appointed. **Although only two representatives and or alternates can vote at meetings, ALL representatives and Alternates are encouraged to attend ALL meetings. This practice will help insure a Chapter is represented at all meetings and help keep more members informed of Association activities.**



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