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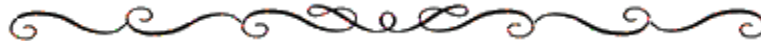
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NARFE National Convention Hotels



Since the other hotels have sold out their space NARFE has obtained a third hotel for the National Convention in Louisville , Kentucky .Arrangements for 40 additional rooms have been made at the Courtyard by Marriott, 100 South Second Street, Louisville , KY 40202 . The hotel is offering free shuttle service to and from the airport, and a rate of \$97.00 plus tax per night. Parking is \$6.00 per day. You must make your reservation no later than August 1, 2008. Reservations made after this date will be based on availability. CANCELLATION: Any reservation cancelled after August 16, 2008 will be subject to 1st night's payment of room and tax. Should the hotel have the opportunity to resell these rooms, the penalty will be waived. To make reservations at the Courtyard by Marriott please call (502) 562-0200.

Children's Maximum age of FEHBP Eligibility



One of the resolutions to be considered at the NARFE National Convention in September is Resolution # 08-49. This resolution urges that NARFE include in it's legislative agenda supporting a change in federal law to allow children to be eligible for medical coverage under the FEHBP until age 25. Current law only allows coverage till age 22 forcing many college students to face a huge increase in medical premiums at a time when they are still trying to complete schooling or have yet to obtain employment with adequate insurance coverage. Members that agree with the need for this change should see that their chapter instructs their Delegates to the National Convention to vote for this resolution. Congressman Davis (D – III) recently introduced a bill to accomplish this change. The bill is HR 5555. Please encourage your Congressman to support this bill. NARFE has not yet announced its official position on the bill. Fort Bend – Rosenberg Chapter 2030 passed the resolution and brought it to the 2007 Texas Federation Convention where it was passed and will now be sent to the 2008 NARFE National Convention for consideration. It is believed NARFE support of this legislation will demonstrate to current federal employees that NARFE is working for their interests and not just the interests of retirees. Representatives of insurers in the FEHBP have generally indicated such a change would not be a significant factor in premiums as most in the age group involved have few medical problems.

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Agenda for April Meeting



The next Houston Association of Chapters meeting will be on Wednesday July 23rd at 10:30 AM at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Drive, Houston, Texas. Agenda items will include:

Update on Region VI Training Seminar

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National Convention Resolutions for recognition of Associations and Chapters and to increase children's maximum age of eligibility under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP).

Delegates to Vote on Resolutions



A wide variety of resolutions are to be considered at the 2008 NARFE National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky September 7-11.. Some are very important issues facing NARFE. Others could mean significant changes for the organization while others are just routine legislative issues or By – Law and administrative concerns. NARFE members can find the text of all resolutions on the NARFE National website at: <http://www.narfe.org> in the section on the National Convention. Let your Chapter delegates know your opinion on the resolutions.

Designation of Representatives & Alternates



Representatives, Alternates and Chapter Presidents are reminded that a letter designating the representatives of the Chapter should be submitted to Secretary Hazel Hicks 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. Has your chapter appointed alternates?**

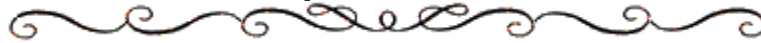
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Chapter News



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 quarterly for the website. Was information submitted for your chapter?

Greater North Houston Chapter 828

Chapter 828 will hold a special Summer Social BBQ August 19th at 9:00 AM at Spring Branch Community Center, 1721 Pech Road. All NARFE members are welcome, all attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to go with BBQ provided by the Chapter. The chapter will be celebrating W. A. "Doc" Scarborough's 100th birthday. So appropriate planning can be completed please call either Gertrude Kubiak 713-697-6096 or Wilbur Doehring 926-449-5170 if you plan to attend. Email to Wilbur at pdwd11843@aol.com is also acceptable. Birthday cards or notes etc for Doc may be sent to Gertrude Kubiak at 45 Ferrell Street, Houston, Texas 77022-2635.

Northeast Houston Chapter 1349

No report

Montgomery County Chapter 1350

Chapter 1350's May 8th meeting featured a program titled "Education and Awareness, the Best Defense Against Financial Exploitation" given by an Investor Education Specialist from the Texas State Securities Board. Chapter 1350 will not meet in July or August.

Southwest Houston Chapter 1375

No report.

Rosenberg Chapter 2030

July 9th Chapter Meeting -- Tentative: Impact --A-- Hero

August 13th Chapter Meeting – NARFE Meet Your Candidates Month Congressman Lampson who is running for re-election in Congressional District 22 has been invited to attend our meeting members will be advised if his office confirms he will attend.

September 10th – No meeting due to National Convention



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2009 Texas Federation Convention



The 55th Texas Federation Convention is being planned and hosted by the San Antonio area chapters. Although the convention will be held April 24-27, 2009 --information on registration and hotel reservations has already been made available. A package has been sent to Chapter Presidents, and information has been posted on the Texas Federation Website at <http://www.txnarfe.org/TFCconv.html> Note: A link is available on the website to make a reservation with the hotel. Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation forms are also available on the website.

The 55th TFC Convention will be held in the Hilton San Antonio Airport Hotel. Located on Loop 410, two miles from the airport. The hotel is North of Loop 410 across from North Star Mall. Hotel parking is \$4 a night in a covered parking garage. For people not staying at the hotel, the parking day rate is \$2.50. Convention Hotel Rates are: Single Rate: \$85.00, Double Rate: \$85.00, Triple Rate: \$100.00 & Quad Rate: \$115.00, plus tax. This rate is available for 3 days before and after the convention when booking for the convention.

The tentative agenda is:

Friday 24th: Committee meetings and Executive Board meeting -- general membership attendees should report for registration.

Saturday 25th: full day of meetings -- Mexican Buffet in evening

Sunday 26th: full day of meetings -- Banquet in evening. The banquet theme is "American Heritage Night". Members are encouraged to come in ethnic attire.

Monday 27th: half-day session

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