



NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

**Texas Federation
Southeast Texas Area**

District 7 Newsletter

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**Texas Federation, Southeast Texas Area
District 7 Representative Dave Bloomer**



2012 District Conventions



Planning is already underway for the District Conventions to be held this spring. Chapter Presidents are encouraged to remind chapter members to put the date on their calendars and plan to attend the District Convention this spring. Also remind members that we are still collecting pull tabs to turn in at the District Convention and State Federation Convention from now till the Texas Federation Convention. Further information including a map and agenda for the District 7 Convention will be available on the District 7 website on the District 7 Representative webpage in the future. See <http://www.SETXD7.org/D7Rep.html> The District Convention for Southeast Texas Area District 7 is scheduled as follows:

District 7

Host: Montgomery County Chapter 1350

Location: To be determined

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2012

Time: 9:00AM to 3:00 PM

Information for other District Conventions:

District 5

Host: Lufkin Chapter 713
Tuesday, April 17, 2012

District 6

Host: Bryan-College Station
Chapter 607
Wednesday, April 18, 2012

District 8

Host: Galveston Chapter 298
Friday, April, 20, 2012

NARFE Websites:

National: www.narfe.org

Texas: www.txnarfe.org

Local: www.SETXD7.org

Texas Federation Alzheimer Goal

Texas Federation President Marshall Richards has set a lofty goal of attaining \$100,000 for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund by June 2012 and challenged the Virginia Federation to do better. All District 7 Chapters are urged to engage in fundraising, as well as routine contributions at meetings to help meet this challenge. Two ways to help promote this goal are to use a fundraising canister for Alzheimer's at each Chapter meeting, and to vote to make a memorial donation to Alzheimer's for each chapter member that passes away rather than sending flowers or donating to other causes. Let's all chip in to help bring in as much as possible to meet this challenge. Information on the Texas Federation Alzheimer Research Fund procedures for Memorial Donations and other administrative details are available on the Alzheimer's Research Fund page of the Texas Federation website at: <http://www.txnarfe.org/alzh.html>

COLA for 2012 but not 2013?

Federal retirees will receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to their annuities beginning in January 2012. Retirees in the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) will receive a 3.6 percent increase to their annuities, while retirees in the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) will receive a 2.6 percent increase to their annuities. The current six months of statistics that will be part of determining the COLA for 2013 are slightly in the negative, indicating there may not be a COLA increase in January 2013.

Congressman on "Precarious Position" of Federal Employees

Congressman Tom Davis. In a December 21st interview with Tom Temin and Amy Morris on a Washington, DC, radio station said, "Something's got to give and the federal employees are right in the crosshairs. What you need, though, is a broad-based agreement, where you don't have any one segment that gets picked on, whether it's millionaires, whether it's federal employees, whether it's entitlement programs. You're going to need a broad-based solution to this, which means both parties are going to have to compromise and stick it to their base a little bit to get the kind of agreement we need to get out of this."

Davis went on to say that federal employees' precarious position is just a political matter. The anger that people feel toward the federal government relates to the laws passed by Congress and not the federal workforce. "I think that the biggest asset we have in the federal space is our employee base," Davis said. "We need to continue to train them and reward them accordingly."

NARFE CALL CONGRESS DAY FEB 15th

In addition to other targeted action, NARFE President Beaudoin is asking all members to mark the date, Wednesday, February 15, for NARFE's Call Congress Day. Full details, including a brief message, will be provided. To defend current and future federal retirees from being unfairly targeted, NARFE's Protect America's Heartbeat campaign will also soon be updated.

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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 for the full quarter submitted for your chapter?

Greater North Houston Chapter #828

Chapter 828 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM at the Golden Corral, 13145 Northwest Fwy. Houston Texas.

The January 17th monthly meeting will feature a talk by Ron Koval on Income tax issues.
The agenda for the monthly meeting on February 21st features SE Area VP Phil Kraus who will speak on Veterans Benefits. The business for this meeting will include Electing the Nomination Committee that will nominate 2013 Officers
The March 15th Chapter meeting will feature a speaker from Wright & Abshire to talk about wills, trusts, etc,

Montgomery County Chapter #1350

Chapter 1350 meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM at the Incredible Pizza in Conroe, Texas..

At the January 12th meeting The Officers for 2012 will be installed and there will be a program by Ann McAlpin of CASA of Montgomery County.

There is no program planned yet for the February 9th Chapter meeting.

There is no program planned yet for the March 8th Chapter meeting.

Southwest Houston Chapter #1375

Chapter 1375 meets the third Wednesday of the month at noon at Ryan's Steakhouse, 7211 So. Hwy 6, Houston, Texas.

At the January 18th meeting a physician will be speaking about "Stroke Prevention."

At the February 15th meeting recording star, Bill Nash will speak about "Champion Kids Camp."

At the March 21st meeting Mike Jackson will speak about "Investing Advice."

Bellville Chapter 1430

Chapter 1430 meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month (except Jan Jun, Jul & Aug) in Bellville, Texas.

The February 7th Chapter meeting

The March 6th Chapter meeting

Fort Bend Chapter #2030

Chapter 2030 meets the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 AM at the Fort Bend Country Club, 2627 FM 762, Richmond, Texas. The Country Club is just south of the George Memorial Library. :

The January 11th Chapter meeting has no specific program planned at this time.

The February 8th Chapter meeting has no specific program planned at this time.

The March 14th Chapter meeting has no specific program planned at this time.

Information on Chapter meetings, speakers, and other events will be posted to Chapter webpages when made available. See: <http://www.SETXD7.org>

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Chapters Reporting New Officers for 2012

Chapter 1350

President Allen Machart
1st VP Mary E. Cruse
2nd VP Tranquilla Smith
Secretary Barbara Horswill
Treasurer Danny Ball

Chapter 1375

President Rudy Carr
1st VP: Marcy Williams
2nd VP: Jeannie Shafer
Secretary: Vena Brondel
Treasurer: Sandra Johnson

Chapter 2030

President C. K. Morrow
Vice President Dick Eubanks
Secretary Hazel Hicks
Treasurer Pat Greenshields

By now Chapters should have reported to National and the Texas Federation Secretary, their new officers on the F-7 Report.

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