

Message from the SC Federation President:

(By John Geiger, SC Federation President, Aiken Chapter 934)

I want to take this opportunity as your new Federation President, to thank you for your confidence and past support as Second and First Vice President. I look forward to serving you as your Federation President at an exciting time in NARFE's history.

I would first like to congratulate the host Aiken Chapter and Convention Chair/Chapter President Lou Ann Ainsworth for their outstanding job of conducting our Federation Convention at Hickory Knob State Resort Park, April 16-18. National President Margaret Baptiste came back to be with us and we greatly appreciated her perspective and giving us her time as she stayed the entire Convention.

Welcome to our new officers as they take their places: Jeanette Keepers moving up to First Vice President, Sally DePreker as 2d Vice President, Esther Crandall as Secretary (and Past President!), and Albert "Buck" Mizelle Treasurer. Also, congratulations on re-election of District Field Officers Judy Kemp (#1), Dan Love (#3), Joe McCarty (#4), Moses Moultrie (#5), John Neely (#6), and Mamie Clarke (#7) as well as the election of Ernest J. Williams as the new DFO for District #2.

As we look into the next 6 months, a number of us will be attending the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, September 7-12, 2008. Each Chapter President has received the Convention package listing the number of delegates for each Chapter. It is now critical to ensure that we have your proxies to make our votes count. As we prepare for this big event, let your Chapter Presidents know of your suggestions and I am always interested in your ideas as to where we're headed and what you want this organization to do. By the way, the National Resolutions are posted on the NARFE website, so you don't have to wait for "the book" to study and take a position on NARFE's national resolutions.

Finally, in these next 6 months, we have an opportunity to revitalize our relations with our Congressional Representatives and Senators at the grass-roots level. We need to make the most of this campaign season to let our Congressional delegation know that we are out here, that our 3811 NARFE members in SC are interested and we have a good voting record. Please work with your Chapter Legislative Chairman to ensure we present a unified approach to our NARFE issues.

Thanks again for your support of NARFE, as this organization continues to support you and protect our benefits that we worked so hard to obtain.

THANK YOU FROM THE 44TH ANNUAL CONVENTION CHAIR

(By LouAnn Ainsworth, Aiken Chapter 934. Convention Chair)

Thank you! Thank you to all NARFE members and guests who attended the 44th Annual State Federation Convention at Hickory Knob State Resort Park. Thanks to those Chapters and individuals who placed an ad in the program. And, the door prize and Alzheimer's gifts that were donated were very much appreciated. Chapter 934, Aiken, is proud to have been the host. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's convention in Beaufort.

With Best Regards, Lou Ann Ainsworth, 2008 Convention Chair

Notes from the 2008 Federation Convention

(By Bob Muller Greenville Chapter 121)

These are my unofficial notes from the Convention and are based on the recollections and notes taken. Copies of some of the committee reports have been included. Photographs are courtesy of Paul Donahue.

[First, the convention site](#) - chosen by the Aiken Chapter, was a good one. Although it may have been a little out of the way, perhaps a little hard to find, and I've been told that the cell phone service wasn't the best, but it was an

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excellent facility for the organization to meet and conduct its business. The meeting rooms were large enough and the guest room accommodations were quite nice and adjacent to the large hall used for the meetings. The Federation had a nice sized meeting room, The Bordeaux Room, to accommodate the 115 people that attended the convention. There were 88 delegates plus visitors, guests, exhibitors and presenters. The two breakfasts and one luncheon were served at the buffet provided by the Hickory Knob State Park Resort in the dining hall and the sit-down banquet was served in the same room we used as a meeting room. The Federation had one cabin that was used as a 'hospitality' room with comfortable seating, a TV, beverages, snacks and an area for members to sit around and talk after the meetings. In addition, there was a large gathering room in the main hall, The Lodge Room, which was used by the exhibitors. It had lounging furniture, pool tables, a dance floor, and large tables that were used for the various displays, exhibits and also was used for the door prizes and the Alzheimer's raffle.



President Crandall

DAY ONE: There was an orientation briefing by the Park Ranger at 2:00 pm on the first day so the guests would know more about the Hickory Knob facilities. At 3:00 pm there was a legislative panel set up, which was to have been a panel discussion by personnel from each of the congressional offices of the South Carolina Delegation. Although President Esther Crandall had contacted each South Carolina Congressional Representative and Senator by letter and several telephone calls, only one elected Representative or Senator was represented at the panel. Ms. Jane Goolsby, of Senator Lindsay Graham's office, and herself a member of the Greenville NARFE Chapter, briefed us on some of the issues that concerned NARFE members that the Senator had been involved with. After this informative presentation, followed by a period of questions and answers concluded, we had free time until 6:00 pm. There was a cash bar and heavy Hors d'oeuvres set up in the meeting room where round tables, one for each one or two Chapter delegates, were set up.

Federation President Esther Crandall welcomed the guests and delegates, introduced the Head Table of NARFE Officers, including National President Margaret Baptiste who opted to give her keynote speech the next morning but she did make a few comments on the lighter side to start out the convention Wednesday evening. Convention Chair LouAnn Ainsworth introduced the Convention Committee and Alzheimer's Chair Laura Wilcox introduced the Federation Alzheimer's committee and showed the many items that would be raffled off as a fund raiser for Alzheimer's Research. These items had been provided by the SC Chapters with tickets for sale at \$1 each. We then went into the large Lodge Room where a cash bar was set up and where entertainment was provided by two very talented musicians, Roger and Barbara Rollins, from the Aiken Chapter 934.



LouAnn Ainsworth



President Baptiste

DAY TWO: After a complete breakfast in the dining hall, Federation President Esther Crandall called the meeting to order. She recognized Margaret Baptiste who then gave the keynote speech about the activities of NARFE on the national level. President Baptiste talked about the problems of recruiting and retaining members and officers - a problem not unfamiliar to local Chapters. NARFE consists of about 330,000 members which is an increase of about 23,000 from the previous year. Ten South Carolina Chapters had more members this year than last but some chapters had decreased in membership. LouAnn Ainsworth introduced the head table and after the invocation, the presentation of the colors by the McCormick HS JROTC Color Guard, and the pledge of Allegiance, the convention began. There was a memorial service honoring the ninety South Carolina members who had passed away during the past year. Each Chapter stood as the names of those deceased from their Chapter was read off. Secretary Joan Gaetke called the

roll of Chapters, a quorum was declared and the Rules of the Convention were adopted. The minutes of the last Convention were presented and the Treasurer's report was given. The Federation is on firm ground financially with total assets in excess of \$21,000. Old Business and New Business was discussed and Committee Reports were given. The delegates voted on three Constitutional resolutions that had been presented by the Committee; eliminate the Corresponding Secretary position and change the Recording Secretary to Secretary; a change in the way that Chapter Closings was to be done; and the elimination of the duties of the position of Reporter from the Constitution. Each of the seven District Field Officers presented a report on the activities and status of the Chapters in their Districts. We broke for lunch at noon. Michael Oana, Chief Investment Officer for Team Oana Investment Offices, spoke on "Financial Challenges in Retirement." The Convention reconvened at 2:00 pm with Committee reports from the Federation Committee Chairs:

* The Alzheimer's Chair, Laura Wilcox, Myrtle Beach Chapter 1015, reported on some of the newest progress on Alzheimer's Research and how our contributions are supporting this research. A table was set up in the Lodge Room with a variety of literature that was available on helping and identifying Alzheimer's patients. Nationally

NARFE has given \$7,315,419 for Research on this dreaded disease. On the State level, NARFE has contributed over \$14,000 in the past year alone.

- * The Historian, Carl Young, North Charleston Chapter 72, presented certificates to Chapters celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

- * The Legislative Chair, Bill Nicol, spoke on some of the activities of legislation that is currently being considered that directly affect NARFE members.

- * Membership Chair, John Geiger, Aiken Chapter 934, briefed us on membership problems and concerns of the organization on the state level.

- * NARFE/PAC Chair, Neil Shelton, Camden Chapter 2319, briefed us on the procedures involved with the NARFE/PAC funds being distributed to SC candidates. We had fund requests from Representatives Spratt and Clyburn and Senator Lindsey Graham. NARFE/PAC contributed \$2,000 to 5th District Congressman Spratt and \$1,000 to 6th District Congressman Clyburn. In the past election cycle, SC had 114 NARFE members contributing \$2,920. Spartanburg had the most contributors, 26 and contributed the most money \$770. Neil Shelton would like each chapter to provide their recommendation as soon as possible as to whether NARFE-PAC funds should be contributed to their representative and Senator Graham. You can review your congressman's votes as well as Senator Graham's by going to the links section of www.scnarfe.org

- * Public Relations Chair, Linda Kossow, Myrtle Beach Chapter 1017, spoke on some of the activities being conducted by chapters in the state dealing with publicity of NARFE activities and the organization itself.

- * Newsletter Editor, Bob Muller, Greenville Chapter 121, briefed us on the new Internet publication of the Federation Newsletter. It is now a monthly publication and is found on the Federation Website and a hyperlink is provided on each Chapter's website. Since the Federation has eliminated the position of Federation newsletter reporter, Bob pointed out that each Chapter Officer and Committee Chair is now considered to be a reporter and their input to the newsletter is being solicited and would be appreciated. You can review the Federation Newsletter at this website: <http://scnarfe.org/scfednewsltr45.1.pdf>

- * Resolutions Chair, Doug Wilcox, Myrtle Beach Chapter 72, spoke on the process by which the Federation Constitution and By-laws are modified or changed.

- * Service Officer Chair, Don Loper, Pawley's Island Chapter 1958, briefed us on Federation activities.

- * Website Coordinator, Paul Donahue, Columbia Chapter 87, reported on the Federation Website. It has been completely redone and all chapters are now available on the website and are linked to the Federation page in a standard format. The Federation page has a number of hyperlinks that will allow members to reach the National NARFE site, the State Government page and other pages that are of significance to NARFE members and retirees. Each Chapter now has a page that lists their officers and their Congressional Contacts as well as a link to their Chapter newsletters, if they have one, and the Federation Newsletter as well as the archived Federation Newsletter from the previous month. Paul also advised the members of a new service being made available on the Internet by Medicare. This is a test project, only in South Carolina, of making available the medical history of any person who wishes to utilize the service. This is a secure site where your Personal Health Record can be created electronically. Medical history can be entered and kept up to date by your physician, Medicare, and your own personal entries. It is found at www.myphrsc.com and information is available on this site at 1-888-697-4772.

These presentations were followed by the Convention breaking up into the seven Field Districts where the Chapters elected the Field Officers for their respective Districts. Mamie Clarke, Beaufort Chapter 1021, and District Field Officer for District 7, announced that the Beaufort Chapter had volunteered to host the Federation Convention for 2009. It will again be held in April and will be held in the Beautiful city of Beaufort, probably at the Holiday Inn. This was met by a big round of applause. The 2008 convention activities ended for the day at 4:30 pm

DAY TWO - Banquet: The Banquet was held in the Bordeaux Room, where we had met for our business earlier. LouAnn Ainsworth again introduced the Head Table and honored guests. An excellent dinner of Prime Rib or Chicken was served. Guest speaker was Curtis Loftis, Jr., an Aide to Lt. Governor, Andre Bauer, and who is also The Director of the Office on Aging. He spoke on the activities of the State Legislature on items pertaining to South Carolina's Senior Citizens. He gave an entertaining and informative presentation. After dinner we went to the Lodge Room in the main hall where the Door Prizes donated by NARFE Chapters and the Exhibitors were given away and the Alzheimer's Raffle was held. A cash bar was set up in the Lodge Room and musical entertainment was provided by the Matt Buffett Trio. Many of the members took advantage of the Lodge Hall dance floor and the excellent music provided.



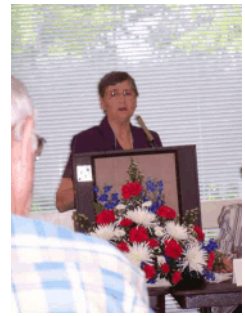
Newsletter Editor
Bob Muller



Curtis Loftis

DAY THREE: After a continental breakfast in the dining hall, we reconvened in the Bordeaux Room. President Esther Crandall reviewed the Federation's activities during the past year and delivered a 'State of The Federation' review. The Audit Committee reported on the financial condition of the records of the Federation and certified the expenses. John Geiger of the Membership Committee made the award for membership, given to Paul Russo, Hilton Head Chapter 2258 whose Chapter showed the largest increase in the past year.

Alzheimer's Chair, Laura Wilcox presented the award to Mimi Scharf, Charleston Chapter 1013 for the chapter making the largest contribution, \$2,859, to the Alzheimer's Research program. The Myrtle Beach Chapter was a very close second with \$2,618. Laura announced that the raffle at this year's convention raised \$1,969 for Alzheimer's research, the largest ever for the Federation Convention. Laura Wilcox has served the Federation as Alzheimer's Chair since 2000, but will shortly be moving to California. She will be certainly missed in our Federation but I'm willing to wager she'll be involved with NARFE in the Golden State. The Nominating Committee Chair, Bill Nicol, made the nominations for Officers for 2008-09. President Esther Crandall asked for any further nominations and as there were none, the election of State Federation Officers was done by



Laura Wilcox
Alzheimer's Chair



the delegates, approving the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee. Margaret Baptiste, National NARFE President, installed the new officers. Following this incoming President John Geiger made his remarks and welcomed the new officers to the responsibilities of the South Carolina Federation. The Convention was adjourned at 10 am. Bill Nicol delivered the NARFE Chapter Banners to each of the chapters present. These were purchased with 50% National Funds, 25% Federation Funds and 25% Chapter Funds.



September 7-12, 2008

Louisville, Kentucky

NATIONAL NARFE CONVENTION - LOUISVILLE, KY

(From NARFE National)

Every two years since 1950, NARFE members have gathered to set the Association's course during the next two years. This year, Louisville, KY, plays host to the 30th Biennial NARFE National

Convention, September 7-11. This is the second time the convention has been held in Louisville. The last time was in 1990.

Not surprising for a gathering held in the Kentucky Derby City, the 2008 convention takes its theme, "NARFE: Going the Distance for Your Future," from the sporting world. Convention planners think they have a Triple Crown-winning event for NARFE delegates to enjoy.

- First, the convention schedule is being streamlined.
- Second, all convention activities will be conducted under one roof.
- Third, the convention hotel's downtown location is within walking distance of many attractions.



GALT HOUSE
HOTEL & SUITES
Louisville's Waterfront Hotel

The convention program is being designed to try to ensure that delegates complete all convention business within the allotted time. As usual, most of the convention business will take place on the main convention floor, where delegates will debate and signal acceptance or rejection of resolutions and committee reports. The Convention will be held in The Galt House Hotel & Suites, which recently underwent a \$60 million refurbishing. It has comfortably sized rooms; several restaurants, including a revolving rooftop restaurant; and all of the amenities of a large hotel. The Galt House consists of two towers joined by a covered walkway above the street between the buildings. The walkway features conversation areas, tables and a deli. The Convention will not be held in a convention center, but in the Hotel itself.

Delegates also will have the opportunity to attend the convention's Kentucky Night, being planned by the Host Committee. It will spotlight the bicentennial of President Abraham Lincoln's birth near Hodgenville, KY, on Feb. 12, 1809. There will be a number of optional events and tours, including a dinner cruise on the Belle of Louisville on the Saturday evening before the convention and representatives of the Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau will be on-site to help delegates arrange their own tours.

Galt House Hotel & Suites - 140 N. Fourth St. Louisville, KY 40202 - Reservation number: 1-800-843-4258 Hotel rate: \$75 single/double + \$10.50 tax Check-in: 3 p.m. Check-out: 12 noon. Cut-off date for reservations: August 3, 2008

FEDERATION TREASURERS REPORT- Financial Statement as of March 31, 2008

(By Eugene Bondurant - Federation Treasurer)

	Approved 11 June 07	Actual 31 Mar 08
INCOME		
Bank of America Checking Acct. Interest	\$8	\$2.84
Bank of America Money Market Acct. Interest	\$5	\$2.77
Per-Capita Tax Dues	\$1700	\$1790.50
NARFE 10% Rebate Funds	\$10000	\$9150.11
Chapter Banners	\$ 0	\$1550.00
Convention Income	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$864.60</u>
Total Income	\$11,713	\$13,360.82
OPERATING EXPENSES		
President's Expense	\$1200	\$ 392.88
Secretary's Expense	\$ 500	\$ 414.43
Treasurer's Expense	\$ 600	\$ 517.47
Misc. Expenses	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 603.53</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$2300	\$1928.31
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES		
Excutive Board Meetings (Travel and Food)	\$3500	\$4011.11
Field Officers' Travel	\$ 350	\$ 321.87
Newsletter Printing and Mailing	\$1400	\$ 985.76
Columbia Convention Expenses	\$ 0	\$4432.75
Advance on 2008 Convention	\$500	\$500.00
Recruiting Members (Regional Training)	\$1000	\$ 0
President's Expenses for Travel	\$1000	\$1412.80
Legislative Training	\$1500	\$ 774.28
Alzheimer's	\$50	\$ 38.85
Chapter Banners	\$525	\$2090.27
SCFC Web Site	<u>\$ 113</u>	<u>\$ 61.60</u>
Total Promotional Expenses	\$9938	\$14,629.29
Total Expenses		<u>\$16,557.60</u>
SUMMARY		
Checking Account as of Audit (4/16/07)		\$ 8924.69
Income to 31 Mar. 2008		\$13,358.05
Expenses to 31 Mar. 2008		\$16,557.60
Checking Account as of 31 Mar. 2008		\$ 5725.14
Money Market Account as of 31 Mar. 2008		\$ 1045.59
24 Month CD		\$14,728.54

Total Assets: as of 31 Mar. 2007--\$24,150.12 as of 31 Mar. 2008--\$21,499.27

Respectfully Submitted by W. Eugene Bondurant, Treasurer 16 April 2008

FEDERATION NARFE - PAC REPORT

(By Neill Shelton NARFE-PAC Coordinator)

1. In this 2007-2008 election cycle the federation has had PAC funds requests from Representatives John Spratt, James Clyburn and Bob Inglis, and Senator Lindsey Graham. To date NARFE-PAC funds have been disbursed to:

Rep. John Spratt (D) 5th District \$2000.00 primary
Rep. James Clyburn (D) 6th District \$1000.00 primary

2. In anticipation of requests for additional NARFE-PAC funds by congressional candidates, I would like each Chapter to provide their recommendations to me as soon as possible as to whether NARFE-PAC funds should be contributed to their Representative and Senator Graham. I will then forward this to NARFE HQ so they can have it ready when requests are made. My e-mail address is: bnshelton@hotmail.com. For those chapters who recently responded to the fund request by Senator Graham a recommendation on your representative is all that is required. As info, Paul Donahue has made it convenient to review data on each Congressman by going to the links section of www.scnarfe.org.

3. Since my last report, which was to the Executive Board in January, South Carolina Federation members' donations to NARFE-PAC have increased from 66 to 114. While this is encouraging we must strive to at least equal or better our 2005-2006 election cycle giving of 666 contributions. I know very well that we are all facing tighter budgets but supporting NARFE-PAC is one of the most important aspects of being a NARFE member because it gives us the opportunity to keep the NARFE name and legislative concerns known to Congressional candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

Neill Shelton
NARFE-PAC Coordinator

NARFE PAC DONATIONS BY SC CHAPTERS 1/1/07 through 3/31/08

Location	Chapter	Contributors	Amount
NORTH CHARLESTON SC	0072	16	\$415.00
COLUMBIA SC	0087	21	\$495.00
JAMES CHESTER THOMAS_GREENVILLE SC	0121	4	\$90.00
SPARTANBURG SC	0560	26	\$770.00
EMERALD CITY_GREENWOOD SC	0920	3	\$60.00
AIKEN SC	0934	7	\$175.00
FLORENCE SC	0960	2	\$40.00
SIMON SORENTRUUE_CHARLESTON SC	1013	2	\$115.00
MEUNIER-PERRY SC	1015	8	\$190.00
BEAUFORT SC	1021	7	\$140.00
CLEMSON SC	1079	1	\$20.00
FLOWERTOWN SC	1082	7	\$170.00
ORANGEBURG SC	1170	2	\$65.00
TRI-COUNTY_ROCK HILL SC	1180	3	\$60.00
GAMECOCK_SUMTER SC	1786	1	\$20.00
HILTON HEAD SC	2258	3	\$70.00
CAMDEN SC	2319	1	\$25.00
State of : SC	****	114	\$2,920.00

ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

(By Laura Wilcox, Alzheimer's Chair)

Donations to Alzheimer's made by SC Chapters. April 1, 2007 - March 31, 2008

CHAPTER

Aiken #934	234.10	
Anderson #825		
Beaufort #1021	760.50	
Camden #2319		
Charleston #1013	2859.60	\$35.00 of this direct deposit to Chicago
Clemson #1079	525.00	
Columbia #087	2469.65	\$225.00 of this direct deposit to Chicago
Florence #960	105.00	
Greenwood #920	200.00	Direct deposit to Chicago
Greenville #121	226.00	
Hilton Head #2258	1255.00	+ 683.00 to local Alzheimer's chapter
Mount Pleasant #997		Closed chapter
M. Beach # 1015	2618.04	\$100.00 of this direct deposit to Chicago
Newberry #0772	50.00	
N. Charleston #072	411.00	
Orangeburg #1170		
Pawleys Island #1958	356.00	+47.00 to local Alzheimer's chapter
Rock Hill #1180	550.00	
Spartanburg #560	665.00	
Summerville #1082	670.11	
Sumter #1786	274.00	
Walterboro #1185		
TOTAL	\$13469.00	+\$730.00 Local Alzheimer's

Greenville Ch.# 121 donated \$61.00 in memory of the Bob Harrell family
Rock Hill Ch. # 1180 donated \$50.00 in memory of Lee Fast (both have
been included in the total dollars above)

Submitted:

Laura Wilcox

SC Fed. Alzheimer's Chair

March 31, 2008

ALZHEIMER'S CONVENTION RAFFLE REPORT

(By Laura Wilcox, Alzheimer's Chair)

Aiken Ch.#934	\$ 507.00
Beaufort Ch.#1021	380.00
Clemson Ch.#1079	137.00
Columbia Ch.#087	199.00
Florence Ch. #960	110.00
Greenville Ch.#121	119.00
Greenwood Ch. #920	55.00
Hilton Head Ch. #2258	81.00
Myrtle Beach Ch. #1015	99.00
No. Charleston Ch. #72	94.00
Pawley's Island Ch. # 1958	61.00
Spartanburg Ch. #560	68.00
Summerville Ch. #1082	<u>73.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,983.00

Interesting Alzheimer's Research Report

Studying Caffeine's Effect on Alzheimer's (Source: Nation/World 1/07/08
Tampa Tribune)

"There's nothing that gets into the brain faster than caffeine, says Gary Arendach, a research professor at the University of So. Florida. The stimulant effect of caffeine, widely consumed in coffee and tea, is common knowledge. In scientific terms, caffeine promotes increased alertness by interacting with brain receptors. The first studies focused on mice whose genetic makeup had been altered to introduce the human gene for Alzheimer's disease. Through a series of learning and memory tests, researchers found that long term caffeine consumption appeared to have a profound effect on the mice. A caffeine regimen-the human effect of 5 cups of coffee daily-protected Alzheimer's mice from memory impairment that they otherwise would have developed. When caffeine was given to Alzheimer's mice that were already memory impaired their memory was restored to the level of normal mice.

Laura Wilcox
Outgoing Alzheimer's Chair

CITATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATES AWARDED

(By Laura Wilcox, Alzheimer's Chair)

Largest Donation: Charleston chapter #1013 with **\$2,859** - Membership 403

Second Largest Donation: Myrtle Beach Chapter #1015 with **\$2,618** - Membership 295

Largest Per Capita Donation: Hilton Head Chapter #2258 with \$1,255 for Research and \$683 to Local Alzheimer's Chapter which totals **\$1,938** - Membership 200

DUES WITHHOLDING

(By Donald G. Loper, Service Officer, SC Fed NARFE)

What is Dues Withholding?

Most NARFE members are annual members who upon receiving an annual dues invoice, write a check to renew their membership for another year. It's the way many of us pay for most things--one check, every month, every year. But there is another way to pay national and chapter dues, without having to remember the annual dues obligation: dues withholding. It is a simple program that requires nothing more than completing the application found in NARFE magazine.

The cost: an envelope and a stamp.

You authorize an amount equal to 1/12 of your national and chapter dues to be withheld from your annuity payment each month. For example, if your annual dues are \$35, then the Office of Personnel Management will withhold \$2.92 a month from your payment. That's all there is to it.

Stress to your members that their participation in the program helps NARFE, too. Members who choose dues withholding save their association tens of thousands of dollars a year in mailing and dues processing costs. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement; members spread the cost of NARFE membership over 12 months through small payments--interest free--and NARFE slashes the cost of membership administration, thereby freeing monies up for other programs. Members can always cancel out of dues withholding, for any reason.

NOTE FROM NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT BOB HARRELL

(By Bob Harrell, Region III, VP)

The GEM's message system is now in house at NARFE, This should be a significant improvement over the old system. With this change I would like for each of you to encourage all of the members with e-mail addresses to go to www.NARFE.ORG and update their profile to include their current e-mail address. This will give them and you an avenue to receive the latest messages and information from NARFE. This change has been in the works

for several months, now lets take advantage of it.

FEDERATION OFFICERS FOR 2008-09

At the 2008 Federation Convention held at Hickory Knob State Park, April 16-18, the following slate of officers was elected:

President.....John Geiger, Aiken, Chapter 934
1st Vice President.....Jeanette Keepers, Spartanburg, Chapter 560
2nd Vice President.....Sally Depreker, Florence, Chapter 960
Secretary.....Esther Crandall, North Charleston, Chapter 72
Treasurer.....Albert (Buck) Mizelle, Aiken, Chapter 934
Historian.....James (Carl) Young, North Charleston, Chapter 72
Chaplain.....Nellie Bodenhamer, Columbia, Chapter 87
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Charles Giavelli, Summerville, Chapter 1082
Past-PresidentEsther Crandall, North Charleston, Chapter 72

District Field Officers:

District #1...Judy Kemp, North Charleston, Chapter 72
District #2...Ernest Williams, Columbia, Chapter 87
District #3...W. Dan Love, Anderson, Chapter 825
District #4...Joe McCarty, Greenville, Chapter 121
District #5...Moses Moultrie, Sumpter, Chapter 1786
District #6...John Neely, Myrtle Beach, Chapter 1015
District #7...Mamie Clark, Beaufort, Chapter 1021

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NATIONAL CONVENTION: Louisville, Kentucky, September 7-11, 2008

Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2010