

Special Federation Convention Issue Mid-January 2009

From the Newsletter Editor:

(Bob Muller, Greenville Chapter 121, Federation Newsletter Editor)

We just completed a very informative Federation Executive Board Meeting in Columbia on January 12th. We heard the excellent progress that is being made by the Beaufort Chapter to make the Annual Federation Convention, April 22-24, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in beautiful Beaufort, SC, an exciting and informative NARFE event. We also appointed a few new Federation Chairs and Officers for the remainder of the year - filling vacancies caused by the passing of one of our most dedicated members, Judy Kemp. All of the Chapter Presidents and/or DFO's briefed us on the activities and problems of our 21 Chapters in the state. (Retention of Members, Recruitment of new Members, and Requesting Volunteers for Chapter Officers.) Bob Harrell, Regional Vice President briefed us on the activities at the National Level and the possible serious impact the economic situation will have on the 111th Congress and decisions that they might make that will affect present and future retirees in the Federal Service. We must remain alert to these activities and be quick to take action to express our feelings to our political representatives. As a result of all of these important events, I deemed it sufficient to put out a 'special edition' of the Federation Newsletter, which President John Geiger agreed would be a good idea. So to keep you informed of what is going on in the SC Federation here is our Special Convention Issue of the Federation Newsletter. I've also included some inputs from various Federation Chairs who provided me with information at the Executive Meeting. *(Note - You may click on any blue underlined hyperlink to either send an e-mail or go to a website that is referenced on these pages.)*

Best regards,

Bob Muller - Newsletter Editor, SC Federation of NARFE Chapters

UPDATED FEDERATION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR REMAINDER 2008-2009

SC Federation Officers As a Result of the June 12, 2009 Meeting

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.....David Unwin, Summerville, Chapter 1082 **(Replaces Charles Giavelli)**

Immediate Past-President Esther Crandall, North Charleston, Chapter 72

District Field Officers:

District #1...Charles Giavelli, Summerville, Chapter 1082 **(Replaces Judy Kemp)**

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

Robbie Ann White will **replace Judy Kemp** as Parliamentarian.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT SC FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

(Albert Mizelle, Treasurer SC NARFE Federation)

	Approved 9 June	Actual Dec 31, 2008
INCOME		
Checking Acct. Int.	\$400.00	\$426.42
Per-Capita Dues	\$1,700.00	\$0.00
NARFE 10% Rebate Funds	\$9,200.00	\$6,951.29
Chapter Banners	\$50.00	\$50.00
Convention Proceeds	\$1,242.38	\$1,242.38
Miscellaneous Income	\$26.97	\$26.97
Total Income	\$12,619.35	\$8,697.06
OPERATING EXPENSES		
President's Expense	\$900.00	\$384.78
Secretary's Expense	\$400.00	\$179.28
Treasurer's Expense	\$450.00	\$287.01
Convention Chairperson Expense	\$400.00	\$387.05
Miscellaneous Expense	\$500.00	\$283.14
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,650.00	\$1,521.26
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES		
Executive Board Meeting - Travel & Food	\$4,000.00	\$1,182.11
Field Officers' Travel	\$500.00	\$88.89
Newsletter Expense	\$150.00	\$0.00
Advance on 2009 Convention	\$500.00	\$0.00
Recruiting Members -Reg'l Train.	\$500.00	\$0.00
President's Travel Expenses	\$1,600.00	\$445.78
Legislative Training	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Alzheimer's	\$50.00	\$19.10
SCFC Web Site	\$100.00	\$61.60
Advertisement Nat'l. Convention	\$200.00	\$200.00
President's Expense Nat'l Con.	\$1,300.00	\$1,103.31
Secretary's Expense Nat'l Con.	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
4 Federation Officers Expense Nat'l Conv.	\$800.00	\$182.81
President's Expense - National Symposium	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Promotional Expenses	\$12,300.00	\$4,383.60
Total Expenses	\$14,950.00	\$5,904.86
EXCESS	<u>(\$2,330.65)</u>	<u>\$2,792.20</u>

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS - SUMMARY OF ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

NARFE CREDIT UNION SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$5.03
NARFE CREDIT UNION CHECKING ACCOUNT	<u>\$24,286.47</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$24,291.50</u>

NARFE EXPENSE FORM

(Paul Donahue, Federation Web Coordinator)

The NARFE Expense reimbursement form has been modified and improved. The current mileage rate of .55 per mile is shown. Click your mouse on the blue underlined hyperlink below and you can download the form from the NARFE Federation website at this hyperlink:

http://scnarfe.org/Expense_Form.pdf

SC FEDERATION CONVENTION - APRIL 22-24, 2009 - HOLIDAY INN, BEAUFORT SC

(Mamie Clarke, & Carol Smalls-Jenkins, Beaufort Chapter)

The 45th Annual SC NARFE Federation Convention will be held April 22, 23 and 24, 2009, At the Holiday Inn & Suites, 2225 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina 29902. The theme of this year's convention is "One Voice- Securing Our Future."



The registration fee is \$75 per person and must be received by March 20, 2009. After March 20th, the fee is \$85 per person and subject to space availability and prevailing room rates. The Registration form for the Convention can be obtained from the SC Federation NARFE website at this hyperlink: http://scnarfe.org/2009_Convention_Registration.pdf

The Registration and Welcome Desk will be open from noon until 4 p.m. on Wednesday and from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. The beautiful Holiday Inn, Beaufort, SC hotel is centrally located to Beaufort's business

district, offering a wealth of amenities to enjoy. You'll discover Southern hospitality and charm at the new Holiday Inn Hotel Beaufort, nestled in the heart of South Carolina's Low country. Our location is just off Highway 170 and Route 21 and overlooks the Beaufort River in Beaufort, SC, an antebellum seaside town surrounded by history and beauty.



Beaufort's downtown is rich in history and just one mile away. Enjoy a relaxing and educational horse-drawn buggy tour to discover the secrets of historic Beaufort. And it's easy to spend a day on the inter-coastal waterways of Seabrook Island or Hilton Head Island, as both are just a half-hour away. Our guests can relax around our indoor heated pool & whirlpool or enjoy a workout in the fitness center. A 24-hour business center allows you to catch up on work or check your email. The Holiday Inn Hotel Beaufort welcomes you with top-notch service and true Southern hospitality.

The Wednesday evening dinner at the President's Reception is heavy hors d'oeuvres. On Thursday, the conventioners will be on their own for lunch (restaurants are located in the immediate area in walking distance from the hotel or you may purchase lunch at the hotel). Thursday evening will be a buffet style Boundary Street Pig Picking. The menu will include: a salad bar, hickory smoked pig, BBQ beef brisket, baked chicken, Low Country Boil, Charleston red rice, corn on the cob, southern style green beans, cornbread, buttermilk biscuits, fresh baked fruit cobbler and pecan pie. The cost of the meal for Wednesday and



Thursday will be \$30 each for guest not registering with NARFE. There will be a cash bar both Wednesday and Thursday evenings.



A block of fifty (50) hotel rooms were reserved. The room rates range from \$144.48 to \$166.88 per night, tax included. The rates include breakfast. You may make room reservations by calling toll free 1-800-315-2621 or the local number at 843-379-3100. Be sure to state that you are with NARFE.

The deadline for all program information is Friday, March 20, 2009. The Program contact is Carol Smalls-Jenkins at (843)379-1002 or carolg_smalls@yahoo.com. Each Chapter is asked to place an ad in the convention program. The cost of ads for NARFE members is: A Full page ad \$150. Half page ad \$75 and a business card \$25. Please complete the Ad form found on the SC NARFE Web site at

http://sclarfe.org/Convention_Ad_Form.pdf and forward it along with your camera ready artwork. We welcome all program advertisers as this income helps defray convention costs, including printing of the program. We are requesting chapters donate items for Alzheimer's door prizes with a value of at least \$25. Please see the instructions and guidelines for submitting the Alzheimer's raffle items found in this newsletter.



All convention activities will take place at the Holiday Inn & Suites Conference Center.

Must See: Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park runs along the Beaufort River with spectacular views of the water, especially at night as you watch the sun disappear over the water. This oldest and most beautiful park is one mile from our hotel in Beaufort.

Must Do: Lining the streets of downtown, just a few miles from our Beaufort hotel, are several historic homes. These beautiful houses are examples of Beaufort's long antebellum history. Take an afternoon to leisurely stroll and view these beautiful homes.

What's New: Historic Beaufort has a number of art galleries in its downtown area that showcase regional and national artists. The Indigo Gallery, located just two miles from our hotel in Beaufort, specializes in the works of local Beaufort artists.

Don't Go Home Without: Located just a few miles from our hotel near downtown Beaufort is the Southern Rose Buggy Tours, which is one of the most enjoyable ways to experience historic Beaufort. Each tour generally lasts 50 minutes and is narrated by a certified guide.

If there is any a special need or diets or if you have questions or suggestions, please call or email Mamie Clarke (843) 846-6415 or dscnttrvl@aol.com. You are urged to make your reservations as soon as possible and to encourage your members to do the same. Beaufort in April should be a beautiful setting for our convention. See you at the convention in April!

ALZHEIMER'S RAFFLE GUIDELINES:

(Betty Wessinger, Federation Alzheimer's Coordinator)

1. Sell tickets at chapter meetings--\$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00.
2. Attach a label to your raffle item. Example: Beaufort Ch. 1021, nut tray.
3. Label ticket holder container exactly as raffle item. Example: Beaufort Ch. 1021, nut tray.
Be sure each ticket has the name and chapter # of person buying that ticket.
4. Bring raffle item and ticket holder container to the Convention in April.
5. Place tickets sold at Chapter meetings in a zip lock bag and label exactly as raffle item.
Example Beaufort Ch. 1021, nut tray. Bring your tickets to the Convention in the zip lock bag.
Tickets sold at the Convention for your item will be combined with tickets in the zip lock bag before the drawing for your item.
6. I will provide a roll of tickets to be sold at convention. Each ticket will cost \$1. 00 at convention.
7. Do not bring any ticket money from chapter sales to the convention. Please give Chapter ticket sales money to your Chapter treasurer for deposit. He/she will write a check and mail to me.

If your chapter donates more than one item to be raffled, please follow the procedures as stated above for each item donated.

Come prepared to have fun and to help with the raffle and ticket sales. Good luck with ticket sales at your Chapter.

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NARFE - FEEA REPORT

(David Unwin, Federation FEEA Coordinator)

The Federal Employees Education and Assistance (FEEA) Program provides educational and disaster assistance to federal employees and retirees.

Disaster Fund: During the past year the Disaster fund has received many requests for financial aid due to hurricanes Gustov and Ike. Other financial aid requests were received because of the forest fires in Southern California. Margaret Baptiste, NARFE National President made an appeal for donations to FEEA. Some Chapters and individuals have contributed but more funds are still needed. Now we are approaching the tax season this may be a good time to consider a donation.

Scholarship Fund: There were seven applicants requesting consideration for a FEEA scholarship. Scores based on applications were very close. There was one incomplete application and two applications that the applicant did not address the essay topic. If you are sponsoring a child or a grandchild it is very important you emphasize the need to provide all documentation requested and address questions and topics requested. Now for the good news, SC had one scholarship winner for a \$1000 award. He is Steven Dyal the son of Bernard Dyal from Chapter 87.

David L Unwin
SC Federation FEEA Coordinator

UPCOMING NARFE EVENTS- Mark Your Calendar

Legislative Training Conf, Arlington VA, March 7-10, 2009
SC Federation State Convention - Beaufort, SC (Holiday Inn) - April 22-24, 2009
SC Federation Executive Meeting, Columbia SC, 10:30 AM, June 8, 2009
Federation Presidents meeting, Grand Rapids, MI, July 21-22, 2009
NATIONAL NARFE Convention - Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI in 2010
NATIONAL NARFE Convention - Nugget Hotel, Reno, NV in 2012