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(for Joe Ott, 785-539-1748)



I know that the majority of our chapter members have exercised their vote in the NARFE elections. It wasn't too difficult. At our meeting held in May Carol Ott was appointed as our Chapter Alzheimer's

Chairman replacing Ann Domsch who no longer lives in Manhattan.

I hope each and every one of you has a great summer vacation and that you'll reserve time to attend our chapter meetings. See you in September!

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

11:15 AM on the 3rd Wednesday

Sep—Jun

RC McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd

(By: Elaine Liddell, Program Chairman)

Sep 19



Bayer Construction Company
Representative

Post Construction Restoration of
Land

Oct 17

Lindsay Younger

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

What's New for 2019 Coverage

Nov 17

To be Scheduled

Dec 21

Christmas Program

To Be Scheduled



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

(John Drach, Legislative Committee Chairman)

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Director on May 4th sent a letter to Congress in support of the threats to our earned federal pay and benefits. The proposals are reiterations of the President's budget proposal. The legislative proposals are as follows:

Reduction or Elimination of Retirement Cost-of-Living Adjustments. This proposal would reduce the cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) by one half of one percent and to eliminate COLAs under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) for current and future retirees.

Elimination of Federal Employees' Retirement System Annuity Supplements. This proposal would eliminate the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) annuity supplement for new retirees and the supplementary annuity for survivor annuitants.

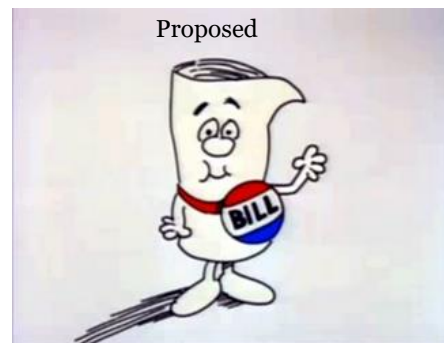
Increase of CSRS and FERS Average Pay Period to Five Years. This proposal would increase the period of service used to compute an annuitant's average salary under the Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees' Retirement System by averaging an employee's basic pay in effect over a five-year consecutive pay period.

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Increased Contributions to Federal Employees Retirement System. This proposal would increase the employee deduction rates for the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) by one percent per year until they reach 7.25 percent of basic pay.

These proposals would require congressional authorization to implement, and it is imperative that NARFE members take the initiative and push their lawmakers to stand staunchly



Our Chapter WEB Site:

<http://www.narfe.org/site/chapter366/>

IN MEMORIUM

On 9 April the family of Elizabeth Plummer reported her death to Big NARFE. We couldn't find an obituary for her so her birth and death dates are unknown.

Condolences are extended to her family and friends.

MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

MONTH	GAIN	REINSTATED	LOSS
Mar—Jun	6	0	7

Memberships in peril: 4

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of June 2— **181**

MEMBERSHIP

(For: Ann Murphy , VP for Membership, 785 539-2056)

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ALZHEIMER'S UPDATE

(For Carol Ott, 785-539-1748)

DEMENTIA

Dementia is an umbrella term for loss of memory and other mental abilities severe enough to interfere with daily life. 'Dementia is caused by physical changes in the brain.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE is the most common type of dementia and accounts for an estimated 80 percent of cases. Early clinical symptoms include difficulty remembering names, events, and recent conversations; apathy; and depression. Later symptoms include impaired communications, disorientation, confusion, poor judgement, behavior changes and, ultimately, difficulty speaking, swallowing, and walking. To learn more about dementia, including symptoms and responses, visit alz.org.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO OUR ALZHEIMER'S PREVENTION PROGRAMS. THE MIND YOU HELP NOW WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR RESEARCH PROJECTS MAY BE YOUR OWN IN THE FUTURE!



The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) is the only organization ***solely dedicated to protecting and preserving the pay and benefits of all federal workers and retirees.***

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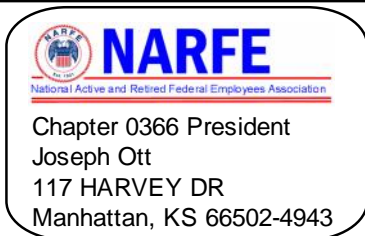
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NARFE's Mission Statement

To support legislation beneficial to current and potential federal annuitants and to oppose legislation contrary to their interests.

To promote the general welfare of current and potential federal annuitants by advising them with respect to their rights under retirement laws and regulations.

To cooperate with other organizations and associations in furtherance of these objectives.



Forwarding Service Requested
Judy Grossnickle, Editor