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NARFE Tri-River Chapter No. 2098 meets the second Tuesday of each month at rotating sites with a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. in January and February and dinner meetings at 6:00 p.m. the remaining months. The newsletter is published monthly.

We do this to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends, and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA

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NOTE: Margaret Baptiste, National President, has advised that if any member receives emails from Marty Kuritz promoting his own materials on retirement counseling and/or disaster preparedness to treat them as spam and delete them. He is not a member of NARFE and has no authorization from NARFE to use our association name and has not been provided with any email addresses of NARFE members.

August 12 Meeting - Met at the Beagle United Methodist Church with 26 in attendance. We have \$442.65 in the checking account. The August NARFE Magazine contained the candidates who are running for national office. No one from this chapter will attend the National Convention. Joan Beck will carry our proxy votes. A number of the numerous resolutions to be discussed at the National Convention were discussed. 1. Discontinue Honorary National Membership - after discussion and the economic impact on the future of the organization a consensus vote, by those present, was in favor of discontinuing the honorary National Membership with a grandfather waiver for current honorary memberships. 2. Single Dues Structure - discussed the pros and cons of revising what appeared to be a complex current dues structure which presently has 14 different dues categories. There seemed to still remain questions on this issue so no real consensus either way was reached on this issue. 3. One Member One Vote - A short discussion took place on this issue but with further information needed the resolution was not presented for a consensus vote. It was reported that due to illness Gary Townson resigned as Federation President and Mary Townson moved up to that spot. Elizabeth Bornman will stay as second Vice-President and Robert Cranmer will be First Vice-President. Our entertainment was provided by Bonnie Wendt and some of her piano students.

Legislation - The CPI-W for July was 6.2% higher than the 2007 third quarter average base of 203.6. For calculating the next COLA the index has increased 6.2%. Indices for August will be released September 16.

The FY 2009 budget resolution passed the House and Senate with no cuts in federal health or retirement benefits. This is the first time since 2000 that Congress has approved a budget resolution in an election year.

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Membership - Members are urged to renew as soon as their renewal notice is received. If you go on dues withholding you will receive a 5% discount. Encourage followup on those who have received second dues notices or have been dropped.

Recruiter's Journal - The August issue contains some very valuable information regarding membership but is too large to include here. It contains a lengthy article "Learning from our Members Who Leave," "Recruiting and Retention Concepts," "Structuring Membership for Retention," etc.

Alzheimer's - All members are urged to attend and participate in the Alzheimer's auction on September 9 and bring items for sale as well as donations.

Chapter Election - It will soon be time to elect officers and appoint committees for 2009. Please consider becoming and officer or a committee member.

Upcoming Events
 October 14 - NARFE Chapter 2098 Meeting

Next Meeting - September 9, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Alzheimer's Auction at the Cadmus Grange Hall. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Jean Nickell, 913-755-4309, by Saturday, September 6. Be sure to make a reservation if you plan to attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be expected to pay for the meal.

Sunshine - Learned that Charles Timmons has passed away. We extend our sympathy to his family. Richard Koopman is at home but is no longer driving.

FLY THE FLAG Campaign - On September 11, 2008, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and store in the United States. You should make it your duty to display the flag on this 7th anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies.