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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.

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September 9 Meeting - Met at Cadmus Grange Hall with 37 in attendance. Convention information was covered and setting the agenda for the next two years. The FEHBP Open Season is coming up November 10 - December 8 and the next three NARFE Magazines will cover this in depth. The Convention chose a \$9 million Alzheimer's goal by 2011. Also, getting high tech electronics terminal voting. Voted to discontinue new Honorary Life Memberships and voted to allow the National Executive Board to have responsibility for choosing the site for National Conventions in 2014. Also sent a proposal for NARFE dues. NARFE is financially stable. The net worth has grown. All were thanked who came and brought items for the Alzheimer's auction.

Next Meeting - October 14, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at the Beagle United Methodist Church. Gale Beck plans to be with us at this meeting. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Jean Nickell, 913-755-4309, by Saturday, October 11. 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 - Linda Polley recently had heart surgery and is now at home recuperating. Jerry Scherman had gall bladder surgery as well as cataract surgery. Others that need to be remembered are Ray Eble and Rachel Miller. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Legislation - For purposes of calculating the next COLA, the July/August average index (215.775) is 6.0% higher than the third quarter average base index in 2007 (203.6). Since a lame duck session after the election is likely, Representatives and Senators seeking re-election will be on the campaign trail, eager to meet voters. Chapter and federation officers should continue to organize and conduct congressional candidate forums as part of "Meet the Candidates" Month, to engage as many NARFE members as possible in district wide forums where incumbents and challengers are invited to address NARFE issues.

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Membership - We need to immediately follow up on those members who have received second Dues Notices or have been dropped. We recently lost two members - Elizabeth Minden and Charles Timmons. Some members think their retirement is secure and can't change and we need to communicate the need for our organization and why and what we do and spread the word.

Recruiter's Journal - The August issue was packed with excellent information on recruitment and retention of membership. We will continue to cover various points of interest in upcoming chapter meetings on the subject of building membership and maintaining members. This should be a high priority for every member of NARFE to help strengthen the organization and by doing so to continue to protect and maintain all the benefits that you as retirees and as current working federal employees, who will join you in retirement, have worked for and deserve.

Five Key Recruiting and Retention Concepts:

1. Renew your commitment to recruit. Make it a personal goal to recruit a new member.
2. Stress NARFE's value. A new membership is just \$33 for federal employees and retirees.
3. Banish their doubts. We must convince those in doubt that NARFE is not only the right choice when it comes to preserving their federal retirement benefits. It is the only choice.
4. Begin retention from Day One. Persistence pays off. Do everything to make new members feel comfortable. Keep them informed. A new member is great but we also need to retain these members for the future.
5. New members open the door for more prospective members. A new member now becomes a NARFE recruiter. If they become an informed member and realize the importance of NARFE, they will in turn talk to fellow workers or retirees that they know to join.

Alzheimer's -The auction that was held at the last meeting and the mail in donations amounted to \$1,227. Thanks to all who helped with this.

Election - This is just around the corner and every NARFE member should study the candidates and "VOTE." Do not leave it to someone else. If nothing else request an absentee ballot when the time comes. If candidates come to your area, or are running for local office, make sure you find out their background and their leanings on issues, then vote accordingly. "DO NOT LEAVE IT UP TO SOMEONE ELSE." If you don't vote you have no right to complain.