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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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July 8 Meeting - There were 25 in attendance. We have \$442.65 in checking and \$808.44 in checking. Robert Hodge reported the CPI-W increased 1 percent in May to 212.8. Congress has vacancy problems - 6 deaths and 6 resignations. The two page article in the July NARFE Magazine had articles on WEP and GPO and encouraged use of that when talking with representatives. An unusual situation - stagflation means prices going up but business is going down which is an unusual situation. Contact with congressional offices was encouraged and the four ways to do that is to use the toll free number and ask for the Representative or Senator, Legislative Action Center on the NARFE web site, the blue pages of the telephone book, and the NARFE legislative staff. Members were encouraged to contact their representatives. Legislation called Federal Employee Paid Parental Leave Account passed the House and on to the Senate where they expect approval but the White House threatened to veto it saying it is a costly, unnecessary, new paid leave entitlement. No one from our chapter will attend the National Convention and the State secretary will assign proxies. Honorary memberships will be highly discussed.

Next Meeting -August 12, 2008, 6:00 p.m., at the Beagle United Methodist Church. The program will be provided by Bonnie Wendt and two children who will provide us with some piano/accordion music. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Jean Nickell, 913-755-4309, by Saturday August 9. 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 - Marland Erickson's wife, Patricia, had surgery on July 8. Russell Folken's wife, Jennie, had gall bladder surgery on July 9. Russell also is not well. Marge Anderson is dealing with a foot problem. Max McCready has one hand working again and Helen Morrison's toe is better.

Legislation - The CPI-W increased in June 1.1% to 215.223 which is currently 5.7% above the 2007 third quarter average of 203.6. July figures will be released on August 14.

The House and Senate voted to override the President's veto of legislation to reverse the July 1st 10.6% pay cut for

physicians who treat Medicare beneficiaries. NARFE supported this because widespread doctor participation in Medicare is essential for current and future federal retirees. More support was gathered from override votes gathered earlier in the two chambers.

Recently the Senate Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce recently conducted a hearing, "Improving Performance: A Review of Pay-for-Performance Systems in the Federal Government." Under this system only those employees who meet or exceed performance benchmarks would be eligible for pay raises. NARFE as well as Federal employee organizations have raised concerns that pay-for-performance would result in arbitrary salary increases and favoritism.

NARFE's Legislative Assistant, Laura Scott, is leaving to attend law school. Outstanding NARFE-PAC FYIs can still be reported to the Legislative Department, leg@narfe.org.

If you are interested in the presidential race and public opinion polling in the states, you may find www.electoral-vote.com to be an interesting site.

The August 1 Hotline deals with the passed legislation by the House of Representatives that would allow Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) employees to credit their unused sick leave toward their retirement.

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Membership - We have six members who have been dropped and one has been reinstated. Another couple have received their second notice. Jennie Folken is becoming a member and will be going on dues withholding.

Alzheimer's - Our entertainment this evening was playing bingo. We collected \$65.00 which will go toward our goal for this year.

NARFE-PAC - We have been advised that NARFE has contributed \$1,000 to Congressman Boyda from NARFE-PAC funds.

Upcoming Events

- September 9 - NARFE Chapter 2098 Meeting at the Cadmus Grange Hall - **ALZHEIMER'S AUCTION**
- September 7-11 - 2008 NARFE National Convention
Louisville, KY