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President's Message

I left Jackson at 2:00 p.m. on September 21, 2002 for the National Convention in Greensboro, N. C. I am sure you have read the details of the Convention in the Retirement Life by now. I hope this is my last one as controversial as this one. Mrs. Margaret Baptiste was the winner by three votes. But, Mr. Falls called for and was granted a recount. Then on Thursday morning after a recount, Mr. Atwater, President informed the delegates that he had made a mistake the previous morning when he instructed the Credentials Committee to re-issue a 33 vote ballot to a delegate who could not locate the original ballot the Credentials Committee had been issued when she initially checked in with their Committee. He said he had informed the Ballot and Teller Committee to find the 33 vote ballot in question and not allow it in the recount for National President. Chaos broke loose on the Convention floor when the recount results showed Mr. Falls the winner with a margin of 23 votes. Mrs. Baptiste went to the microphone and said that she was conceding victory to Mr. Falls.

We are working on the Mississippi Federation of Chapters Thirty-eighth Annual Convention to be held April 27, 28 and 29th at Lake Tiak-O-Khata Resort, P.O. Box 160, Smyth Lake Rd, Louisville, MS. You will find a Registration Form and Convention Call elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Viola G. Harrison

President

Note From the Editor

If your Chapter has elected new officers for 2003, it is time for Chapter Secretary to complete and forward Form 7 to National Office and copy to Mary K. Loftin, Secretary, MS Federation of Chapters, 848 Rushton Circle, Brandon, MS 39047.

Per Capita Tax Payment

From Roy Stewart, Federation Treasurer

Your Chapter's per capita tax payment is due by January 10, 2003. The tax is \$1.00 for each member. The total tax payment due the Federation is \$1.00 times the total number of members recorded on the Membership Listing each Chapter received in October, 2002 from NARFE Headquarters Arlington, VA.

Make your check payment to MS NARFE Federation and mail to: Roy Stewart, 523 Mockingbird Drive, Long Beach, MS 39560. Any question call phone number 228-864-3010 or E-Mail: ussao39@aol.com.

MS Federation Convention Call

All Chapters are encouraged to elect and send their quota of delegates to the Convention. If, for any reason, you are unable to send delegates from your Chapter, then contact another Chapter and authorize them to carry your proxy vote to the Convention. Every MS Chapter should be represented. **Registration Forms must be received by Mary K. Loftin, Federation Secretary, not later than March 24, 2003.** First, give your Registration Form to your Chapter Secretary who will sign all forms, list the Registrations, and send the forms and a check to cover registration fee for each delegate listed. The Federation Secretary will then forward the Registration Forms and the checks to cover registrations directly to Roy Sheehy, General Chairman of the Convention. Delegates must make their own reservations with Lake Tiak-O-Khata resort for lodging which will include 6 meals. Telephone numbers: 662-773-7853 ext 372; Toll free 1-888-845-6151; Fax 662-773-4555. Reservation Manager is Teresa Fuller. Lodging and meal prices are shown on Registration Form. Prices include all gratuities. A \$200.00 non-refundable deposit is required by release date of March 24, 2003.

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APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Legislative/State/NAE: Noel Sumrell, Columbus.

Resolutions/Constitution/Bylaws: Mary Sinders, Buccaneer.

Pub. Relations: MS Net, 2003 Conv. Site Selection: Ray Sheehy, Buccaneer. Pre-Retirement Seminar: Service Officer: Jack Thomas, Starkville. Memberships: Mary Pierson, Gulfport. Alzheimer's: Tom Price, Hattiesburg.

Historian/Parliamentarian: FEAS: Helen Thomas, Starkville.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Aubrey Milewad, Water Valley. Nominating: Lamar Warnock, N. Jackson. Chaplain: Oliver King, N. Jackson.

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NARFE Retiree Service Center Celebrates

From Richard O. Shave

The NARFE Retiree Service Center at Keesler AFB celebrated 15 years of service on 11 December. It was 6 months late from the actual start date of 8 June 1987 because we had to postpone due to military and other conflicts. I invited Ken Martin, but he could not make it. Bill Lihiller could not make it as he was not feeling well. The celebration was scheduled during lunch period to accommodate the working people. B. G. Peterson, the 81st Training Wing Commander was the main speaker.

We have been getting volunteers to man the Service Center on Tuesdays from 10a.m. to 2p.m. They come from Chapters in Ocean Springs, Biloxi and Gulfport. Dominic Laperi and I are the only who remain that met with the Acting Personnel Officer. Others, who met have passed on. They were Robert Walker and Jim Byrd. Roy Stewart joined us and for over a year and a half manned the Center by himself. Later when I asked Chapters to send a volunteer or 2, Joyce Glen came on board and Harry Moore from Chapter 1571 and still later more from Chapter 1571, Karen Lvengood, Catherine Bertucci and Trudy Maxey. Also, Betty Durocher from Chapter 1765.

Mississippi State Fair Ticket Sales

From Chapter 1572 Newsletter

We had a great October at the MS State Fair selling tickets and made \$3,690.00. We paid Chapter 247, South Jackson and Chapter 1208, Forest at total of \$950.00 for taking up the tickets. We had expenses of \$62.88, which was a new banner for the ticket booth and for sending the display used for recruitment of new members back to Washington. We were still able to contribute \$2,677.00 for Alzheimer's Research. Since May, 2002 we have contributed a total of \$2,966.00.

Chapter 345, Greenville

From Frances Buchanan, Publicity Chairman

Chapter met on September 18 for a luncheon meeting. Speaker was Michael Cauffield, Asst Project Engineer for the new Greenville Bridge project. He presented very interesting facts and information on the project. Michael Cauffield's mother, Maxine was a guest.

On November 20 we met at Magnolia Gardens for a Thanksgiving meal and nomination of officers for the year 2003.

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2003 - REGISTRATION

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MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

APRIL 27, 28, 29, 2003
LAKE TIAK-O-KHATA RESORT
LOUISVILLE, MS 39339

Federation or chapter officer title for your badge (choose only one title):

Chapter number and location _____

Name: Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms.

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Nickname (if any) for badge: _____

Home address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Notify in case of emergency: _____ Name _____ Phone number _____

Address: _____

Please complete registration form and return with check made payable to:

NARFE-MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS

Mail to: MARY KAY LOFTON
848 RUSHTON
BRANDON, MS 39047-8170

Please Return by: March 31, 2003

Registration Fee \$50.00

Room - Single - \$155.40

Double - \$107.30

Triple - \$90.40

Quad. \$82.00

Includes: 2 nights lodging and 6 meals

Will you have a guest(s) attend the Monday evening dinner? YES NO

Name(s) of guest(s) _____

Reservations for guests NOT registered at the conference are \$50 per person. Please add this amount to your registration check.

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Contact a NARFE Chapter Near YOU for more Information!

Meetings are held in the cities below. Call for information on dates, time and locations. Encourage Federal Retirees as well as current active Federal Employees to join a Local Chapter, and become involved in helping preserve the benefits we all earned while working as Federal Employees. This listing will be updated as copy of Form 7's are sent to the Federation Secretary when new officers are elected or changes are made.

CHAPTER LISTINGS

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