

NARFE Tucson Chapter 55 Minutes – 10 June 2019

Chapter Meeting - The meeting was held at the Golden Corral, 4380 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ. There were 23 attendees.

President **Dianne Williams** called the meeting to order. We had a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Speaker - **Dianne** introduced Fernando Molina, Public Information Officer, Tucson Water Quality. He spoke about what Tucson Water does to ensure the quality of the water. He explained that there are 500 sampling points over the entire city, which includes wells, booster pump sites and reservoirs. They perform between 14,000 and 16,000 water analyses every year. They look for organic, inorganic, radiological and bacteria contamination. Results are published annually and you can visit their website for more information and to see all test results at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/about-your-water-quality>

The Water Department treats Health Advisory levels for contaminants the same as mandatory standards. In other words, they are very conservative when it comes to water treatment. Fernando discussed the contamination problems caused by trichloroethylene cleaning products in the vicinity of the airport and Air Force Base and the steps they took to isolate and treat the water to capture and get rid of those contaminants. They followed a similar procedure to subsequently eliminate other products such as perfluorinated compounds used for cleaning and firefighting foam, and then PFOA's and PFOS compounds which are used in coatings. Each time, they had to add specialized treatment equipment to the decontamination plant to target those products. Only reclaimed water that meets all the health and safety standards are then re-introduced into the system.

Dates to Remember:

August 30-September 3, 2020 - FEDcon2020 at the Westin-Kierland in Scottsdale, AZ

August 21-23, 2022 – FEDcon2022 at the Hyatt Regency in St. Louis, MO

Secretary - The minutes are available to anyone who wishes to read them. Send an email to Pete Gauthier (peteg6871@gmail.com) to be added to the email distribution list or go online to <http://aznarfe.pairsite.com/> and then click on "Chapters", and then "Chapter 55" to read the latest minutes.

Treasurer - **June Berkey** reported that the beginning balance for checking was \$5,213.02. Separately, CD's and savings were \$4,175.39. Receipts were \$339.67 and disbursements were \$833.07. This does not include funds to be donated to our charities at the end of the month. The ending balance was \$4,719.62.

Membership – **Etta** was not present but **Dianne** reported that we gained no new members. One member was dropped for non-renewal. None were reinstated, two transferred in and one out. There was 1 deceased member and nine prospective members. As of 4 June, we had 222 chapter members. **June Berkey** will order a name tag for any member who requests one.

Distinguished Members - **Nola Brumfield** was not present.

Alzheimer's – **Kathy Ferguson** related a story taken from Chicken Soup for the Soul, for Alzheimer's affected folks.

Programs - **Jeanne Greven** was not present but the next speaker will be Norma Cable from the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, which is our designated charity for 2019.

Service Officer - **Maria Campbell** had nothing to report.

Sunshine - **June** said that no one died or was taken ill this past month.

Public Relations - **Jennifer Akins** was not present.

Newsletter - Articles are due to **Pete** on Tuesday, 20 August.

The newsletter folding and Board meeting will be at 9:30 am on Tuesday, 27 August at **Pete Gauthier's** residence. Everyone is welcome.

Dianne told a humorous story; we then had the 50/50 drawing. The winners were Ray Weick and Annabel Schumm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Pete Gauthier
Secretary and Newsletter Editor