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Meetings of Chapter 1686 NARFE are held at Cross Roads United Methodist Church, 7901 N Central Ave, Phoenix. (S.E. corner of Central & Northern Avenues. Enter from Northern Ave.)

NEXT MEETING will be held Friday, May 17, 2019

MAY MEETING
Socializing at 12:30

FRIDAY THE 17th
Meeting begins at 1:00

PROGRAM



Featured speaker: Jill Haslip Senior Director Sales and Marketing
Topic: Getting Right Place. Overview of senior living solutions.

Even if you are still living in your home or apartment, knowing what options, cost, types of facilities gives you the knowledge to make the best decision for you when needed. Very helpful if you have a family member requiring this service.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Virginia Ginter (alnav5@Juno.com)

Are you ready for the summer? I'm not sure I am. You would think I would be after 43 years, but I am from Chicago, so I will take our weather any time.

It was a lively meeting with Jeremy, the FBI supervisor, alerting us to all the scams. Telephone scams are increasing and seniors are targets as they are home during the day and usually have financial means. Check Roberta's minutes for more details. The morale at the Phoenix office is good in spite of recent political events. Since he is a young 40 year old Federal employee and not yet a member of NARFE, he was given information to join and encouraged to do so. I even gave him a copy of the recent magazine.

Our Federation conference will occur before this newsletter is in print. I'm looking forward to meeting with the other chapters, the results of voting on amendments, and installing new federation officers. Vic Peterson and Virginia Ginter are representing our chapter. Vic is the Federation Legislative officer.

Much will be happening in the coming months politically. With the budget proposed by President Trump it includes reorganizing the OPM under the GSA with its policies under the Executive Branch. The administration is proposed to increase employee retirement contributions and reduce the government's contributions to health care premiums. If we don't speak up to our legislators, these things can happen. After 98 years NARFE still is fighting for our benefits, but it still takes us at the grassroots level to make sure NARFE will still be around to support us. Don't give up, that is why we are still around and strong. Please stay active.

NARFE has asked us to go to the web site, click on Advocacy area and find OPPOSE PRESIDENT REORGANIZATION PLAN. There is a letter already prepared. You can add to it. They will then send it to your respective congressional representatives. Click and you are done.

I GOOFED! Donations to Desert Mission were to be collected at the April meeting but I didn't put it in the newsletter. There is always a need, so bring food, plastic bags, diapers THIS MONTH. Of course if you forget, just make a check payable to Desert Mission Food bank. They can use it to purchase what is needed. Also, if you have small appliances, books, purses, etc. bring those for the J.C. Lincoln Thrift store.

With our meetings coming to a close for a few months, I want to thank those members who were able to come to the meetings, and express healing thoughts to those who are ill or confined to their homes. You are all part of the 1686 family and hopefully with the newsletters you feel connected and abreast of what's happening.

One more reminder, if you moved or changed your email address /phone number, PLEASE let us know, and if you haven't seen your birthday in the newsletter, it is because we don't have it. Just need the month and day, don't want the year.

COMINGS AND GOINGS: Roberta and Richard Yee manned a NARFE table at the annual BCBS FEST spring health fest in March. More than 170 attendees were there for a member appreciation day at the Peoria Community center. Most of the

NARFE literature and all of the 50 NARFE magazines were gone within an hour and a half. Prizes were awarded for attending each of the presenters table. After a lunch that was provided they took advantage of the free massage offered to anyone who was there. Actually there was a couple our chapter members who took advantage of the event.

Carol Culbertson attended Memorial services for Violet Toy, a very dedicated NARFE member. Virginia visits Glenn Dietel at Christian Care facility each month. He is doing well although requiring a wheel chair.



Summer Luncheons list.

June 17 Red Lobster 10220 N 28th Drive

July 17 Olive Garden 2710W. North Lane (Peoria and 28th drive area)

August 16 Abacus 3509 W. Thunderbird

All luncheons are at 11AM Reserved for about 19 -20, as in the past

Guests most welcome, so don't come alone.

Not everyone is able to come to Friday meetings during the year so hopefully you will join us for luncheon on these different days. 7/31

NARFE LegCon 19

By Vic Peterson Federation Officer

Details of legislative conference are included in the minute's section.

It was a productive conference.

NARFE, SEPTEMBER 21 2018 Chapter Minutes: Secretary: Roberta Yee

NARFE Apr 19, 2019 Chapter Minutes.

President Virginia Ginter called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A moment of silence was held for Violet Toy, a longtime NARFE member, and Virginia then led us in the Pledge of allegiance.

President Ginter introduced our guest speaker, Jeremy Kapella, FBI supervisor of the Special Agent Division. He spoke to us about elder financial abuse, cyber security, the many activities handled at the Phoenix office, and presented slides on these topics. A primary concern for the FBI is to protect the pensions of senior citizens, as 10,000 people in the United States turn 65 every day, and to protect them from fraud such as mass marketing scams which occur primarily through the telephone. Many scam calls are coming from foreign countries such as Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Africa.

Mr. Kapella covered various scams involving winning the lottery, grandparent calls, IRS imposters, timeshare, guardianship, tech support and romance scams. He emphasized that if we don't recognize the person or number calling on the phone, we should not pick up the phone, thus avoiding being on the "sucker's list."

If you feel you need help, you can report to the Adult Protective Services in your area or the FBI, www.fbi.gov. The number for the FBI in Phoenix is **1-866-720-5721**.

Virginia presented a NARFE cup to Mr. Kapella. Secretary conducted a visual roll call. Each board member was accounted for except Lois Gossett, who was excused today.

Membership chair Clarice Pharo read her report. She said the National Office reported that one member transferred out of our chapter, two members were sent second notices, and there are two new members. We have ten prospective members to follow up on. There were several address changes and several payment status changes. Retirees are urged to sign up for Dues Withholding. See the material on the table for brochures. We still need a few names to fill out our Refreshment List.

Treasurer Richard Yee presented his report. Virginia also read his report regarding the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health fair presented in Peoria last month in March.

Vic Peterson, Federation Legislative Officer, informed us about the Washington Legislative Conference he attended in March with Coral Van Hooser and 4 other members. The keynote speaker was Senator Tim Kaine, a former candidate for U.S. President. It was a very friendly meeting, as Mr. Kaine was pro-NARFE. Other legislators present were Kyrsten Sinema, Martha McSally, Paul Gosar, and David Schweikert. Mr. Peterson talked about our Arizona state legislature and the resignation of David Stringer. Debbie Corner is designated to be our next Federation President. Mr. Peterson also talked about the minimum pay for students, the texting while driving bill that was passed in the House, the May 11 food drive to be conducted by the Letter Carriers Association, and the postal reform bill.

The members voted today on the summer luncheon restaurants. Richard tallied the results, and the restaurants picked were Red Lobster, Olive Garden, and Abacus. Dates of the summer luncheons are June 17 (Monday), July 17 (Wednesday), and August 16 (Friday).

Fred Garcia was not present today, so Richard conducted the 50/50 drawing. \$24.00 was collected, and the two winners of \$8.00 each were Clarice and John Curth.

Patricia Dague's birthday was selected, but she was not present today. The owner of the hidden birthday of August 25 was not present today.

Refreshments today were served courtesy of Chris Boal and Billye Ott. Everyone enjoyed the ham and tuna sandwiches specially made by Clarice, and the

refreshing fruits and snacks. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m. (A total of 17 people, 15 members and two guests, were in attendance today.) Respectfully submitted, Roberta Yee, Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Clarice Pharo, (clarphx@cox.net)

“Membership Report May 2019 Newsletter: This will be our last meeting until Friday, Sept. 20th, but hope to see you at our summer luncheons. We haven’t received our monthly Activity Report from NARFE National Office yet for this month. Will have the figures at the May meeting. It isn’t easy to sign up new members and I do appreciate the members who give me names that might be interested in joining our organization.

Reminder letters to those who have been sent Second Dues and Dropped notices do get some Reinstatements, but we don’t want our membership to drop any lower.

On January 3, 2016, Chapter 1686 had **234 voting and non-voting members.** On April 15, 2019, we had **180 voting and non-voting member!** One of the reasons for this sharp drop in our membership was that we had recently acquired a number of members when another chapter had closed. Many of these members were out of state and were in the older age group and didn’t renew their dues when they came due or their letters came back as “undeliverable”. We were losing members even before we acquired the ones from this chapter. We need new members!

We only need a few more names for our refreshment list. Don’t sign up if you already have for this year. You never have to furnish more than once a year.

Check the table for any information you may be interested in. Not much new.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Lois Gossett

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Report uses data from **01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018**

Prepared: 01/07/2019

<u>Location Chapter</u>	<u>Contributors</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sustainers</u>
TUCSON AZ 0055	40	\$3,088.00	1
YUMA AZ 0266	7	\$240.00	0
SCOTTSDALE AZ 1234	35	\$3,483.00	1
MOGOLLON_PAYSON AZ 1235	15	\$1,428.00	0
SIERRA AZ 1400	33	\$1,960.00	1
HAVASU AZ 1413	8	\$285.00	0
SAGUARO_MESA AZ 1469	27	\$1,836.00	2
TEMPE AZ 1505	45	\$3,562.00	5
SUNNYSLOPE AZ 1686	37	\$2,201.00	2
SUN CITY WEST AZ 1789	43	\$2,865.00	2
ROADRUNNERS_TUCSON AZ 1874 53		\$3,617.00	2

CASA GRANDE AZ 1905	13	\$490.00	1
BRADSHAW AZ 2106	46	\$2,258.00	2

Total - AZ *** **\$27,313.00 19**

GRAND TOTAL NARFE-PAC 2017-2018

Contributors	Amount	Sustainers Grand Total
32,204	\$1,895,908.01	802

DISBURSEMENTS 1/1 2017-12/2018

Arizona 01

Tom O'Halleran D \$6,500 NARFE members attended local fundraiser in addition to DC fundraisers attended by NARFE staff. **W**

02 Cand. Ann Kirkpatrick D \$5,000 **W**

03 Raul Grijalva D \$1,500 **W**

07 Ruben Gallego D \$1,500 NARFE members attended local fundraiser. **W**

09 Kyrsten Sinema D \$1,000 NARFE members attended local fundraiser. Funds were disbursed before Rep. announced Senate run. Ran for Senate and **won**

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 2017-2018 ARIZONA \$ 15,000

TOTAL CANDIDATE DISBURSEMENT NARFE-PAC 1/1 2017-12/2018 \$ 914,250

Non-candidate Total: \$190,000

2017-2018 NARFE-PAC DISBURSEMENT TOTAL: \$1,104,250

2019-2020 NARFE-PAC Disbursements (Through March 31, 2019)

Notes (Unless otherwise noted, disbursements were made in connection with DC fundraisers attended by NARFE officers and Advocacy staff.)

State District/ Name Party Amount Given (as of 3/31/19)

Arizona 01 Tom O'Halleran D \$2,000 NARFE members and Advocacy staff attended DC fundraisers.



5-4 Thomas Deluca	6-18 Frank Jonke	7-14 Beck Dullas
5-8 Ruth Fox-Barry	6-21 Dan Gilchrist	7-16 Eldine Vanbeers
5-9 Agnes Walsh	6-23 Marlyne Falk	7-24 Roseanne Sonchik
5-13 Maria Berryman	6-24 Dayol Hart	7-25 George Alexander
6-3 Edra Drake	6-24 Donald Nelson	7-28 Harvey Rau
6-5 Lynn Engles	7-4 Helen Remington	7-31 Jean Rigrup

Barbara Lewis, our sunshine person, sends out Birthday cards each month. If you

don't see your birthday in our newsletter, please notify the President Virginia Ginter 602-942-6093. Hidden Birthdays. If it is YOUR Birthday, TELL us at the meeting and you will get a NARFE red cup.



May 17, 2019	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Cross Roads Church

<u>SUMMER LUNCHEONS (11:00 AM)</u>		
June 17, 2019	Red Lobster (Monday)	Metro Center
July 17, 2019	Olive Garden (Wednesday)	Metro Center
Aug. 16, 2019	Abucus (Friday)	35th Ave. and Thunderbird

Sept. 5, 2019	Executive Board meeting	Cross Roads Church
Sept. 20, 2019	Regular Chapter meeting	Cross Roads Church



CHAPTER TELEPHONE CALLERS



Our 2 callers, Richard and Roberta, are calling members who have been coming to meetings in the past and are home bound or ill to let them know we are thinking of them and wishing them well.

All are members of our "NARFE family. If you wish to be contacted, please let them know by calling 623- 337-4498.

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