



Uncompahgre Chapter 1039 Newsletter May 1, 2017

Presidents Message

Greetings to all NARFE members. My printer only prints in color these days so bear with me this time. I thank you for your support of NARFE. These are very critical times for federal employees and retirees. We have political leaders in the Congress and the administration who are anti-government. We need to remind these politicians that the Civil Service System in the U.S.A. is the finest in the world and federal employees and retirees deserve decent salaries and good benefits for the work they do.

Our Uncompahgre Chapter 1039 officers are:

President, Tom Heffernan
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Callers: Sue Burkepile and Kathy Heffernan
Our e-mailer is Ann Hankins
Montrose Program Chair, Tom Doherty
Delta Program Chair, Tom Heffernan

MEETING INFORMATION

Montrose Meeting Place: Zion Lutheran Church
701 S. Junction, Montrose, CO
Delta Meeting Place: Presbyterian Church
135 E. 4th St., Delta, CO
Time: 12:30 pm. – Pot Luck Lunch, Bring your own
Plate & Silverware
The Dates of the Next meetings are:

May 15 – Delta
June 19 – Montrose
July – No meeting
August 21 – Picnic at Cerise Park
September 18– Delta
October 16 – Montrose
November 20 – Delta – Hor d'oeuvres Luncheon
December 18 – Christmas Party – place to be determined.



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

There are a couple of bills introduced in the Congress that NARFE particularly needs our help on. The Social Security Fairness Act of 2017, H.R. 1205 has been reintroduced by Rep. Rodney Davis, R. IL. There are 97 Cosponsors. This bill would repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The bill now resides in the House Committee on Ways and Means for further deliberation. The second bill, the CPI-E Act of 2017 was introduced by Rep. John Garamendi, D. CA. H.R. 1251 would require federal retirement programs to use consumer price index for the elderly (CPI-E) to calculate COLAs instead of the current consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W). As our President Thissen said and I quote: "What this bill says to seniors is that your cost-of-living adjustment will more accurately reflect your cost of living. That's it! It's that simple." It will not be easy to get either of these bills passed but we can't let that stop us from trying. Contact Scott Tipton and ask him to cosponsor these two bills. You can call his Washington Office at 202-225-4761 or e-mail through his website: www.tipton.house.gov.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We continue to struggle attracting new members and retaining current members. Many of us are getting up in age and with that comes loss of members from death. We all have to do what we can to recruit new members. As your President, I'm also a committee of one for Legislation and Membership. I do what I can but I know it is not nearly enough. If you know of a federal employee or retiree, please don't be afraid to ask them if they are a member of NARFE. If they are not ask them to call me @ 626-4084 in Ridgway and I will send them an application. Or better yet, ask them if it would be ok if I called them and then give me their name and number.



How About a Little Humor

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered. "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was? A little child said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The child said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

ALZHEIMER'S MESSAGE

Taken from a website – Latest News – Journal on Alzheimer's Disease. Posted April 14, 2017

Unique graphic characters called Greebles may prove to be valuable tools in detecting signs of Alzheimer's disease decades before symptoms become apparent. In an article published online last week in JAD, Emily Mason, Ph.D., a postdoctoral associate in the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Louisville, reported research showing that cognitively normal people who have a genetic predisposition for Alzheimer's disease (AD) have more difficulty distinguishing among novel figures called Greebles than individuals without genetic predisposition. The article is interesting, check it out at www.j-alz.com.

Remembr: Help is available

Your local Alzheimer's Association chapter can connect you with the resources you need to cope with the challenges of Alzheimer's. Call 1-800-272-3900 in Colorado. This helpline is available 24/7

**Hope your
Mother's and
Father's day are
great and Have a
wonderful
summer.**