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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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August Meeting - Will meet August 9, 6:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 406 S. Vine St., Louisburg. Calling list members: please report to Darrell Williams, 913-755-4026, by Saturday, August 6, the number on your list who plan to attend. If you make a reservation and do not attend you will be expected to pay for the meal.

June Consumer Price News - Based on index figures from July, August, and September 2010, there has not been any automatic COLA to federal pension annuities for 2011 and there will not be one this year. The CPI-W decreased 0.2 percent for June 2011. The new figure is 222.522 which is 3.26 percent above the 2008 third quarter average of 215.495. July indices will be released August 18.

Debt Ceiling - Practically every potential deal to resolve the debt ceiling crisis could cost NARFE members hundreds of dollars. Both parties appear to be willing to make changes to the way COLAs are calculated; that is to take money out of your retirement even though you didn't cause the budget woes. Call both senators, your representative and the White House and demand that they stop singling out federal workers and retirees. Call the Capitol Switchboard toll free at 1-866-220-0044. Ask for one of your members of congress by name, or provide your ZIP code. Once connected to their office you should give them your name and the city/town where you live and tell them that you are a federal retiree or worker and ask them to not single us out by making more cuts to the retirement and health benefits we earned through years of serving the public. Request that your

lawmaker respond in writing to your phone call and be sure to leave your mailing address. Deliver the same message by calling the White House toll-free at 1-888-225-8418; the non toll-free number is 1-202-456-1414.

Legislation - As of August 2 NARFE President, Joseph Beaudoin released a statement that a Debt-Ceiling Deal has been reached to keep the government moving forward. Also, temporary relief that no sweeping plans have been enacted to weaken federal workers' retirement and health benefits. The nearly \$1 trillion in spending reductions across federal agencies will be a challenge to absorb, and once again federal workers will get the chance to demonstrate their skill at doing more with less.

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What Am I

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does.

The next day in a written test, she included this question, "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?"

When the test papers were turned in, the teacher was astonished to find that almost 50 percent of the students answered the question with the word "Mother."