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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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**July Meeting** - Met at the First Baptist Church in Louisburg. There were 33 in attendance. Pat Apple, a Kansas Senator, was our guest speaker. We collected \$29.50 in the kitty and have \$450.51 in the checking account. President Baptiste testified before the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform and urged the 18 member bipartisan commission to protect the compensation and retirement for all federal workers, retirees and spouses. A NARFE member testified at the Federal Workforce Subcommittee regarding IRS taking 16 years to upgrade her to permanent work which had a big affect on her retirement income. NARFE members urged to get out and meet their candidates. Members also urged to use the Legislative Action Center. A proposal has been made to deny federal workers a 1.4% raise in 2011. Members urged to attend town hall meetings. Afraid people there might suggest taking something away from federal employees. Are endorsing Jerry Moran. The National Convention is the last of August and we need to send in proxies to the state. The National Office is having problems with finances. They are running short of money so need to raise dues but it was lost by a few votes. Rules weren't followed.

**Sunshine** - It was reported Darline Laws is still dealing with some health problems and it was suggested we stop by or send cards. Ruth Buchanan recently had some surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery. Also Helen Morrison recently had a mishap with her bicycle and got kinda bunged up. By the time you get this letter we hope all are making good progress.

**Next Meeting** - A NARFE representative for long term care will be attending our August meeting. She has presented this program to other NARFE chapters in our region. Please plan to attend. Our meeting will be August 10, 6:00 p.m., at the Hillsdale Presbyterian Church, 22875 W. 255<sup>th</sup> St. (North of Paola) Cost \$7.00. Callers should turn in the names of those they are making reservations for to Mark Peters, 913-259-9400, by Saturday, August 7. Be sure you make a reservation if you plan to attend. You will be expected to pay for the meal if you make a reservation and do not attend.

**Legislation - Meet Your Candidates Month** - August 9-September 10, 2010. Your August NARFE Magazine

contains an article regarding this subject. Be sure you read it. Member feedback is vital and [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) has added a feature to the Legislative Action Center which allows you to make online reports on your meetings with lawmakers. If unable to report on line send a written report to chapter, federation and regional NARFE leaders and NARFE Legislative Dept., 606 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1914 or phone 703/838-7760, ext. 267. They want to know who you met with, subjects discussed, commitments made by legislator or staff and anything you are doing to follow up on the meeting.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government has included a 1.4% pay raise for federal employees in the fiscal 2011 Financial Services and General Government spending bill which mirrors the request in the President's budget.

The Legislative Hotline is available to telephone callers (703-838-7780 and toll free at 1-877-217-8234), posted on internet, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), made available to NARFE-Net Coordinators, and sent to over 54,000 GEMS e-mail addresses.

The June CPI, 213.839, decreased 0.1% from May. The next indices will be released August 13. Unless there is rapid inflation in the final quarter there is unlikely to be a cost of living adjustment in federally administered retirement programs including social security, military retirement and federal civil service.

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**Membership** - We have a new member - Roland Prothe. Welcome aboard Roland and we hope to see you at our meetings soon. Need to follow up with those who have received a second notice and urge them to take care of it as soon as possible. NARFE membership is important as they are the only thing looking out for our benefits.

**Alzheimer's** - We will hold our Alzheimer's Auction at the September 14 NARFE meeting at the Cadmus Grange Hall so be gathering up things to bring to be auctioned off. See the attached letter from our Alzheimer's chairperson.

Forget the hasty, unkind word; Forget the slander you have heard; Forget the quarrel and the cause; Forget the whole affair, because Forgetting is the only way.

Forget the storm of yesterday; Forget the knocker, and the squeak; Forget the bad day of the week. Forget you're not a millionaire; Forget the gray streaks in your hair; Forget to even get the blues - But don't forget To Pay Your Dues!