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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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Consumer Price Index (CPI) - is used as an indicator of inflation. There are two CPI's used in federal programs. The CPI-U is used to adjust benefits of low income assistance programs (food stamps, school lunches, and elderly nutrition programs). The CPI-W is used by the federal government to adjust benefits for federal retirement programs. The annual COLA's for federal retirees, military retirees, Social Security beneficiaries and veterans benefits are all calculated using the CPI-W.

Long Term Care - Open season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program is going on now through June 24, 2011. This is the first chance since 2002 that applicants who meet specific criteria can apply with abbreviated underwriting.

June Meeting - Will meet June 14, 6:00 p.m., at the First Lutheran Church, 401 E. Piankishaw St., Paola. Calling list members: please report to Darrell Williams, 913-755-4026, by Saturday, June 11, 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

Protect America's Heartbeat - This campaign runs through June 12. If you have the opportunity you need to meet with your representative. Every new proposal to tax or slash the federal workforce is a threat to every active

and retired federal worker. Washington is making it clear that they think our annuities are too generous and that they think we can be easily scapegoated and singled out. The political pressure to attack federal workers and retirees is enormous.

Legislative - Benefits for Federal Employees and Annuitants are being targeted for large and looming budget cuts to help reduce the federal deficit. Many of the proposals are not necessary that would impact federal civilian retirement. According to the Congressional Research Service, the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund is fully funded and actuarially sound. Despite that, worrisome changes have been proposed. Legislative Director of NARFE, Don Adcock, talks about the anti federal worker atmosphere across the country. All federal employees and retirees need to fight back against the attacks on our benefits and reputation.

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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?