

NARFE Chapter 372  
Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by George Shal, President

Attendance: 22 Members and guests were present

The invocation was given by Si Nagel. Ted Mason led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New officers were sworn in by Ted Mason, outgoing President. The new officers sworn in were

President, George Shal

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sue Mason

Secretary, Margaret Bergman

Treasurer, Simon Nagel

Legislative Chair, Dennis Fitzgerald

Membership Chair and Public Relations Chair, Eileen Fitzgerald

Sunshine Chair, Alice Snyder

Webmaster, Ted Mason

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Fred Sweeney and Service Officer, Joe Patti were unable to attend and will be sworn in at the next meeting.

New Members were introduced: Betty and Russell Harrison from the former Buxmont Chapter. Ted and Sue Mason said they had worked with Betty and Russell on the State convention and that they were extremely helpful so we hope they will decide to join our chapter. Gwen Wilson from the Philadelphia chapter, who recently moved to Shannondell Retirement Community in Audubon PA, was checking out the chapter for possible transfer. Gwen brought a number of good ideas with her for our chapter and we certainly hope she decides to transfer as well.

Program: Mr Robert Clifton, from RSVP gave us a humorous and interesting talk on "The Homefront During WWII" which all of our members seemed to enjoy.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of December 5, 2007 waived and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sy Nagle reported a balance of \$ 4626.02. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report

Membership Committee Report: Eileen Fitzgerald reported 299 Chapter members, 41 National members, and 4 Life members.

Other committee reports: Legislative Report. Dennis Fitzgerald voiced a concern about our health insurance program in this election year.

Service Officer Report: Altho Joe Patti was unable to attend this meeting due to travel, George Shal indicated that he was very pleased that Joe was able to get our meeting notice out to the membership in a timely fashion.

Sunshine Committee report: Alice Snyder did not have any news to report

#### **Old Business Discussed:**

Gettysburg Training Symposium to be held on March 18-19, 2008 will be attended by George Shal and Sue Mason as Chapter representatives. Ted Mason will attend as a State Rep. George and Sue will report back to us when they return.

State Convention to be held on April 27-30, 2008 in Harrisburg, PA George Shal and Sue Mason will represent the chapter and they will report back to us upon their return. Ted Mason will attend as a State Rep. It was discussed and a motion was made and seconded to buy a basket at a value of \$100 to be raffled at the State Convention.

The National Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky from September 7-12, 2008. George Shal called for those interested in attending. Sue Mason indicated an interest and George Shal indicated he would be willing to attend depending on his schedule at work. All were in agreement that George and Sue should represent our chapter.

#### **New Business Discussed:**

George Shal proposed that our Chapter support Alzheimer Research as our charity and a motion was made and seconded that it would be our charity. The chapter will collect from

members monthly for this charity. Guest, Gwen Wilson mentioned that the Philadelphia chapter has a specific jar out at every meeting to collect for that charity.

George Shal asked for a motion which was seconded to reimburse Joe Patti for newsletter mailing expenses in the amount of \$200.01.

Peg Bergman asked members for next year if they preferred Blue Bell Inn or Springhouse Tavern for the Christmas party. The members overwhelmingly preferred Springhouse Tavern and suggested that we make our reservation now for next year.

Peg Bergman mentioned that one of the items listed for one of our meetings was a picnic but that she couldn't quite figure out how we would arrange that so she asked the members if they would be interested in a bus trip to the casinos. Out of the 22 present, 14 indicated an interest. Peg will look into the feasibility and report back to the group. She indicated that the months of August or October looked best for the trip.

Peg Bergman asked if members would be interested in having a mini health fair for our November meeting. The members were interested and indicated that they would like BC/BS (including their HMO), Aetna, and Postal Plans to attend. Peg said she would look into the feasibility and report back to the group.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50PM

Next meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet on April 9, 2008