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NARFE Chapter 372

Norristown, PA

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

The meeting was called to order at 1 PM by Peggy Bergman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Attendance: 15 members and guests were present, including 3 officers from the Delaware County Chapter 404 who we were pleased to have join us for our meeting.

There was a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our speakers this month were Michael Grossman, Certified Financial Planner with ING Financial Partners and Mike Sliney, Vice President with Franklin Templeton Investments.

Mr. Sliney spoke about Tax-Free Funds and in particular the Pennsylvania Tax-Free Fund. His investment company is the biggest buyer of municipal funds in the country. He referred to the Rule of 72 which shows how long it takes to double your investments. Mr. Grossman supplemented the discussion with additional information about taxes. We expressed our appreciation having them join us for our meeting.

A reading of the March minutes by Al Henryson, Secretary, was recommended and approved to be suspended since the minutes were available on the NARFE Chapter 372 Website.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Peggy Bergman then asked for the following Officer and Committee Reports:

Si Nagel, Treasurer, reported that he had received reimbursement from the Federation for the Symposium Registration Fee paid in advance by George Shal, Peggy Bergman, Joe Patti, Al Henryson and Sue Mason. He gave a check to these individuals for their payment of the Registration Fee and additionally to the first four individuals for their costs for the hotel, mileage and tolls to attend the March Symposium. The Mason's expenses were paid by the Federation since Ted is a Federation Officer. Si reported that the Chapter financial balance prior to these disbursements was \$5,017.13. At this time it was also recommended and approved that the Chapter spend \$100 to buy up the remaining unsold raffle tickets for the May Federation fund raiser.

Ed Levandoski, Legislation, encouraged everyone to continue communicating with their elected officials regarding legislation affecting NARFE members. It was also mentioned that the Chapter carries liability insurance for it's elected officers.

Eileen Fitzgerald, Membership/Public Relations. The report was given by Peggy in lieu of Eileen, who had just lost her husband, Dennis, also a Chapter member. There are presently 323 Chapter members, 28 National Only members and 5 Life members for a total of 356 assigned to the Chapter.

Joe Patti, Service/Newsletter. Peggy reported that the Newsletter will be published within the month.

Gwen Wilson, Sunshine, reported that she had sent a card to Helen Debus who recently had surgery and would be sending a card to Eileen Fitzgerald who had just lost her husband, Dennis, a long time Chapter member and former Chapter Officer. It was also discussed and approved that a donation be made to her in his honor for his long time service to NARFE.

Old Business:

Peggy submitted a report on the March Symposium expressing how interesting

and helpful it was for all of those who attended. She particularly wanted to relay information from one of the Symposium's sponsors, the NARFE Credit Union which is currently offering a free rewards checking account that offers 4.01 APY. Their website is [www.NARFEpremierFCU.org](http://www.NARFEpremierFCU.org). She suggested that the Chapter may want to look into this for our Chapter account.

She also reminded all those present of the Alzheimer's Donation Jar on the side table.

**Peg also gave an update of our June Chapter Trip to Chanticleer, the former estate of Adolf Rosengarten who was once head of a local pharmaceutical company. The property was eventually left by the family to be enjoyed as a public garden. Details of the trip were printed on the reverse side of the April Monthly Meeting Agenda for all those present.**

#### **Highlights of the information -**

**We will meet for the 90 minute 1:30 PM tour on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. The cost is \$10 per person. To reserve your place on the tour it is important that you send a check, payable to NARFE 372, to Si Nagel, 262 Little Brook Lane, Pottstown, PA 19465 no later than May 22, 2010. For questions regarding the trip, you may call Peg Bergman at 610-277-4791. We will meet at Chanticleer, 786 Church Road, Wayne, PA 19087 at 1:15 PM to group for the tour. After the tour we plan to go to Minella's Diner, 320 Lancaster Ave. in Wayne. This will not be an organized group meal so we are free to sit and eat according to our preferences. Generally lunches including entree, soup, beverage, tax and tip are about \$10-12 per person depending on your selection.**

Peg also discussed options for the November Health Fair. After brief discussion, it was approved by all to have the Health Fair in November as planned.

Ted Mason briefed on his trip to Philadelphia shortly after we returned from the March Symposium to merge three NARFE chapters, who were unable to fill all officer positions, into one chapter to be called the Northeast Chapter.

New Business:

Reimbursements - As mentioned above the reimbursements to Charter members attending the March Symposium were completed, and the IRS mileage allowance was briefed by Ted as \$.50 per mile.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

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The next meeting will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 11 AM for a discussion with Kate Harper, PA State Representative.

Al Henryson, Secretary