

## FINAL

NARFE Chapter 372  
Norristown, PA

A regular meeting was held Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Old Country Buffet, East Norriton, PA

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM by George Shal, President.

Attendance: 20 members and guests were present.

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

George introduced our guest speaker this month, Kate Harper, State Representative 61<sup>st</sup> District PA.

Kate Harper gave a very lively and informative presentation. She spoke at length about the state budget and among her remarks she told us that 40% of the state budget goes to state public education and another 40% goes to state Medicaid and welfare programs. Another large percentage goes to the state prisons. The result is very little state funds are left for other programs and projects. She encouraged all of us to feel free to contact her office for any state service she may be able to provide assistance and to also let her office know our thoughts on any issue or of any questions we may have. She may be reached at 610-277-3230. We were extremely pleased to have had her speak to us.

A reading of the April minutes by Al Henryson, Secretary, was recommended and approved to be suspended since the minutes were available on the NARFE Chapter 372 Website and some printed copies were distributed to requesting individuals. The minutes were approved as written.

## Officer and Committee Reports:

George Shal then asked for the following Officer and Committee Reports:

Si Nagel, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand as of this date of \$4,125.93. The report as submitted was approved.

Ed Levandoski, Legislation, encouraged everyone to continue to be alert to any issues that may affect our future benefits.

Eileen Fitzgerald, Membership/Public Relations, reported that there are presently 321 Chapter members, 28 National Only members and 5 Life members for a total of 354 assigned to the Chapter.

Joe Patti, Service/Newsletter. George Shal reported that there have been technical problems with printing the Newsletter and that it will be published when these are resolved.

Gwen Wilson, Sunshine, reported that thankfully there have been no new illnesses by members reported to her.

## Old Business:

Pennsylvania and National Convention Updates George reported that the Pennsylvania Federation will be making recommendations to the National Convention and that NARFE dues and membership classes will probably be a big item of discussion.

Peggy Bergman gave an update on 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.

**We will meet at 1:15 PM for the 90 minute tour on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. The cost is \$10 per person. She reminded everyone to send their 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 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.**

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

New Business:

Reimbursements Peggy identified the need to reimburse her for stamps for the mailing of the monthly meeting reminder postcards and the upcoming Newsletter for a total cost of \$149.60. The request was approved.

George mentioned the fund raiser raffle basket from the Chapter for the Federation Meeting will contain 11 movies that have been made in or about Pennsylvania. The cost is \$100 which had been previously approved.

George also pointed out the two new banner size signs he had made which were displayed at our meeting. Although they were initial draft versions they looked very good.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

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The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at 1:15 PM at Chanticleer.

Al Henryson, Secretary