



# The NARFEian

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Chapter 185 Gainesville, FL April 2010

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*NARFE----Dedicated Since 1921 to Protecting the Retirement Benefits of Federal Civilian Retirees*

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## Chapter Leadership

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## NARFE-PAC:

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**Telephone Chairs:**

**Webmaster:** Brian Walsh  
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## President's Message

Bill Summerhill represented Chapter 0185 at a retirement seminar in mid March. Bill had the opportunity to talk with local federal employees about the benefits of NARFE membership.

Our national office has been working to support legislation to protect and enhance the benefits of federal employees and retirees. The president and congress are looking for ways to cut the budget. In fact President Obama has established a **Deficit Panel** to recommend action. The NARFE Magazine (April) reports that NARFE plans to point out to the panel that federal civil service retirement benefits are fully funded and actuarially sound and should not be swept up in the effort to achieve political and deficit-reduction goals.

Don't forget that April 15 is upon us. If you are unable to complete your tax return on time be sure to request an extension. As you think about money be reminded that con artists are on the move. (See April NARFE Magazine.) Be alert, if things sound too good or strange there is probably

a reason. Don't invest in anything you don't understand. If return on investments is much greater than competition, the likelihood that you will lose your money is also much greater.

Now is a good time to review your financial papers to be sure they are in order. Who is the owner of your house, car, insurance policy, and bank accounts? Who will receive the property at the death of the owner? Have beneficiaries changed? Recently a divorced woman who was the family breadwinner when her children were growing up told me about the consequences of her oversight. Her parents had taught her the importance of insurance and burial plots. She duly purchased these then forgot about them. (Remember 50 years ago in many states women did not own property.) Her spouse remarried. When he died his current wife inherited the property his first wife had purchased.

### **Board Positions to be filled**

- Alzheimer's Chair
- Secretary (Berness Whitmire is ill and has requested assistance with her position as secretary.)

Let your president know how you can assist.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Chapter Meeting – April 12, 2010**

10:15 – 10:30 Registration and Greet

10:30 – Business

11:15 – Speaker: Shankar Kulkarni, Ph.D., MSPT, Physical Therapist,  
Shands Rehab at Magnolia Parke

12:00 – Pot Luck Lunch

Where – First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 419 NE 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Gainesville

#### **Florida Federation Convention**

May 4-6 Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs, FL (Ruth Milton will serve as voting Delegate, Jo Turner as alternate, and Carmen Walker will serve as Banner Barrier.) If you plan to attend, please request a registration form from Jo Turner. [turnerjosephine@bellsouth.net](mailto:turnerjosephine@bellsouth.net).

#### **31<sup>st</sup> National Convention – August 29 – Sept 2, 2010 in Grand Rapids, Mi.**

Linda Cook will represent our chapter and will serve as voting delegate. Check your NARFE Magazine for current information

**April NARFE Meeting:** Shankar Kulkarni, Ph.D., MSPT, Physical Therapist, Shands Rehab at Magnolia Parke, with speak about seniors health issues including balance and exercise as apart of healthy retirement. Please plan to attend. Monday, April 12 at 10:30 am, First Methodist Gainesville, Fellowship Hall.

## **MEMBERSHIP, Jo Holland**

YOUR LAST CHANCE!! to participate in the Florida Federation of NARFE Chapters Dues Withholding Contest. Your withholding application must be in the hands of Beulah H. Greene by April 30, 2010. Forms will be at the "sign in" desk at the next meeting April 12.

As you have heard, the contest runs until April 30. It costs \$2.55 per month - \$30.60 per year, considerably less than \$35. If you don't make the deadline, you can switch to payroll deduction at any time.

Application process: Complete a NARFE Dues Withholding application, put it in a sealed envelope, address and mail the envelope to: Beulah H. Greene, Dues Withholding Chair, 14222 Hilton Head Drive, Ft. Myers, FL 33919. In the upper left hand corner return address space, list you name Chapter number, NARFE membership number, and address. To enhance security, all application received will be logged and forwarded to NARFE Membership without opening them, if the necessary identifying information is posted in the return address. If the necessary identifying information is not posted on the return address, the envelope will be opened for identification purposes for the contest.

So, when you participate in due payroll deduction, you will no longer have to yearly think, write a check, and mail it to NARFE - thereby giving you peace of mind!

## **Happy April Birthday**

Bill Gager

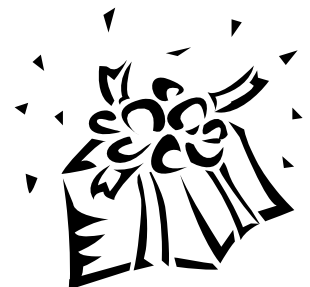
Richard Guy

Robert Jacobs

Ruth Milton

Ann Smith

Clifton Taylor



## **MINUTES, CHAPTER 185, NARFE, March 8, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of Chapter 185 was held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, Gainesville. President Jo Turner called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Flo Cummins gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag. President Turner welcomed the 26 members and 2 guests in attendance. Turner reported that spouses could become social members after two attendances. Each year the chapter will review the financial situation and determine if funds are sufficient to waive dues for these social members.

The minutes of the February meeting were printed in the March NARFEian. John Ritter moved approval of the minutes. Ruth Milton seconded. Motion carried.

President Turner reported that she attended the District meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> along with Bill Summerhill and John Woeste. No Committee Representatives from Chapter 185 were elected.

Treasurer Doug Zant presented the treasurer's report as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The account balances are: Checking - \$2,005 and Alzheimer's Fund \$498.57. The report published in the NARFEian is the wrong report. Flo Cummins moved to accept the treasurer's report as given. John Ritter seconded. The motion was approved.

Sunshine Chair Ruth Milton reported the following: Linda Blue in a coma in hospice; Ken Vanlier has recently had surgery for colon cancer; Linda Hasty has moved to the Lake House at the Village, and Bob Strain is having difficulty with his eyes and walking.

Audit Committee composed of Bill Summerhill, Berness Whitmire and Ruth Milton will work with Doug Zant to audit the books.

Old Business: Budget - President Turner reviewed the proposed chapter budget that had been printed in the NARFEian. John Ritter moved approval of the proposed budget. Kriss Dunn seconded. Motion carried.

Sixty-eight dollars were collected for the Alzheimer's fund. Thirty-six dollars were collected in the 50/50. Bill Summerhill and Charles Thomason won the 50/50 drawings.

Past President Summerhill introduced Hever Paulin, Manager at the Alarion Bank, for the program. He spoke about growing up in Cuba.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Cook, for Berness Whitmire, Chapter Secretary

NARFE CHAPTER 185 TREASURER'S REPORT  
February 2010

Regular bank account

Balance 1-31-10 \$2,199.63

Activity

Deposits

for Alzheimer's 2-8	\$47.00
50/50 raffle 2-8	\$21.00
NARFE Rebate 2-18	\$112.02
Interest 2-28	\$3.71

Expense

ck177 Bobby Fletcher	\$9.68
Meeting Supplies	
ck 178 Linda Cook	\$7.49
Newsletter Supplies	
Ck 179 Bill Summerhill	\$119.40
Newsletter Supplies & Custodian	
Ck180 FI Fed of Chapters	\$241.60
Per Capita Tax	

Bank Statement	\$2,261.29
Outstanding Cks	\$256.10
Ck book balance 2-28-10	\$2,005.19
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Alzheimer's Account

Balance 1-31-10 \$451.57

Deposits 2-8 \$47.00

Balance 2-28-10 \$498.57

Savings account

Balance 1-31-10 \$26.47

Deposits-Div 2-28 \$0.01

Balance 2-28-10 \$26.48

CD account

NARFE PRE.FCU

Open CD 1-22-09

Mature 1-22-2011@3.14APY \$4,000.00

NARFE CHAPTER 185 TREASURER'S REPORT  
**March 2010**

Regular bank account

Balance 3-1-10 \$2,005.19

Activity

Deposits

for alzheimers3-8 \$68.00  
 50/50 raffle 3-8 \$18.00  
 NARFE Rebate 3-16 \$153.68  
 interest 3-31 \$3.95

Expense

Ck 181 Linda Cook \$11.08  
 News Letter Supplies  
 ck 182 Jo Turner \$63.41  
 Meeting Expense  
 Ck 184 NARFE \$75.00  
 Liability Insurance

Bank Statement \$2,325.43  
 Outstanding Cks \$226.10  
 Ck book balance 3-31-10 \$2,099.33 \$2,099.33

Alzheimer's Account

Balance 3-1-10 \$498.57  
 Deposits 3-8 \$68.00

Balance 3-31-10 \$566.57

Savings account

Balance 3-1-10 \$26.50  
 Deposits-Div 3-31 \$0.01  
 Balance 3-31-10 \$26.51

CD account

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 Open CD 1-22-09  
 Mature 1-22-2011@3.14APY \$4,000.00