



GATE CITY NEWS
NARFE Chapter 211
August 2017

Greensboro Chapter 211 Celebrates its 65th Anniversary

had a beautifully decorated cake with the icing stating "Happy 65th Anniversary - NARFE Chapter 211 - Greensboro." Everyone had a great time!



Chapter 211 President Deborah Germak



An inspiration for us all!

The National Active and Retired Federal Employee (NARFE) Greensboro Chapter 211 will celebrate its 65th anniversary of its Charter that was granted on October 23, 1952. In recognition of this achievement, the Chapter celebrated a little early and received a number of congratulatory accolades, which were read at the July Chapter picnic meeting held at Bur-Mil Park in Greensboro on July 13.

These items included the following:

1. A congratulatory letter and certificate from Richard G. Thissen, National President of NARFE
2. A congratulatory letter from William Shackelford, Regional Vice President, Region X, NARFE
3. A certificate from Greensboro Mayor Nancy Vaughn
4. A congratulatory letter from Governor Roy Cooper

These items were read by Tom Jennings, NARFE State Federation Executive Vice President and presented to Deborah Germak, Greensboro Chapter 211 President. Tom and his wife, Sharrill, came from Carolina Beach to give us an update on what's happening with NARFE.

Later in July, we received a congratulatory letter from Richard Burr, United States Senator from North Carolina. This letter was read at the August Chapter meeting. All documents were displayed at the August meeting.

In addition to the letters and certificates, celebratory multicolored pens were distributed with the engraving "65th Anniversary - NARFE Chapter 211 Greensboro." Finally, we



Paula Hines, Chapter 454

Don't let the facts that NARFE member Paula Hines is 71 and rides with two artificial hips and an artificial knee (the mate comes this winter) fool you. She can ride circles around anyone. Paula started riding in 1975 and became an instructor in 1985. She still teaches, as well as reviews, other instructors. From 1993 to 1996 she and her Gold Wing were part of the North Carolina precision drill team that won six international championships. "In 2003, I decided I was finally mature enough to ride a sport bike responsibly and bought began off-road riding. The more she did it, the more she liked it.



A unique eatery left an indelible cultural memory. “We stopped by the seashore at a place that may have been a garage attached to a house,” says Paula. “The South African woman who ran it used the space to entertain parties and feed them dinner. She’d decorated it to look festive with fairy lights and eclectic paraphernalia.” She and her friend sang a welcome song and then placed the food out, buffet style. They sang while we ate and again to bid us farewell.

The whole trip was a wonderful experience, and to do it by motorcycle made it even more meaningful. It’s such a freeing experience. I can’t imagine enjoying life any other way.”

FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, April 22nd NARFE Chapter 211 continued its strong support of the semi-annual Food Drive for the Greensboro Urban Ministry. The following members donated their time in support of this effort, resulting in the collection of **\$75.00 in cash and 609 pounds** of much-needed food for folks throughout Greensboro!

Gary Hedrick
 Elsie Min
 Maxine Pruett
 Deborah Germak
 David Clapp
 Dianne Clapp
 Doug Clapp
 Jerry Pifer
 Deborah Pifer
 Chris Huber
 Herb Lieberman

The next Food Drive will be October 21, 2017. NARFE Chapter 211 has participated in the Food Drive since 2002, collecting a total of nearly 30,000 pounds of food, and averaging about 1050 pounds per drive.

Thank you !

REVISED CHAPTER BYLAWS

Given the recent reorganization of NARFE, I drafted a revised Bylaws for our Chapter based on a model developed and on the NARFE HQ website. This first Version was circulated and discussed at our August meeting. I had left a few blanks in the first draft and wanted to discuss with you what we wanted to add at those Sections. Based on the input from the members at the meeting, I’ve revised the Bylaws as Version 2.0 and it is presented below for your review and any comments. The discussed issues are underlined in Version 2.0 so you can quickly see the insert. The only recommendation I have is to delete the last sentence of Article VII. Meetings, Section 2. We decided against a number or percentage to determine a quorum - we decided on a majority present at the meetings will be considered the quorum.

Since our current Bylaws state that proposed amendments shall be read at two separate meetings of the Chapter before a vote is taken. The first reading was in August and the second

With her limited off-road experience she thought it prudent to stick to a mostly-paved route and chose a trip to Africa to test her skills. The second day of her ride was her most epic. “The views were stupendous and 120 miles of gravel a challenge. The mountains, while not as high as the Alps or Rockies, were comparable in their requirement for technical skills, especially given the lack of guardrails and riding on the left. It was such a thrilling ride.”



Walking past the bar that evening, she overheard someone say, “Well she *can* ride!” It made her smile and was fun to hear from others. Her greatest satisfaction, however, came from her sense of accomplishment. As epic as the riding was, Paula’s experience went even deeper. She’d read Nelson Mandela’s book *Long Walk to Freedom*, and loved learning more about evolving South Africa and her people. The contrast between ultra-modern Cape Town and countryside villages was striking, yet even in what appeared to be abject poverty, people were welcoming and smiling.

Road hazards are very different from what we experience in Canada or the United States. Passing through an area of ranches, they startled an ostrich running full speed between fences designed to contain antelope. Apparently oblivious to the group of motorcycles until the last minute, it screeched to a halt, looked at the group incredulously, and turned and ran off at high speed in the other direction. “The whole trip was a wonderful experience, and to do it by motorcycle made it even more meaningful. It’s such a freeing experience. I can’t imagine enjoying life any other way.”

Another time, while riding through Addo Elephant Park, they had to stop and wait for an elephant to amble across the road.

will be in September. The current Bylaws also state that the vote may be taken at the meeting at which the second reading is made. So, once the reading is done in September, a vote can be taken at that time. We don't need to wait until October.

Please review the attachment and send me any comments, issues, and/or recommendations. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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BYLAWS

Greensboro Chapter 211, National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), revised August 2017

ARTICLE I. NAME

This Chapter shall be known as the Piedmont Triad Chapter 211 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), located in Greensboro, North Carolina. This Chapter is affiliated with the North Carolina State Federation (NCNARFE), subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of that body.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

Section 1. The objectives of this Chapter shall be to support and work toward the objectives of the NARFE Association, as set forth in Rule IV, Section 2C of the National Bylaws as set forth herewith:

- A. To sponsor and support legislation, rules and regulations beneficial to Federal civilian employees, and annuitants or potential annuitants under any Federal civilian retirement system;
- B. To oppose legislation, rules and regulations detrimental to the interests of Federal civilian employees, and annuitants or potential annuitants under any Federal civilian retirement system;
- C. To advise and assist Federal civilian employees and annuitants or potential annuitants, with respect to their rights under retirement and health benefit laws and regulations; and to represent their interests before the Federal Congress and Executive Branch, and State governments with respect to receiving and protecting such rights, and to gain greater retirement and health benefits for them and their dependents;
- D. To promote the general welfare of Federal civilian employees, and annuitants or potential annuitants;
- E. To cooperate with other organizations and associations in furtherance of the general objectives of this Corporation.

In furtherance of these objectives, this Chapter shall operate in unity with policies established by the Association and National Executive Board (NEB), together with such other activities looking toward the preservation of American institutions and ideals as shall be espoused by the Association.

Section 2. The Chapter shall not enter into activities, arrangements or agreements that conflict with programs or activities of the Association or its Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

Section 1. Any person who is a dues-paying member of NARFE National shall be eligible to join the Chapter. A member who pays Chapter dues is in good standing.

Section 2. The Chapter may provide for nonvoting members as allowed in the National Bylaws Article IV, Section 5F defining associate and social members.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

Section 1. The Chapter dues will be determined by the Chapter Executive Committee (EC) and shall be used to meet expenses of carrying out Chapter business and functions.

Section 2. Any Chapter document relating to dues or contributions must contain this statement: "Dues payments and gifts or contributions to NARFE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes."

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Chapter Officers shall be a President, a Vice President (or First and Second Vice President), a Secretary and a Treasurer [or Secretary-Treasurer if the positions are combined]. The Officers shall be voting members and elected at the Annual Meeting and may be nominated by the Nominating Committee or from the floor. Officers may serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected. Officers shall assume their duties in *December* and fulfill their standard duties, which are detailed in the *Chapter & Federation Officers Manual, F-10*.

Section 2. The duties of the Officers are identified in the *Chapter and Federation Officers Manual, F-10*.

Section 3. The Chapter may by resolution require the Treasurer [or the Secretary-Treasurer] to give bond for the faithful performance of his or her duties. The expense of obtaining a bond shall be paid from Chapter funds.

Section 4. If there is a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall serve as President until the next election. If there is a vacancy in any other office, the EC shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section 5. The EC shall consist of the elected Chapter Officers (and other appointed Officers and Committee Chairs as deemed appropriate). The EC shall exercise such other duties as the Chapter may prescribe. Quorum for an EC meeting shall consist of a majority present.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of the members of this Committee to develop a membership plan that describes organized efforts to gain and keep members, encourage dues withholding, and contact lapsed members.

Section 2. The Legislative Committee shall be appointed by the President to: a) keep abreast of state and national legislative matters concerning federal civil annuitants and prospective annuitants; and b) make recommendations for action to the Chapter, the Federation and the Association.

Section 3. The President may appoint a Service Officer, a Public Relations Officer, a Sunshine Committee and such other Committees as deemed desirable.

Section 4. The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the President to annually perform an audit of the financial records of the Chapter.

Section 5. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 6. No other Standing Committee may be appointed without amending the Bylaws unless a provision is included.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month as notified, unless a meeting is cancelled by previous Chapter vote or by action of the Chapter EC, with due and reasonable notice to members. The regular meeting in December shall be the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Quorum for conducting Chapter business shall consist of a majority of the Chapter's voting members present at the meeting, but less than a quorum may adjourn to meet on a future date, of which due notice shall be given to each voting member. If less than a quorum is present, members may run the program but may not make decisions.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called by the Chapter President when necessary.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The provisions found in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern Chapter business in all matters not in conflict with the Chapter Bylaws or the Association's Articles of Incorporation and National Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. An amendment to these Bylaws shall be made by concurrence of two-thirds of the voting members present and voting at any regular business meeting, provided written notice of the proposed amendment has been transmitted to all Chapter voting members not less than 30 days before the meeting at which the vote is taken.

Section 2. Amendments shall be approved at National Headquarters before becoming effective.

RECENT PROGRAMS

For those of you who haven't been to a Chapter meeting in a while, here's a sample of programs you have missed:

Greater Greensboro Senior Games
N.C. Attorney' General's Office: Financial Fraud
Greensboro Horticultural Society
NC A&T Center for Outreach in Alzheimer's
GEHA
Department of Justice Field Operations
Blue Cross Blue Shield

Larry Kirwan, Hammered Dulcimer Performance
The Seniors Health Insurance Information Program

FUTURE PROGRAMS

September - Susan Allgood - Aetna
October - Shamyra Parker-Winston - GEHA
November - Kimberley Jones-Scott - Blue Cross

Dec - will be our holiday party

JOIN US, YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID !

**2017 Guilford County Walk to End
Alzheimer's
October 21, 2017**

Registration at 9am - Ceremony at
10am - Walk at 10:15am

Route Length: 1 mile or 2 miles

Location: LeBauer Park
208 N Davie St
Greensboro, NC 27401

Contact:

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NARFE Chapter 211 Elected Officers

President	Deborah Germak	609-226-4297
Vice-President	Jerry Pifer	336-336-8861
Secretary	Dave Clapp	336-697-1750
Treasurer	Larry Standley	336-855-7095

NARFE Chapter 211 Appointed Officers

Legislative Officer	Doug Clapp	336-674-6036
Service Officer		
Membership	Herb Lieberman	336-545-7923
Public Relations	Jerry Pifer	336-273-8861
Programs	Chris Huber	336-337-2824
Sunshine Committee	Maxine Pruett	336-273-7189
Telephone Tree	Herb Lieberman	336-546-7923
Newsletter	Jerry Pifer	336-273-8861
Alzheimer's Chair	Dianne Clapp	336-674-6036
NARFE-PAC Chair		
Net Coordinator	Doug Clapp	336-674-6036

www.narfe.org/chapter211

Chapter 211 Meetings, Second Thursday of each month, 11:45 am
Golden Corral Buffet & Grill 2419 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2017