# Chapter 218 National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Newsletter July 9, 2012

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# President's Corner

NARFE Chapter 218 Summer Picnic!

We're having a picnic; you and yours are invited!

We will be providing plates, dinnerware, cups, hamburgers, coffee and other drinks. The rest will be potluck so please bring some food (dessert, salad, veggies, a casserole, chips or whatever else seems appropriate, your choice).

The picnic will be at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 16, at the Dalton Gardens City Park, which is behind their City Hall and the Fire Station, located just off the roundabout at Hanley and 4th Street in Dalton Gardens.

If you're lost along the way, call me at 208-699-9121 for directions.

See you there! Bob Conquergood, President

## **Highlights from your July NARFE Magazine**

Your July issue has articles of interest to our NARFE members that are worth checking out.

On page 8, a bill being considered by the House of Representatives would cut federal employees' pay by 5%.

Page 12 has an article regarding a postal reform bill with provisions affecting retired employees.

Pages 28 through 33 contain questions and answers that will likely be of interest to us.

From the cover through the centerfold is the opportunity for members to contribute to NARFE-PAC. "....federal employees and annuitants have become the scapegoats in the battles over the budget..."

# **Upcoming Events**

July 16 – Picnic at Dalton Gardens City Park, 5PM
September 17 – IHOP in CdA; Program TBA
October 15– IHOP in CdA
November 19 - IHOP
All meetings begin at noon; come early to order lunch from the menu.
There is no August meeting.

# **Box Tops and Labels for Education**

Remember to save these coupons which provide money to local schools. Jan Linnell will collect and distribute them. You can reach her at 664-2961.

### **Consider Attending a Meeting**

While we have well over 100 members in our local chapter, fewer than twenty attend the meetings. We welcome you to come and have lunch with us on the third Monday of every month (except August). It is a time to visit with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy informative programs. If you have a transportation problem, call any one of the officers listed above and we will make sure that there will be a way for you to join us.

### Some August Events from Years Past

August 1, 1958 – postage stamp price increases to four cents
August 7, 1789 – Congress establishes the U.S. War Department
August 14, 1935 – Congress passes the Social Security Act
August 25, 1916 – The U.S. National Park Service is established