

FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2009 – JANUARY 2010

With 25 active chapters the Colorado Federation has an overall membership of 6647 members. This has increased by 32 members since May which can be contributed to the Health Fairs and the continuing efforts of recruiting, especially by the membership committee and members of Chapter 1085. All chapters have had improvement in recruitment and/or retention by having members sign up for dues withholding. Participation with Eva Heller, Capitol City chapter President, we were able to sign up eleven members for NARFE at three health fairs.

There have been fifteen visits to chapters in the last two months with the emphasis on Recruitment and Retention, Legislation, Alzheimer, and NARFE involvement. Four presentations were given during this period to four of the fifteen visits. Other visits have been to support the chapter and/or give an update on the Federation, and install new and incumbent officers for the coming year. There has been participation and involvement at three pre-convention meetings along with requesting a speaker for the upcoming Convention and preparation of the convention agenda. Executive Committee meetings have discussed Federation issues such as the vacant Federation secretarial position without results. The Committee has received matching fund approval from National Headquarters to purchase tablecloths for Health Fairs or other NARFE related events.

Many enhancements are continuing to be made to the Colorado Web Site by the efforts of Alan Nye, Web Master, to better communicate, serve the Colorado membership and present a bi-monthly Federation Newsletter. Also available is an updated downloadable and printable Colorado Federation Executive Board Directory and other pertinent information relevant to the membership or Chapter leadership.

We have six new chapter presidents for CY 2010: Mildred Weidemann (Chapter 256), Gaynel Andrusko (Chapter 293), Ray Newman (Chapter 1040), Fred Bond (Chapter 1072), Judy Ellis (Chapter 1076), and Betty Lucero-Turner (Chapter 1769).

A Year End Letter was sent to all Chapter Presidents, DVP's, and Appointed Officers with notification of the next Federation Executive Board Meeting.

As of November there is the establishment of a coalition between the Associations and Unions of the Postal Service in Colorado to communicate awareness of legislative issues that affect the benefits and welfare of its members. The process is in the initial stages and more information is being developed.

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