

FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT
MAY 2009 – 24TH OCTOBER 2009

Presently the Colorado Federation has 25 active chapters; however, many are facing a continuing problem of finding members to take officer positions. Many officers have been in office for longer than anticipated and wish to step down and have someone else step up. I commend all these officers and will work with them in the coming months in an effort to assist. Our overall membership of 6548 members has decreased by 67 members since May but not as much as it could have been had it not been to the efforts of recruiting, especially by the membership committee and members of Chapter 1085.

There have been 19 visits to chapters at which 11 presentations were given with the emphasis on Recruitment and Retention, Legislation, Alzheimer, and NAFRE involvement. Other visits have been to support the chapter and/or give an update on the Federation. Also visited and involvement was with District IV who holds a District meeting quarterly.

Presided at monthly Federation Executive Committee meetings with the misfortune to have the Elected Federation Secretary resign due to health conditions. All the District Vice Presidents with the exception of one have had training or an update of training on the Duties and Responsibilities of their position. However, one DVP has resigned because he and his spouse are moving back to Nevada. The Chapters of this district have been requested to find and make a combined effort to find member to fill the position until the next election cycle.

My additional participation in the Region VII Conference held in Cheyenne, Wyoming was giving a Leadership Development presentation. Also noted is that 44 members from the Colorado Federation attended.

Representing NARFE, I attended the Senior Lobby Annual meeting held in Denver. A visit to Heather Clark's Pre-retirement office was to re-establish a working relationship when Retirement Seminars are conducted in Colorado. Also visited was the National FEEA office in Denver and a meeting with Director, Steve Bauer.

Participated in a telephone conference call with National Officers, Region VII VP, and other Federation Presidents in preparation for Advocacy Month.

My attendance at the Federation Presidents Meeting held in Grand Rapids, MI. found that our Federation is no different than the others in relation to recruitment, retention, and filling officer positions. Information presented at the meeting was brought back, compiled, and sent it to all concerned within the Federation.

Many enhancements have been 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 a downloadable and printable Colorado Federation Executive Board Directory. A revision of a pocket directory from a legal size sheet to letter size and foldable for usage was distributed. An Expense Report form was created to be used interactively on the computer or printed out and used manually.

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