



NARFE - COLORADO FEDERATION REPORT FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT 2 VICE PRES. CAROLYN CLARK

This last quarter I have visited as many chapters as I could. I installed new officers when requested. Listed below is a report on the status and activities of the four chapters:

Chapter 1085, Lakewood Chapter: The beloved member and leader of NARFE Mory Lewis passed on, and in tribute to him and all his work, the chapter has changed its name to "THE MORY LEWIS CHAPTER 1085, LAKEWOOD, COLORADO". I attended their Christmas luncheon and meeting at the Lakewood Elks Club and was entertained by Golden High School's 24th Street Singers. The chapter collected food and money for the Jeffco Action Center. No new officers were installed this year, however, the membership chairman Larry Harrison is being replaced. The president of the chapter is still Ken Bowen. This chapter had a display table at 9 Agency FEHB fairs throughout the Denver Area. A few new members were obtained. Attendees were informed about the importance of NARFE saving their benefits. Two chapters in the area were not able to participate so Chapter 1085 took over their assignments. This chapter is leading the nation in recruitment. Form F-7 has been submitted to headquarters for 2010 officers.

Chapter 1040, Arvada: President Ed Craig retired and a hunt for new leadership was conducted. The newly installed officers for the next year are: President – Ray Newman (previously vice president), First Vice President – Monte Commons, Second Vice President – Paula Simmons (transferred from Virginia), Secretary – Pat Wakham, and Treasurer – John Clark.

In November Federation President Frank Impinna and Vice President Eva Heller visited the chapter and gave encouragement and a presentation. This chapter was in danger of closing due to lack of a presidential candidate. At their Christmas luncheon at the Country Buffet they collected food and money for the Arvada Food Bank and had musical entertainment. They are having difficulty in getting an Alzheimer's Chairman. It was a privileged to install the new officers and see that the chapter continues to be healthy.

Wheat Ridge Chapter 1638:

Phyllis Taylor President. A small group meets every third Tuesday for lunch at the El Jebel Shrine Restaurant, Denver.

Upper Arkansas Valley 2286:

Election of officers were conducted, Billie Love is still the president. Their monthly meetings are held the second Monday of the month at Buena Vista or Salida. The January meeting will be held in Buena Vista. They are having some difficulty in finding a satisfactory meeting location where they can have lunch. Their Christmas luncheon was cancelled due to the weather.