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## Presidents Report

**FRANK IMPINNA**  
CO Federation President



Here we are in April with drought conditions all over Colorado. So little snow or any precipitation. The weather has been above normal, but enjoyable.

Now is the time that your renewal notice has been sent to you.

If your renewal is due soon, please consider dues withholding. Check your magazine for the form to fill out or call the membership office to authorize dues withholding. You will save 10% off the regular NARFE dues rate.

There is the FEDcon26 in August, during which all NARFE federation presidents will meet 3 days earlier at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, where the 2026 FEDcon26 conference will be held. The Federation has approved a \$1,000 subsidy for each of the 20 Colorado members to attend the conference. The magazine will provide more information in the near future, as well as our Colorado website.

Also the Federation is holding its Annual Meeting on June 26th. If you are interested in attending, then contact me for your commitment on this date. It is limited

to 50 attendees. However, if you want to view the meeting virtual, here is the link to Zoom..

Invite link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86081818392?pwd=wx5wibdVDiZLptKWY70kmR4vI6VJ7P.1>  
Meeting ID: 860 8181 8392  
Passcode: 955459

Or contact me!

## Region VII / NEB Report



**SHARON REESE**  
Region VII VP

I want to thank everyone who voted on the referendum. I sent an email via Informz on March 24th outlining the total cost of the voting. There was, and still is, a little confusion on the terms of office for the National President, National Secretary/Treasurer, and Regional Vice Presidents.

The only change to the number of years to serve in these positions was the National President. All other positions remain at 6 years. An update to the Policy Manual is being prepared to include this information.

The Bylaws Committee report will be placed on the website on June 1st. This will contain all proposed bylaw changes.

The National President, National Secretary/Treasurer and Regional Vice President candidate statements are available under FEDhub, 2026 NARFE National/Regional Candidates.

FEDcon26 is open for registration now. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN, 23-25 August. Early Bird registration is \$225 for members and \$300 for nonmembers through May 22nd. May 22 - August 7 the fee is \$250 for members and \$300 nonmembers. After August 7th it is \$300 for members and nonmembers. Under Schedule At-a-Glance there is a rough draft of the events. John Hatton is currently working on the six breakout sessions. So, check this site out every couple of weeks to see the latest information.

I will be visiting the UTAH Federation on June 10th and the Colorado Federation on June 26th. Frank has already received information on Headquarters' Staff and Officers that will attend via zoom. There will be several issues to discuss at both meetings.



Diane Heyder, President  
Arvada Chapter 1040

## NARFE Chapter 1040 legislative and general info for March 18, 2026 Meeting

I am still transitioning into the position of president for NARFE Chapter 1040. In meeting with Bob, it is apparent that an additional board member is needed. Please let Bob, or I know if you are interested in any form of volunteering through additional engagement on the board.

Federal retirees are currently experiencing delays in receiving their 1099-R tax documents, which are essential for reporting pension and annuity income to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These mailing delays most likely stem from processing bottlenecks and logistical issues affecting the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) related to its updated 1099-R form delivery policy announced earlier this year. As a result, some retirees may receive their forms later than expected, which could affect their ability to prepare and file their taxes by April 15, the deadline for filing income taxes. Retirees are advised to use OPM's online portal to access digital copies of their 1099-R forms, where available, or to contact OPM's customer support at 888-767-6738 for assistance if the documents have not arrived. It is recommended to call OPM's customer support at 7:40 am ET when phone lines open.

The shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues into its fourth week, as Congress and the president failed to extend funding for DHS ahead of a February 13 deadline. While both sides appeared to be negotiating in good faith over the details and conditions of funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), no deal has yet been reached, and there has not been significant reported progress in the last week or two. NARFE National President William "Bill" Shackelford urged Congress to continue good-faith, bipartisan negotiations and support funding of the noncontroversial elements of DHS, such as the Coast Guard, TSA, and FEMA.

NARFE submitted comments in opposition to the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Proposed Rule "Suitability Action Appeals" on March 9. NARFE argued the proposed rule would eliminate independent review of federal agency suitability actions, including terminations, removing the most meaningful and enforceable check on politically motivated disciplinary actions. The proposed rule would eliminate independent review of federal agency suitability actions, including terminations, removing the most meaningful and enforceable check on politically motivated disciplinary actions. It would do so by transferring the authority to adjudicate appeals of agency suitability action from the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). This replaces an independent body of Senate-confirmed board members who may only be removed for cause (MSPB), with a politically controlled agency (OPM). This creates a substantial risk that OPM serves only to provide rubberstamp approval of illegitimate agency actions rather than meaningful review.

**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY (MARCH 18):** 1940 - Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler meet at Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agrees to join Germany's impending war effort against France and Great Britain. 1965 - Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov leaves his spacecraft Voskhod 2 for 12 minutes and becomes the first person to conduct a spacewalk.



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It is incumbent on all federation officers to submit appropriate articles and pictures of events occurring in their area of responsibility. Chapter officers and members are encouraged to submit brief articles and pictures of general interest about Chapter happenings.

Articles must be submitted to the editor by: **June 30** for the **July 2026** issue.

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**PAT MATHER**  
President, Chapter 1085

## Mory Lewis Chapter 1085

Our bi-monthly meetings have consistently been held at the Sunrise Sunset Restaurant, 1424 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, at 11:30 am, the second Tuesday in February, April, August, October and December. We have a meeting room that allows privacy to have a speaker and eat lunch. This restaurant does charge a gratuity at the end, but they are very efficient in getting the tables set and ready to go each time we meet. Our Executive Committee meets prior to our Chapter meeting to discuss the agenda and go over details for future meetings. In June, we hold our annual picnic at the Stone House Pavilion in Lakewood. In December, we have a Holiday Party. Our Chapter currently has 289 members.

Our first meeting of 2026 took place on February 10th. Our speaker was Mark Fetterhof from AARP Elder Watch, who spoke on "Top Scams Coloradoans are Reporting" and provided a handout to take home. He suggested ways to avoid scams:

- Protect your personal and financial information
- Manage your phone calls
- Do your research
- Avoid contact with any unknown entities
- Don't rush to act (THINK!) and talk to others
- Consider unusual payment options as a "red flag"
- Does it sound too good to be true?
- Seek information about trending scams/fraud
- Share your story with others
- Report it



We are asking our members to reach out to previous members who did not renew their NARFE memberships. Kelly Lewis, our Greeter/Sunshine Report, is assisting with this effort. Bill Douglas, 1st VP Membership, is also asking our members to help arrange our annual picnic in June. Casey Snyder, our Alzheimer's Chair, collected \$52 for Alzheimer's Research.

At our April 14th meeting, our speaker will be David Aquirre, Senior Constituent Service Representative, for Representative Brittany Pettersen (D-CO-07). We are interested in hearing about anything Rep. Pettersen is currently engaged in projects or will be involved in future initiatives that impact both active and retired federal employees, including matters related to pay, benefits, retirement, and any anticipated modifications within federal agencies. In addition, our Chapter will recognize two members, David Guzy and Lynda Bashara, for their continued support in auditing our treasury records each year.

On June 9, 2026, with enough volunteers to help, we will hold our annual picnic at the Stone House Pavillion, 2800 S. Estes St, in Lakewood. Besides getting together and visiting, sharing a good picnic meal, we hope to plan fun activities to get members/guests out of their comfort zone to meet others they may not know.

### How to Avoid a Scam

Did you know that by recognizing some common signs, you may be able to avoid a scam?

#### Scammers may:

1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know. Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the FTC, Social Security Administration, IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.
2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE. They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately. Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way. They often insist that you can only pay by using cryptocurrency, wiring money through a company like MoneyGram or Western Union, using a payment app, or putting money on a gift card and then giving them the numbers on the back of the card. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), then tell you to deposit it and send them money.

#### How To Avoid a Scam

financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Honest organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID. pressure to act immediately. Honest businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer. Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists that you can only pay with cryptocurrency, a wire transfer service like Western Union or MoneyGram, a payment app, or a gift card. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone. July 2023 Report Scams to the FTC If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

Source: [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam)

**GREG KANN**  
President, Chapter 2286



## Billie Love Chapter 2286

Greetings from Billie Love Chapter 2286 in beautiful Buena Vista, Colorado. Our March luncheon meeting was held at Casa Calaca Mexican restaurant in Salida. We received officer reports, voted to pay the \$225 registration fee for chapter members attending the FedCon 26 conference, and collected Alzheimer's donations. We are planning our annual picnic for Saturday June 13 at 11:30 at Columbine Park next to K's Dairy Delite on Highway 24 in Buena Vista. Members, spouses, prospective members, and guests are welcome to attend the picnic. Greg Kann and Ted Van Hintum are planning to attend the NARFE Colorado Federation Board meeting on Friday June 26, 2026, in Denver. Greg Kann and Ted and Trish Van Hintum are planning to attend the FedCon 26 NARFE National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 23-25, 2026. Our September meeting will be on Monday the 7th at 11:30 at Casa Calaca Mexican restaurant in Salida. Hoping for a wonderful, cool and wet Spring.

**JIM DODRILL**  
President, Chapter 81



## Denver - Capital City 0081 Chapter Report

Denver-Capital City Chapter 81 meets the third Friday each month at El Gran Jardin Restaurant at Windsor Gardens, 597 S Clinton, Denver CO.

We had 11 members present at the January 16, 2026 meeting. Gary Raisio gave an update on the Federal income tax changes for 2025 & 2026 affecting seniors. Chapter 81 had 274 members in January 2026. The proposed budget for 2026 was presented and approved by chapter members.

Frank Impinna gave a discussion on the benefits of the NARFE website and demonstrated how to navigate both the NARFE and Colorado Federation websites at the February 20, 2026 meeting. Chapter members have donated \$139 thru February 2026 to the Alzheimer's research fund. February was caller appreciation month recognizing the work of our chapter caller. The March 20, 2026 meeting was attended by 11 members. Frank Impinna presented the first 75 years of NARFE history which is available on the Colorado Federation website. The chapter ended the quarter with 270 members, four chapter members had passed away, including our chapter treasurer, Henry (Hank) Kaplan a NARFE lifetime member. The June 19, 2026 chapter meeting has been cancelled to permit members to attend the Colorado Federation Conference June 26, 2026 at the Windsor Gardens El Gran Jardin Restaurant.

**JANE GAHAN**  
President, Chapter 1072



Chapter 1072 began 2026 with its total membership remaining stable at 252 members (131 chapter members, 121 national members in chapter area.) We welcomed two new chapter members. Five prospective members were shown in the chapter's most recent M112 report.

We continue to meet on the first Monday of the month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 11090 E Mississippi Avenue, Aurora. Management provides a room at no cost for the chapter with the provision attendees purchase a buffet lunch. Most locations in the area charge a fee for a private room in addition to a lunch purchase. The restaurant is the most convenient location for the majority of our members and speakers. After celebrating our first annual Christmas party at the Aurora Chapter for Older Adults on December 8, 2025, Michelle Stoll, Group Account Sales Representative, Kaiser Permanente returned as our speaker at our January 5, 2026 meeting. She discussed the many ins and outs of Medicare with chapter members and responded to many concerns. In February, Daniel Taylor, Attorney at Law, took time from his busy schedule to again give his excellent presentation and provide handouts on Estate Planning: Protecting Your Family, Life and Assets.



Linda Wooten, chapter member, coordinated the speaker program for the March meeting, arranging for Sam Dechtman, Senior Wealth Advisor and Certified Financial Planner to speak to our group about the unique situations federal retirees encounter when facing RMDs, TSP withdrawals, Roth conversions and tax implications. The chapter held officer elections at the February meeting and Colorado Federation President, Dr. Frank Impinna installed them at the March meeting. The 2026 officers reelected by acclamation are President: Jane Gahan, Vice President for Membership: Deborah "Debbie" Rodgers, Secretary: Jim Seaman and Treasurer: George Cook. Loretta Knauf will continue as the chapter's Alzheimer's Coordinator, Jim Deden as the NARFE PAC Coordinator and Dora Hamilton as Sunshine Club Coordinator. Susan Tabacheck, Vice President for Legislation chose not to run in order to focus on her health. Susan's vacancy not only leaves a void in our chapter leadership but also on a personal level. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the numerous contributions she's made to the chapter. She spent countless hours reaching out to legislators, coordinating events, keeping abreast of the latest news in federal and state legislation, ongoing training and keeping our members updated on important issues.

Susan also provided me immeasurable support, found great speakers and often pulled a speaker out of her bag of tricks when one of mine cancelled at the last minute. Lastly, our chapter was beyond thrilled to welcome back to chapter meetings, our friend and chapter secretary, Jim Seaman. Last August Jim was hospitalized for an extended period with West Nile Virus and subsequently spent months rehabilitating. He continues to progress and we're so excited for his recovery.



## LOVELAND CHAPTER 821 HISTORY FOR 2025

Chapter 821 meets at the Chilson Center in Loveland, Colorado, on the second Tuesday of every month from September through May. The meetings start at 1:30 and finish at about 3 pm, which includes time for visiting and refreshments. The number of members attending the meetings ranges from 16 to 20 members and guests.

Current Officers are Tom Cherry (President), Richard Bacon (Vice President), Richard Bacon (Treasurer), Tom Lujan (Legislative Representative), Kermit Klepper (Secretary), Richard Bacon (Membership Chairman), Connie Ninneman (Public Relations), Richard Bacon (Alzheimer Chairman).

Our Special Guests and Activities this year included:

January – Speaker was Stephanie Morris from "Meals on Wheels." They were founded in England, and are funded by grants, foundations, community, and donations. They currently serve about 60 homebound clients. They also help and contribute to local activities in the Loveland and Berthoud area. The program served 92,000 meals in 2024 and their goal is to serve 100,000 in 2025.

February – Guest Speaker was Teddy Rosado. He is the outreach Librarian from the Loveland Public Library. They have many programs. He talked about how to access library digital services. Seniors may access the homebound program, and the library's "Linked in Learning Service." That is computer training with Microsoft Excel and Word programs provided on their servers.

March – Guest Speaker was Loveland's "Miss Valentine" Ela Pettet. She is a senior at Loveland Highschool. To become Miss Valentine, Ela was nominated by Loveland High school. She then had to meet with a selection panel and give a speech about "What Loveland Means to Me." She is the 63rd miss valentine.

April – Guest Speaker was Jenny Dobson, Curator of Education from the Loveland Museum. The Loveland Museum offers a variety of art classes for all ages. Adults and children. They also host a Guest artist workshop. The Loveland Museum is dedicated to offering education outreach, tours, field trips, and hosts Loveland's Art in the Park.

May – Guest Speakers were from National Jewish Hospital. They talked about their history and the many programs they sponsor. They have existed for 125 years. The most preeminent respiratory facility in the nation. They partner with some local hospitals in the Colorado area. National Jewish is a home to excellence in multispecialty care as well as respiratory.

June – We held a summer picnic in Loveland's North Lake Park. It was a potluck with 17-chapter members and spouses. Very enjoyable.

Also, in June chapter Secretary Richard Bacon and Legislative Representative Tom Lujan attended the Colorado Federation meeting in Denver.

July – No activities for the chapter.

August – No activities for the chapter.

September – Guest Speaker was Jenny Desmond tour leader for Viramas Tours. She leads tours to Cuba and Colombia. She talked about Art, Literature, and Biodiversity in Columbia. Much of it in especially Cartajena.

October – Guest Speaker was Gus Aquirre, owner of a coffee roasting business in old town Ft. Collins. He talked about creating a relationship directly with growers in Columbia. So, he is trying to import directly from them. The volcanic ash around there grows good coffee. Worldwide consumption is about 225 billion cups of coffee per year!

November – This month's program was our annual chapter health fair. The chapter hosted a few health Insurance providers to present information packets for their respective plans. Retirees and guests from some other NARFE chapters attended as well.

December – The chapter met and had a nice lunch at the Golden Coral restaurant in Loveland. We played some Christmas Bingo Games with prizes awarded to the winners. We had great meal and good fun.

**Respectfully Submitted, Kermit Klepper Chapter 821 Secretary**



**COLORADO FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Minutes from Meeting – March 18, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: President Frank Impinna called the zoom meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 18, 2026.

PRESENT: Frank Impinna, Larry Schluntz, Greg Kann, Mary Bleecher, Jane Gahan, Jim Dodrill and Ted Van Hintum.

AGENDA: The agenda was approved with no changes.

The February 18, 2026 minutes were finalized and approved.

**REGION VII VICE PRESIDENT - Sharon Reese** - Sharon was not available therefore there is no report.

- Frank has asked Sharon about the sale of the headquarters building. There was only one bid, and it was \$4 million less than is being asked. They are trying to get someone to occupy the fourth floor. There is a big expense associated with rehabbing some parts of the building, especially the elevator.
- The recent referendum vote was approved with 9,000 voting and it passed overwhelmingly.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

- Frank announced that Susan had resigned as Vice President-Legislation due to continuing health issues.
- March 2-Installed the Chapter 1072 officers.
- Frank participated in the recent NEB Zoom meeting on March 10-12. Only 2 RVP’s have not filed to run for reelection, i.e. 10 out of the 12 are running. Bill Shakleford will run again for President. Frank commented that the current Secretary-Treasurer is doing a good job.

**PAST FEDERATION PRESIDENT – Ted Van Hintum** - Ted had no comments to make at this point.

**MEMBERSHIP – Frank Impinna and Debbie Rodgers**

	1/1/26	2/28/26		Yearly
	Begin	End	Diff	Increase
Chapter	1,204	1,190	-14	-1.16%
National	2,162	2,110	-52	-2.41%
Total	3,366	3,300	-66	-1.96%

FEDCon 26 was discussed and Frank requested members to e-mail him if they plan to attend. The Federation Board meeting on June 26 was also briefly discussed.

**VICE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATION – Susan Tabacheck** -Susan has resigned due to health issues.

**TREASURER – Greg Kann**

Checking Account

Beginning Balance – (February 18, 2026) \$36,326.03

10% Funds 1,230.38

Expenses (Street Level Studio) 12,965.00

Ending Balance – (March 18, 2026) \$24,591.41

Savings Account

Beginning Balance – (February 18, 2026) \$14,959.19

Interest Income .12

Ending Balance – (March 18, 2026) \$14,959.31

Certificates of Deposit #6059

3 – month (3.5%) \$40,000.00 Interest Earned-Not Paid \$184.23  
(Matures April 27, 2026) Interest paid in 2026-\$422.98

Total: \$40,000.00

Grand Total: (March 18, 2026) \$79,550.72

It was noted that 17 attended FEDCon24 and it was budgeted for 20.

**NATIONAL MEMBER REPORT – Mary Bleecher**

MEMBERSHIP AS OF 03/03/2026: 2112  
MEMBERSHIP AS OF 02/03/2025: 2134  
ADDITIONS: 18  
DELETIONS: 40  
NET LOSS: 22  
DECEASED: 6—Clayton, Etta-McClave-96, Gonzalez, Josie-Pueblo-94, Harless, Milton-Cortez-95, Rhoades, Richard-Pueblo West-NA, Sample, Helen-Colorado Springs-98  
7 Renewals

**ALZHEIMER’S REPORT – Frank Impinna**

- February was \$149. Federation total for year=\$288.00

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Any bylaw change proposals to the NARFE National Bylaws as amended October 1, 2024, need to be made by March 6, 2026. Nothing has been heard so far.
  - Requests for candidates for national office need to be made by June 15th. The referendum passed at a cost of \$29,000. Bill Shakleford will run again.
  - A request for a speaker for the Board meeting fulfilled.
  - Preparation for FEDcon26 in progress for 2026. Colorado Website has been updated for registration and hotel information.
  - Preparation for Federation Board meeting
1. Place, Date (Friday June 26 at El Gran restaurant). Food choices are being made.
  2. Need to determine who should be on agenda for presentations. (See past agendas) Frank will put together a draft.
  3. Election coming up for Colorado Federation in 2027. Frank requested board members and others look to their chapters for potential candidates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Newspaper articles are due March 31st.
- Next meeting is scheduled by the President for April 22.
- There was some additional discussion about the activities of Stree Level.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Will be April 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

# Chapter Meeting Information

## Chapter 81 • Denver-Capital City

• Meets the third Friday, at Windsor Gardens, 597 S. Clinton St (Alameda & Clinton) Board meeting in the El Gran Restaurant starting at 10:30 am followed by a business meeting at 11:00 am. Hall is handicap accessible.  
• President - James Dodrill, 303-238-0191

## Chapter 256 • Fort Collins

• Meets the third Monday except July and August, 11:30 am. Elks Lodge 804, 1424 E. Mulberry St, Fort Collins.  
• President - Ron Briggs, 970-493-2202

## Chapter 351 • Grand Junction

• The following dates are scheduled for the remainder of the year: June 13, September 12, and possibly December 12. Tuesday at 10 am. Grand Junction Public Library, 443 North 6th Street, Grand Junction. • President - Brad Pearson, 970-243-3078

## Chapter 820 • Longmont

• Meets the second Friday except August; 12:00 pm. Perkins Restaurant, 2051 Main St., Longmont.  
• President - Larry Schluntz, 303-772-6419

## Chapter 821 • Loveland

• Meetings will start in September on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30. Meeting will be held at Chilson Senior Center, 700 East 4th St., Loveland  
• President - Tom Cherry, 970-663-0083

## Chapter 1040 • Arvada

• Meets at the Corona Mexican Grill, 7617 W. 88th Ave, Westminster at 11:30 on the third Wednesday of each month except August.  
• President - Bob Carr, 970-290-0262.

## Chapter 1072 • Aurora

• Meets the first Monday; Lunch 11:00 am; Business 12:00 pm, Golden Corral, 11090 E. Mississippi Ave., Aurora.  
• President – Jane Gahan, 720-256-5056

## Chapter 1085 • Mory Lewis

• Meets 2nd Tuesday, at 11:30, of every other month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec) at the Sunrise Sunset Restaurant, 1424 S. Wadsworth, Lakewood.  
• President – Pat Mather, 303-953-1146

## Chapter 2286 • Billie Love

• Chapter meets at 11:30 second Monday once each quarter in March, June, September, and December at alternate locations. Call Chapter President for dates and locations.  
• President - Greg Kann, 303-718-7307

## Ron Briggs, President



We continue to have exciting luncheon programs and a loyal group of luncheon attendees but when 3 or 4 members are unable to attend in a given month it can have an impact.

Following is a list of past and future programs. The luncheons are held the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of July (picnic) and August. More information about the luncheons and programs is available on our Chapter Web page or Facebook. All are welcome.

### Past Programs:

#### September 2025 - Larimer Emergency Management: Designing For Disruption

**Overview:** This presentation provided the an overview of Larimer County Emergency Management activities and programs, their philosophy regarding disruptions and how their office successfully moves through chaos to help our community. Also discussed how recent challenges at the state and federal levels have impacted county programs and services.

#### October 2025 - Title: What's New in Medicare

**Overview:** Changes and what to expect for 2026. Current and proposed legislation and what the anticipated fallout will be.

#### November 17, 2025 - FEHB Health Fair Open Season

**Overview:** Speaker: Jane Fluekiger, BCBS discussed what was new with Blue Cross Blue Shield, FEHB, and other plans in general. Other plan representatives did not participate.

#### December 15, 2025: The Senior Serenaders. A local musical and Vocal Group.

#### January 2026: Summitstone Health Partners

**Overview:** Summitstone Health Partners is a non-profit mental health care provider focusing on mental health, addiction treatment, child and family therapy, individual therapy, and crisis services. This presentation covered the training they offer, their services, and how to access them.

#### February 2026 : Community-Centered Wildland Fire Management

**Overview:** An overview of the Ember Alliance, how it engages communities, its programs and opportunities for involvement.

**March 2026:** This program was canceled because luncheon signup was too low to justify the speakers time. Program would have been CASA of Larimer County.

## Ft. Collins Chapter 256

**Overview:** A brief history on how CASA started and how it has grown over the years, the three programs that serve our community, and information on the many ways someone could get involved with our organization.

Upcoming Programs:

#### April 20, 2026: Census Uncovered: More Than Just Numbers

**Overview:** Kimberly Davis, Data Dissemination Specialist for U.S. Census Bureau will provide a nerdy presentation that takes you on a whirlwind tour of census history — from the very first U.S. census under George Washington, when paperwork was handwritten and probably spilled on. Along the way, we'll peek behind the curtain at modern census operations, think clipboards turned tablets, door knocks turned data uploads. We'll examine the types of data collected, unpack the treasure trove of demographic, economic, and housing data that quietly powers everything from schools to roads to public policy, business decisions, research, and community development. Who knew counting everyone could be this exciting?

#### May 18, 2026: Human Trafficking 101

**Overview:** Details to be announced later

#### June 15, 2026: Town Hall meeting

**Overview:** Potentially Representative Joe Neguse (CO-District 2) or his representative Discussion topics to include protecting and the sustainability of social security and Medicare, protecting democracy and your vote, RIFs-are there more to come, and why can't this administration be held accountable for policy violations during the DOGE firings, OPM's new rule and reaching congressional members outside your congressional district.

#### July 20, 2026 – 5:00 pm ANNUAL CHAPTER 256 Afternoon/Evening Picnic

#### Additional Comments:

I attended the "No Kings Rally" in Fort Collins on March 28th. The theme of the rally was how communities organize when confronted with issues like the current political situation or natural disasters like wildfires. The speaker was the Reverend Gretchen Haley of Fort Collins who had answered a call for help to go to Minnesota and provide assistance to the people there and also learn how they were able to cope with the situations they were confronted with. I came away with the message that while events like the "No Kings Rally" were vital, real "resilience/resistance" needed to begin at the local level between people interacting, day in and day out, with each other and helping others where they can and that it takes a long time to develop a resilient infrastructure. This long time effort is what gave the people of Minnesota the framework to respond when needed.

Reverend Haley stressed the importance of reaching beyond our normal comfort zone to meet new people, be exposed to new ideas, to help others and make new friends and by doing these things daily we build a community infrastructure that is able respond with assistance or resistance when needed.

One of the tables at the rally was called "Postcards and Teacups" and their current mission was to get as many signed postcards as they could opposing the "SAVE" act to send to elected officials. The Act will effect peoples(that get married or move) ability to vote and while I am not aware of many marriages in our membership we do have a lot of members that move to be closer to relatives.

The "Postcards and Teacups" effort reminded me of an effort within our Chapter 35 or 40 years ago. This was when our Chapter was much larger and before my time as an active NARFE member but it was often discussed at legislative committee meetings I later attended. Legislative issue or NARFE issues that Chapter members had strong feelings about would result in Chapter members coming together over coffee and cookies to write letters to Legislators or NARFE officials. Very similar to the "Postcard and Teacup" effort and it also served as a way to pull people together that might not normally interact. Postcards are still considered an effective way to communicate with elected officials, particularly for demonstrating constituent support or opposition to specific legislation..Something to think about?

Chapter 256 continues to face the same serious membership issues which are common to many chapters. We continue to urge all chapter members to renew their local Chapter 256 memberships when they renew their NARFE memberships.

We also need to get a better handle on who will be attending the luncheons so please sign up in advance if you plan on attending and please come, if you are able, if you have signed up.

I would like to encourage all Chapter members and also nonmembers to consider where they may like to participate in any of the Chapter's activities, serve in officer positions or make recommendations to improve our Chapter's usefulness.

Thank you to all.

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