



**45TH**  
**KENTUCKY**  
**FEDERATION**

**OF**

**CHAPTERS**  
**CONVENTION**  
**APRIL 13, 14, & 15**

**HOLIDAY INN**  
**AT THE**  
**CINCINNATI AIRPORT**  
**1717 AIRPORT EXCHANGE BLVD.**  
**ERLANGER, KY**  
**(859) 371-2233**

# #45 ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are approaching the Kentucky Federation of Chapters Convention to be sponsored by the Fourth District. We need as many NARFE chapter members (and spouses) as possible to attend. In addition to the excellent program the Fourth District is planning, a unique

**NEW INCENTIVE** awaits you this year. **ONE MEMBER WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN \$100 EACH DAY OF THE CONVENTION**



**THE CONVENTION THEME WILL EMPHASIZE TRAINING.**

All members who want to learn what is needed to **BUILD MEMBERSHIP** and **RETAIN MEMBERS** should plan to attend this convention. There will also be information about **LEGISLATION**, NARFE's positions and members' responsibilities. In addition, a wealth of information of general interest and usefulness will be on the agenda.

We plan to make this an informative Convention so the monies you spend to attend will be well worth it. All Chapter Presidents should encourage members to attend.

To those who can't be there for the entire Convention, the Banquet will be worth the cost.

**LET'S MAKE THIS A CONVENTION TO BE REMEMBERED.**

**Nathan W. Henderson, Sr., President, Kentucky Federation of Chapters**

## WHAT DOES THE NARFE STATE CONVENTION MEAN TO YOU AS A MEMBER OF NARFE?

This question will probably be hard for a lot of members to answer, as they have never attended a state convention. Members of NARFE, I believe, have an obligation to be involved in the business of the Federation and the state convention does just that.

At the National level there is a serious need to grow memberships and KY, in particular, needs to grow. The convention theme this year is **MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING**. You have heard members say, we all need to recruit. I agree but maybe folks do not feel comfortable with recruiting. What do I say, how do I find and recruit current employees? At the convention this year you will get the answers with a chance to watch some role plays.

We need everyone's help to grow KY. Please give serious consideration to attending this year's convention. Consider car pooling, and sharing a room. We hope chapters will step up and help financially where possible. The Federation would like every chapter represented this year. The convention is not only a time for business and workshops but fun. The Convention committee is busy planning a fun time. Please make plans now to attend.

**Norene Morgan, Vice President, Kentucky Federation of Chapters**

# **FACTS & FUN ROLLED INTO A RED-LETTER EVENT!**



## **TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!**

Judging by the disappointing attendance at Federation conventions over the past few years, one would get the impression that Kentucky NARFE members just don't care. I don't think that's the case. Yes, I know there are some of us whose creaky old bodies or familial or other responsibilities pretty much rule out any kind of travel. Even the obligatory trip to WalMart is a chore. But I also know there are many more members who could attend and would if they tried it once and found out what they are missing.

Let me tell you why Mickey and I try to go to as many conventions as we can. First off, they're fun! The camaraderie, meeting up again with old friends, finding new ones, sharing meals or the pleasures of the Hospitality Room, the banquet, the sight-seeing opportunities – it's kind of like a mini-vacation. And in the grand scheme of things today, it's relatively inexpensive, especially if you plan for it. Conventions do come every year, after all, just like clockwork. And then there are the training sessions and the opportunity to participate directly in mapping the future of our Federation. I don't know how many Chapter officers I've had tell me that they don't know what their job entails or how to go about it. To them I say: "Come and learn."

Anyway, that's why Mick and I go, and we hope we get to see more of you there in April or, perhaps, next year. *Try it, you'll like it!*

**Joe Horcher, District I Vice President**

## **WANTED: BIG CROWD**

The chapters in the 2nd District have received their raffle tickets for the Alzheimer's fund. Members of Chapter 1050 in Elizabethtown are making plans to attend the State Convention. Volunteers were accepted for delegates at the February meeting. Selections will be open for discussion at the March meeting and the delegates will be voted on. It was agreed to purchase an ad in the Convention program book.

We hope to see a big crowd at the convention and wish the planning committee good luck with their plans.

**Betty Hundley, District II Vice President**



# ***ANOTHER YEAR HAS ROLLED AROUND***

## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN**

Really, you say. What's happening?

It's convention time, silly goose.

Not that again, you say. I'm really not interested.

Let me take a moment of your time to detail reasons why you should be.

Mankind has yet to find a better way to govern itself and its organizations.

Our elected Federation officers, committee chairs and other volunteers spend countless hours looking after our earned retirement benefits and other issues that affect our wellbeing, both on the state and national levels. They attend to such seemingly mundane things as making sure our annuities are not unfairly taxed at the State level or making sure that Federal retirees are not left out of the stimulus relief provided for seniors on Social Security.

After all, as the saying goes, "The Congress giveth and the Congress taketh away." I know first hand, having been a leader at all levels, including that of being your Federation President.

Be a delegate, alternate or observer to the KY Federation of Chapters Convention and you will go a long way toward showing these volunteers that the time they spend and the efforts they make on behalf of NARFE members and all active and retired Federal employees, spouses and survivors in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are very much appreciated.

The folks in Northern Kentucky are planning a great convention on April 13, 14 and 15, 2010. It promises to be both fun and informative. Your chapter has received the Convention Call Letter which has all the details.

**So!! Come on!!**

**Sign up to be a delegate, alternate or observer.**

**Renew old acquaintances. Make new friends.**

**Participate in the business of Kentucky NARFE. You'll be glad you did!**

**Joe Wahlen, District III Vice President**



## *Spread the Word re #45!!*

### **NARFE IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US**

This year's federation convention promises to focus on the core reasons we all belong to NARFE. The top two candidates from both political parties for KY's vacant U.S. Senate seat have been invited to address the convention with time reserved to allow each of them a face-to-face question and answer period with attendees. Even if all the candidates can't come, their staff members can fill in for them. You'll have a unique opportunity to meet with the candidates (or staff) just prior to the primary elections in May.

The great turmoil surrounding health care reform and how it may affect NARFE members is reason enough to attend the convention.

But there is more. The convention theme is membership and recruitment. Session leaders will give tips and examples of what has worked to recruit new members in KY. All NARFE members can pick up recruiting ideas that may work at their chapters. If NARFE is to have influence with senators and representatives on issues important to federal retirees and workers, politicians must see our voting power as making a difference in their elections. To show that we are a force to be reckoned with, we must have NARFE members in their districts. The more NARFE voters there are, the more likely we are to be heard in Washington.

Therefore, this convention's agenda, which is focused on how to recruit and retain members, is essential to our voice being heard loudly and clearly. Also larger membership numbers net more dues which will financially support even more active professional lobbying staff at the NARFE national headquarters in Washington.

Come to the convention and be a part of NARFE's continuing effort to preserve and enhance our retirement and health benefits. Just today I read that the COLA formula is still negative, meaning that we may not get a pay increase again in 2011. Even so, without NARFE's efforts in the past there would not be a COLA formula at all. In years with a rising cost of living there would just be rising costs with no pay adjustment for retirees. NARFE is important to all of us – come to the convention and encourage your chapter members to come too!

**Bill Crase, District V Vice President**



***Let's Roll! → → #45!!***

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 13-14-15, 2010  
at the Holiday Inn in Erlanger, KY  
Mile Number 2 Exit (Mineola Pike)  
I-275 Westbound in Northern KY.

Something new this year is a drawing each day for \$100. You must be registered and in attendance to be eligible. There will be a new and different winner each day. So plan to attend and come on up to have fun, renew old acquaintances, and maybe win some serious money.

**Jerry Fausz, District 4 Vice President**