

**Chapter Report to the Nevada Federation of Chapters
Reno Chapter 0142, May 17, 2017**

Chapter 0142 has a chapter membership of 318, up 22 members from this time last year. The chapter also has an additional 15 National only members, making this a total count of 333 members this year. Upon the closure of the Fallon chapter, some of its members joined the Reno chapter and, as weather conditions improve, they are beginning to attend meetings. Our officers are Kathryn Vitalie, President; Susan Bower, First Vice-President; Rosemary Damron, Second Vice-President; Beverly (Sadie) Bowyer, Secretary; and Donna Neese, Treasurer.

We have about 25 members who regularly attend our monthly meetings. Beginning January 2017, the chapter holds its meetings at Faith Lutheran Church, 2017 West 7th Street, Reno. Second Vice-President, Rosemary Damron, continues to arrange for new, different, and extremely interesting speakers. In April at our meeting, Al and Lola Ouska celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a beautiful anniversary cake. We host an annual picnic each year in July. We also have a Christmas luncheon which is well attended and enjoyed by the membership.

Our chapter donates to the Alzheimer's fund and the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund. In addition to the monetary contributions, in past years, we provided Christmas presents for many of the seniors who regularly visit the Washoe County Senior Center. This practice may continue this year, although a discussion and vote will determine the recipients of our annual Christmas donations.

This year, members Don Brown and Renata Rannah received Distinguished Member Certificates honoring them for being a NARFE member for 20 years and for being active members in the chapter.

In February, three chapter members attended the Alzheimer's Association Public Policy Retreat. They had the opportunity to participate in this local community event becoming acquainted with Nevada's advocacy needs and goals. In turn, the attendees became acquainted with NARFE and also NARFE's charitable partnership with the Alzheimer's Association. For the first time, on May 7, some of our members participated in the 2017 Public Service Charity Walk/Run for

FEEA. We also plan to participate in this year's Alzheimer's Memory Walk in September.

The Chapter has been very fortunate to have hardworking and enthusiastic chapter officers. We also recognize our need for new and active members. We will continue diligently working to increase our NARFE membership by attending conventions and health faire events. Past President, Rebecca Miller, continues speaking and recruiting on behalf of NARFE at the Postmaster's Conventions.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Vitalie, President
Reno Chapter 0142

From Vikki Renneckar, President, Chapter 2031
Federation Conference – May 17 – 18, 2017

Chapter 2031 has had some very good and informative programs, thanks to former Vice President Steve Hern and to Vice President Verena Briley - Hudson. Speakers have included Mark Hall Patton, Director of the Clark County Museums; Lori Smart of the Neptune Society; Millie Thomas, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator; Foster Hollyway, Beltone Hearing Center; Nicole Anderson, Alzheimer's Association; Sabrina Whartenby, Beacon of Hope Hospice; David Ricketts, DNA Fire Safety Services; and, our own Verena Briley-Hudson. As you can see, the topics have been quite varied.

Our Chapter organized a very successful Health Fair in 201~~6~~⁵. We were able to recruit a couple of new members at this event.

We have continued our liaison with Robert Taylor Elementary School, an at-risk school in Henderson. We have a food and present drive and our members donated over 300 pounds of food to 6 families and many Christmas presents to 8 children. We then deliver all the food and gifts to very grateful families. Our members also collect school supplies for this school at the beginning of the school year.

Harriet Huber organized our members to participate, either by walking in, or contributing money to, the Alzheimer's Walk at Town Square in Las Vegas in the fall. This was quite a success and all the money raised stays with the Southern Nevada Alzheimer's organization.

A number of our Chapter members helped at the 2016 Health Fair at the Suncoast Casino. The Las Vegas chapter was the organizer this time.

Chapter member Mary Elms planned our picnic and Holiday parties and in addition, she organized all of our monthly luncheons. These were time-consuming tasks, but Mary made it look easy and we had very good turnouts for all the events and very enjoyable times socializing with each other.

Janet Smith stepped up to head our PAC and Service Officer positions. Janet has already provided members with a copy of NARFE's pamphlet, "Be Prepared for Life's Events" which is very helpful for member.

We are pleased that our monthly meeting and luncheon attendance has remained steady at about 20 – 25 members. While that is not a huge number, we continue to be vigilant in protecting our Federal benefits.



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Chapter Activity Report
May 17, 2017

At our December 20, 2016 Holiday Potluck, we had a small turnout of members and guests who enjoyed good food, good company, and good conversations. Installation of officers for 2017 was conducted with Donald Babb installed as President. Vice President elect Gloria Grant and Secretary/Treasurer elect Nellie Erskine were unable to attend. They were installed during the January 2017 chapter meeting.

Following closure of the Tahoe Basin Chapter 2033 and Carson City Chapter 1329 and the transfer of their members to Min-Gard Chapter 2167, our membership number more than doubled from 71 to 154. Several of the former Carson City Chapter 1329 members have since transferred to other chapters. Our membership now stands at 146 (138 voting and 8 non-voting).

Attendance at our monthly meetings ranges from 7 to 15. We conduct raffle drawings at each meeting, and, a membership drawing which grows month to month if the winner is not present. On May 2nd chapter 2167 had its' 29th anniversary.

We submitted to NARFE Hq our certification for "Distinguished Member" status on behalf of fifty-seven (57) of our chapter members.

We used the new Chapter Bylaws Template to update our bylaws and submitted a draft to NARFE Hq for review and comment. One addition was recommended and the addition was agreed to by members at our March 28th chapter meeting. The changed bylaws were returned to NARFE Hq for final approval. NARFE Hq gave final approval effective April 3, 2017.

We send a monthly newsletter to all our members with valid email addresses. More recently, we also forward the newer Federation newsletter to our members with valid email addresses. Our meeting dates are advertised in local newspapers and newcomers are encouraged to become members of NARFE.

Respectfully submitted.

Donald N. Babb
President

NARFE Chapter 2276

Pamela J. Raneri, President

Our active membership has dwindled to 8 members. Meetings are held quarterly. Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Draft Pick's in Pahrump. We welcome visitors. We have a short business meeting and then social time with lunch. We still donate to Alzheimer's at each meeting. Due to illness and scheduling conflicts we haven't been very active in District or Federation events but try to participate when we can.

2017 officers

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