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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dear Narbies:

I know that Spring is on the calendar; however, in some locations it hasn't arrived. It has been a *cold* winter in some areas and now I am ready to thaw out and see those Spring flowers in bloom.

The National Board held our Winter Board meeting in Isle of Palms, SC, on February 7 - 8, 2014. We all stayed together in one

house and did a little team building again. You really get to know your board when you have to depend upon each other and put them to task. Tamela Kubicek and her committee have been working very hard in preparation, not only for the business meetings, but also in putting the final touches on a great pre-convention tour of NASA Johnson Space Center and the Kemah Boardwalk.

Chapter Presidents should have received the proposed budget and the proposed revision changes for discussion with their chapter members before the convention. I urge each of you to review all of this information with your members to enable your delegates to vote for or against these issues during our 70th Convention in Houston, TX, May 16th – 17th, 2014.

We also have three vacancies to fill: President, 1st Vice President and Treasurer. Nominating Chairman, Joyce Higgs, has worked hard and has a full slate of officers. It is great that we have women who are willing to be our new leaders to expose us to new ideas. If you only knew how rewarding it is to serve on the Board of our great organization, you would be lining up to run for the offices

We must continue working to increase membership. We know NARBW enriches our lives with many friendships across the United States; and we just need to let others know about us. We can make that dream a reality with continued networking, meet and greets, passing out our new literature, etc. Always remember, "For over 90 Years, Thousands of Women Have Been Proud to Say, **I Am NARBW.**"

I am looking forward to the upcoming convention; however, I am sad that it will be my outgoing convention as your National President. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones and, as always, excited about our coming together to conduct the business of NARBW.

I have really loved every minute of my tenure as your President and I hope to see all of you in "**Houston**" in May!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Chandler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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**NIGHT VIEW OF HOUSTON, TX, THE CITY OF NARBW'S
70TH CONVENTION, AND VIEW OF NASA'S JOHNSON SPACE CENTER,
WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE PRE-CONVENTION TOUR**



CHAPTER NEWS

ALBANY CHAPTER

Members continue to meet at member homes for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month. They bring non-perishable food to each meeting, and their Welfare Chairman takes the items to a local food pantry. They also hold bake sales and white elephant sales as fund raisers at their meetings. The Chapter continues to work toward increasing membership and welcomes one new member who has accepted an office vacated due to illness. They have three members who will be attending Convention in May. Marilyn House, Past District Director and long-time member of Albany Chapter, is now residing in a nursing home in Albany. Members ask for prayers for Mary McCabe as she convalesces. Joe Mauro, husband to Joan Mauro, Past Chapter President, needs our prayers as he struggles with health issues.

ATLANTA CHAPTER

Members will hold their April 5 meeting at Ansley Golf Club. At their March meeting, Patricia Hampton, Scholarship Chairman, reported that National's 10 Scholarship Awards would be increased to \$1,875 for this year. The Chapter has voted to donate \$50 annually to the National Scholarship Fund. Carol Ross, Publications Chairman, reported on crude oil shipments by rail and new restrictions imposed by Congress—40 mph for trains carrying more than 20 crude oil tanks. Joyce Peak announced that National Board approval had been received for the 2015 Convention in Savannah and that plans should be underway. Election of officers was held at the meeting, resulting in re-election of Nina Dean as President, Vanessa Estell as Vice President and Ruth Przedpelski as Treasurer. JoAnn Johnson and Carol Ross were write-ins for Secretary and Back-Up Secretary, respectively. Installation will take place at their June

meeting. The Chapter received a congratulatory letter from National President Cynthia Chandler on its 60-year anniversary. Member Patricia Smith was recognized in the Chapter's March newsletter for holding numerous Chapter positions and for being President during the National Convention in Atlanta in the '90's. Patricia says she is happy to have participated in and completed a 60-mile cancer walk at 60 years young. She says she hasn't quite completed everything on her "bucket list", Number 1 being sky-diving...Mercy!



CHICAGO CHAPTER

President Marie Gallagher advises that members will be meeting again in May at the Beef & Brandy Restaurant in Chicago. She is sad to report that Member June Bergstrom has passed away.



WELCOME NEW CINCINNATI CHAPTER

Pictured left to right are:

Front Row: Amy Schapp, Nat'l. 3rd VP; Bernice Courtenay, CSX Sr. Acct. Mgr., Mined Materials; Elizabeth Creedon, CSX Staff Engr., Louisville Div.; Cynthia Chandler, Nat'l. Pres.; Susi Hamby, CSX Mgr. Service Start-up & Integration; Jeannie Young, Transflo Regional Bus. Dev. Mgr.; Linda Tucker, wife of Patrick Henry, Mgr. Safety & Oper. Practices, Louisville Div.; Nykeba Shider, Terminal Trainmaster, Queensgate; and Ashlyn Davis, Technical Spec. Agent-SCU. Back Row:: Carrie Beall, Mgr. Geographic Sales, Louisville Div.; Doris Stemmer, Past Nat'l. Pres. & Parliamentary Advisor; Linda Connel, Train Dispatcher; Raina Vicars, Special Agent, Louisville Div.; Shannon Drown, Load Engr. & Design, Louisville; and Sandy Reed, Gen. Clerk, Louisville Div.



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HOUSTON CHAPTER

The Chapter's January meeting was held at the White Flamingo and their February and March meetings were held at the Olive Garden. The March meeting had a Mardi Gras theme honoring Member Debbye Converse,



Chapter Woman of the Year.



L-R: Virginia Rodriguez, Ida Carmouche, Tamela Kubecek, Ginger Stanbery, Cheryl Chambers, Debbye (WOY), Peggy Cuellar & Lou Ann McClendon.



L-R: Debbye's Family—Son Jeremy Walden, Debbye, Mom Martha Kilcrease and Brother Keith Kilcrease.

The Chapter is working vigorously in preparation for Convention in May. Seven lbs. of tab tops, collected by members, were recently donated to Ronald McDonald House. Members are asked to set up a box/bag in their homes to collect items for the House's "Wish List". On March 24, members attended a luncheon honoring volun-

teers of the M.D. Anderson Children's Christmas Card Project. Attending



were Debbye Converse, Ginger Stanbery, and Lou Ann McClendon, along with their granddaughters (also volunteers), and Cheryl Chambers. Not pictured is Ida Carmouche who had to return to work. Welcome aboard to three new members: Renee Byrne, Sandy Henley and Rhonda Caraay. Member JoAnna Young's daughter Kristen and hubby Robert welcomed a new son, Hayden (8 lbs., 3 oz.), on December 1, 2013. Debbye Converse and husband Mark welcomed their first great granddaughter, Presley Laurin Lohman, who was born on February 25, weighing in at 8 lbs., 12 oz. and 20 inches long. Ida Carmouche's husband Lee is recovering following surgery to have two stints inserted after suffering a heart attack. Mary Knox is doing great following replacement of her pacemaker battery. We are sad to report that long-time member Mary Belle Griffin Passed away on February 11. Mary Belle loved telling stories of when she, "Mama" Grace Nowlin, Mary Knox, Elaine Myers (and sometimes husbands) would drive all over the country to NARBW Conventions—Fun Times! Tamela Kubecek's husband Kevin lost his brother, Blaine David Kubecek, on January 18, to the H1N1 flu virus. Ginger Stanbery's husband Richard lost his father, Richard B. "Stormy" Stanbery on February 21 after a brief illness. Ida Carmouche's mother, Jessie Mae Franklin, is in the

hospital recovering from an aneurism. Carolyn Cook's mother is convalescing in a Rehab Hospital following a knee replacement. Prayers are asked for all.

INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER

President Connie Hunt advises their February dinner meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. They were able to meet in March, though, and held a While Elephant Silent Auction, which is always an enjoyable fundraiser. Plans are currently underway for their annual joint meeting with members from the Indianapolis Circle City Chapter to celebrate "Women in Transportation Day" in conjunction with National Transportation Week (May 11 - 17). It is unfortunate that no one from the Chapter will be at Convention this year. Ladies, you will be sorely missed! Congratulations to their Chapter Woman of the Year, Margaret Elston! Congratulations also to Mary Lou Croker who welcomed her first great grandson, Oliver Nolan Hardley, born January 24. Let the spoiling begin! On the Chapter's "please get well/stay well" list are Patty Stewart and Margaret Elston's daughter Jessica. Sincere condolences to Sarah Haynes whose husband Clyde passed away on February 11. He was also the father of Debbie Haynes-Mohr. Betty Green who unexpectedly lost a grandson (John Haney) on December 29 suffered the loss of a second grandchild (Leeann Haney) due to illness within two weeks of John's passing. Both were from the same family. Betty, we are so sorry for your great loss.

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

Ladies, in the previous issue of "The Capsule", it was mistakenly reported that Lee Gutteridge was father to Laura Gutteridge; however, Lee is actually father to Courtney Gutteridge and brother to Laura and Melissa Gutteridge. At any rate, please keep Lee in your thoughts and prayers until his return from Afghanistan. Also, in the same issue, Angel Shiver's last name



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JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

was misspelled as Shriver. The Chapter's January, February and March meetings were held at CSX Headquarters. Guest speaker Hazel Yates-Campbell spoke at their January meeting on caring for the caregiver. The Chapter has increased its membership by 10 new members this year, Elizabeth Steel being the latest. Elizabeth is Manager of the Rails to Trails Program in the CSX Real Property Department. Welcome aboard, Elizabeth! Mary Baldwin spoke on Operation Lifesaver, stating that law officers, railroad safety officials and OL presenters and associates appreciate the work the Chapter is doing to promote safety around railroad tracks. Mary Warner advised that some of the members had combined with members from another organization to run the January PACE Clothes Closet.



L-R for PACE are: Mary Baldwin, Barbara Miller & Paula Dow (Barbara's sister).

Sandy Hall reminded members that Laura Gutteridge is running for National 1st VP and that they need to come up with a campaign to use in Houston to ensure her election. Sandy also moved that the month of May be reinstated for their meetings, but not to interfere with future Convention schedules. Anna Mae Wright seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This year's meeting will be on May 22. At their February meeting, Debbie Charpiat put on a quick Pampered Chef food demo and offered an online link where members can search for products. Members were also told

that they could place orders online for RADA Cutlery by going to website www.helpourfundraiser.com, then typing in order No. 504453 with password 1593. A sold-out fun event was held on February 26 with Wine and Canvas at Mimi's Café. Their 2014 Social Event was Ghost Tours of St. Augustine on March 15. The Chapter plans to raffle a Kindle Fire at Convention. Member Lisa Pleasants gave a presentation on fighting blindness and spoke on her organization and events taking place to raise awareness. Membership Chair Laura Gutteridge plans a membership fun event for June 6 to see the play "Social Security" at the Alhambra, starring Barbara Eden from "I Dream of Jeannie." Mary Baldwin, OL Chair, was featured at the West Nassau RR Days at the Calahan RR Depot on March 28 and will be at the Folkston Railwatch at Folkston, Georgia Depot on April 5. Congratulations to Chapter Scholarship winners—Lindsay Wright, granddaughter of Member Anna Mae Wright, and Cassidy Miller, niece of Member Barbara Miller. The Chapter is seeking a Ways & Means Chair Lady or Ladies. Volunteers are needed for The Player's Championship, May 6-8, to raise funds for Chapter Scholarships. Mary Warner and Lillian Braden will both be highlighted by PACE for their work at the Clothes Closet. PACE is honoring Mary by renaming the Clothes Closet Mrs. Mary's Boutique. What a wonderful tribute to a truly devoted volunteer!



Congratulations, Mary Warner!

The following photo shows both Narbies and CSX volunteers who were invited to help at the Clothes Closet.



L-R—Clothes Closet Volunteers including Narbies Lillian Braden (2nd), Marie Johnson (3rd), Barbara Miller (6th) and Mary Warner (9th). Remainder are CSX volunteers.



Barbara Miller, who competes in ballroom dancing, performed with her instructor (Chris) recently to raise funds for JDRF. They performed a few num-



bers, and the dance studio involved all participants in a group dance lesson. Barbara's event raised close to \$1,000 for JDRF!



L-R in Barbara's support (fan) group, are: 1st Row: Ema Johnson, Barbara Miller, Mary Warner and Elaine Mosley. 2nd Row: Debbie Charpiat, Sandy Hall and Mary Baldwin.

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JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER

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Members who have prom gowns were asked to bring them to their March meeting for PACE. The Chapter took up a collection for the National Alzheimer's charity and, as a result, \$275 was then sent to National. Virginia Wolfe has been hospitalized with respiratory problems. We pray for her speedy recovery. Sincere sympathy is extended to Chapter President Elaine Mosley for the recent loss of her mother, Valeria Roireau, who suffered from Alzheimer's and had been in a care facility for the past 10 years. The Chapter made a donation to the National Scholarship Fund in memory of Elaine's Mother.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

The Chapter began 2014 with a Holiday Brunch, a very festive event with delicious foods, gifts and a great turnout. They also held a meeting with election of new officers—President, Rhonda Gomez; 1st VP, Shellee Currier; Secretary, Chrystal Tonkin; and Treasurer, Isabel Melder. Installation will take place at their May 10 dinner meeting at Bucca de Beppo/Plaza. It



comes as no surprise that Sue Brazelton has been chosen Chapter Woman of the Year for the second year in a row. Sue has been a great resource to the Kansas City Chapter through her knowledge and previous experience in another KC

Chapter during the 70's. Well deserved, Sue! At its March meeting, donations were gathered for the homeless mothers and their children at Sheffield Place. Members filled Crystal Tonkin's truck with no room to spare. The Chapter also wants to recognize Mechelle Pouncy for her volunteer work — selling t-shirts and saucers at the American Royal World Se-

ries of Barbeque and working with exhibitors at the American Royal Horse Show. She chose American Royal as it is a non-profit organization supporting youth and education. Great work, Mechelle! A bingo/brunch is planned for April 26 at Avignon Clubhouse and members are asked to bring silent auction items and money to play \$5.00 per card bingo. They have decided on a fundraiser for Convention, but won't divulge what it is. We'll just have to attend Convention to find out!



Working Hard at Board Meetings are: Bottom Right Clockwise: Megan Wilbur, Katrina Sims, President Rhonda Gomez, Isabel Melder and Sue Brazelton. Oh! Did you notice the cookies? Yummy!



Continuing Around the Table are L-R : Sue Brazelton, Chrystal Tonkin, Clair Wyatt, Shellee Currier and Megan Wilbur

LOUISVILLE CHAPTER

The Chapter held its meetings this quarter on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Buck's Restaurant. Normally, members would raffle an Easter Basket at their April meeting, but have

decided instead for each to make a \$25 donation to their Welfare fund. The Chapter has lost one of its charter members; Lillian Amos passed away on December 27 after 34 years of faithful membership. She will be sorely missed.

OMAHA CHAPTER

At its January meeting, the Chapter decided to cease with some of its Welfare projects, among them are the NE Humane Society, Children's Square (maternity and baby supplies), Professional clothing drive and used eye glasses for the Lions Club. The latter three are now being handled by other organizations. Members attended the Cathedral Flower Show on January 26, which had a South Pacific theme. Afterwards, they treated themselves to a sweet treat from Wheatfield's. The Chapter's February meeting was held at Cascio's Steak and Pizza House. February's project was to celebrate Valentine's Day with residents of the Mable Rose Assisted Living Center. Items assembled at Jay Nelsen's home included tootsie pop butterflies,



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OMAHA CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

candy heart butterflies, "you're da bomb" bomb sticks filled with peanut butter cups, and tissue flower pots filled with toiletries. Also, there were paperback books, playing cards and dominoes. Jay and Chapter President Connie Prokupek made delivery, which was gratefully received. Julie Lane is running for National Treasurer, and the Chapter voted to give her \$100 out of the treasury for her campaign. The Chapter held its March meeting at Caniglia's Venice Inn where members brought gently used purses to be filled with makeup bags, wallets, cell phones and \$5 (from golf event) for Phoenix House, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse. The fill will take place on April 11 in combination with a Meet & Greet on the Bridge. The Chapter's April meeting will be held at The Market Basket in Countryside Village. On April 19, the Chapter will host an Easter party for the children at Stephens Center. Members are asked to bring candy to fill the plastic eggs already on hand. A spring fundraiser that netted the Chapter \$1,586 was held on March 13 in the lobby of UPC. Some of the raffle prizes were an induction grill, bar-b-que supplies, UP charm bracelet, Handy Man tool sets, with the grand prize being gift cards to various stores and restaurants. The Chapter received \$115 from the Avon Stocking Stuffer sale and \$190 from the sale of Savings Sidekicks books. The books contained coupons for restaurants, BP gas and other goods and services; and the Chapter received \$10 from the sale of each book. This year's Golf Tournament, scheduled for August 15, is an event that always raises money. The Chapter will award \$1,500 in scholarships this spring and is asking members to have their students apply. Jay Nelson has been voted Chapter Woman of the Year. Congrats Jay! Joanne Fritch, Manager of Process Improvement, conducted a class on UP's Material Management System, which many of her students thought was the "Best training ever provided on the subject". Susan Sweeney, cur-

rently a Regional Team Leader covering the N. Little Rock, AR customer issues, will start a new position on March 1 as Team Leader for Systemic Resolution. The Chapter welcomes newest member, Taina Brooks, who works in UP's Human Resource Department as the Regional Manager of Clinical Services. Taina found us on our website, and members look forward to meeting her. Congratulations to Sandy Gabrenja who won Best Side Dish Category for her killer cornbread in the NCSC Chili Cook Off. Congratulations, too, to Leslie O'Flynn, daughter of Mary Lovett, on the birth of a son, Colin Michael O'Flynn, on December 26. Colin weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21" long. Mary promises to wait awhile before picking him up, as she recently underwent successful surgery for kidney cancer. Annie West is back at work after sinus surgery. National President Cynthia Chandler recently underwent shoulder surgery. Julie Lane's father has been in the hospital. Jackie Fee had hip replacement surgery on April 1, and Jacqueline Schapp is currently in a rehab center. Get well wishes are extended to all.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Their ladies cooked and served breakfast to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in January. The House is connected to St. Christopher's Seashore Hospital in Philly. Families with sick children at the hospital are housed for a nominal fee, so they can be close to their children undergoing treatment. Members went to an Italian restaurant for their February meeting and were surprised they could stay awake after eating such a delicious, filling meal. They have decided to sell stylus pens as a fundraiser and will have them at Convention. The pens work great with phones and tablets, are priced right and will double as a writing pen (always handy). The Chapter's March meeting was a brunch at the historic Lambertville Inn in New Jersey. It was a sunny, spring-like day with breathtaking surroundings and enjoyed so much due to

the fact that their friends and significant others were with them. Please keep Monica Rodan's family in your prayers as Harry is having medical issues, and also Renee Noble, as her husband is going through a tough time. We certainly wish them both well.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

The Chapter held its Christmas meeting at the prestigious Pittsburgh Athletic Club on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh in the Oakland section. Eleven members and guests were present. The food was good and beautifully presented. Grab bag presents were exchanged and a good time was had by all. They continued to meet throughout the winter months when weather permitted. President Betty Halligan became a "snow bird" in February and March, spending those months in Florida.

ROANOKE CHAPTER

Members helped decorate the O. Winston Link Museum for Christmas and shopped for two Salvation Army Angel Tree children. Members participated in the League of Older Americans "Soup for Seniors" project in February and stuffed Easter eggs with candy at their March meeting for donation to the Salvation Army. Also in March, they held their annual St. Patrick's Day Party for vets at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Members attending were:



L-R—Jessie Swiercinski, Joyce Higgs, Cathy St. Clair, Pat Mengerink, President Kathy Barbour, Joanne Perry, Shirley Stanton, Brenda Hale, Mary Lee Cabbler and Alverta Steptoe.



Here's a Close-Up of Jessie —Roanoke's only St. Patrick's Day Burglar! She "steals" all of the vets' hearts!

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ROANOKE CHAPTER (Cont'd.)

Their March meeting was held at the O. Winston Link Museum with a tour of the facility. Members continue to collect tab tops, toiletries, and gently used clothing for shelters in the Valley. New members installed at their December meeting are:



L-R—Pam Custis, Membership Committee; Liz Futrell, New Member; Erin Dudley, New Member; and Sylvia Long, Membership Chairman

National Secretary Sylvia Long visited Brussels in December for her son Garriek's graduation. Here she is with her tall, good-looking son upon her arrival, at his graduation and



at the Seine River with the Eiffel Tower in the background. What a great time for both Mother and son! Sylvia was also voted Chapter Woman of the Year. Congratulations, Sylvia!



Ways & Means Chairman Joyce Higgs reports a profit of \$3,000± in nut sales. The Chapter's February meeting was held at Club Friendship. Their April Board Meeting will be held at the Ronald McDonald House where members will hold a dessert shower for residents. A "Big Spring Clean Out" is planned for their April meeting at Gillian's Galley in Rocky Mount. Members are asked to clean out their drawers, closets, etc. for items not used for sometime that are still in good shape, gift wrap them and bring them for an exchange after the meeting. Joanne Perry's husband has completed 22 rounds of radiation for ear cancer and is doing well. Elaine Parks has been diagnosed with a cyst on one of her kidneys, a growth on her adrenal gland and spots on her liver. Corbin Craig was hospitalized recently for asthma, resulting from a bout with the flu. Joyce Higgs sister, Alzie Kesler, was at Springtree Health Center for awhile with vascular problems. Joyce Mills had eye surgery for a torn retina. Her Mother-in-Law, Ruth Mills, was at Pheasant Ridge recently for pneumonia. Her brother, Jim Sult, is home following foot surgery. Frances Lowe suffered a broken bone in her upper right arm as the result of a fall. Sheri Prillaman was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is waiting to hear what course of action will be taken. Get well wishes to all these members and their families. We regret to report the death of one of the Chapter's dearest members, Darlene Riley, who passed away on February 6. Darlene was a caregiver for her husband Ray who has been disabled for several years. She will be missed.



SAGINAW-GREAT LAKES CHAPTER

President Barb Spalding-Westcott reports that 18.5' of snow fell at her Flint, MI home in one week. Some railroads were held up a bit due to the weather. The Chapter held a food collection, gathering 27 lbs. of food for the poor. They look forward to National Train Day and to Convention, both in May.

TOPEKA HEARTLAND CHAPTER

President Nancy Lord advises that members decided not to have a gift exchange at their December meeting, but instead brought blankets (15) for delivery to a local charity. The Chapter doesn't meet in January or February due to uncertain temperatures and road conditions. In addition to get well wishes for Virginia Arlinton and Edith Menteer, please keep Nancy Lord in your prayers as she had four surgeries in 2013 for bladder cancer, the last in December. The doctors are trying a new treatment to keep the tumors from recurring. We all pray that it works. Nancy mentions again that she misses her friend, Ozzie Osborn, who passed away October 25 from Mesothelioma. He attended Convention with her last year.

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

At their March meeting, members provided their own entertainment with a St. Patrick's Day theme and memories of Ireland. Each, even if not Irish, was asked to read a poem, bring memorabilia or tell of their experience in Ireland. Mary Ann Knight brought various items from her visit, including a beautiful white sweater purchased in Kinvara that she plans to donate to her church for a silent auction. All members want to know when the event will be, so they can attend and place bids, too. Not only did she visit Kinvara, but she also purchased a brown jacket in Avoca, a Bodhran Drum made of goat skin, a Claddagh ring and various pieces of jewelry, 3 Waterford crystal wine glasses, a crystal seahorse pin (the Waterford emblem), some nice wool pieces



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TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

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In Donegal from which a cape was made, and a Beleek China tea set. She also toured a distillery in Bushmill to see how whiskey is made. She did not try for "Official Taster" status that requires downing four different whiskey flavors, although her sister did. A former Narbie, Agnes Taruscio, gave Mary Ann a dinner place setting of Beleek China for a birthday gift. Now that's a good friend! Mary Ann also played the song "40 Shades of Green" by Johnny Cash. Sue Clancy brought a pin purchased at the Connemara Mable Factory and showed pictures of how the marble is mined and of the floors in a 50-year old church where the marble looks as if it were brand new. Collette Burski wants to visit Ireland; Bernice Killian's name is Irish, but she's not; Patty Helling wore a green shamrock shirt and green rings from QVC; Carole Dahlquist wore

green attire and a Shalaylee necklace; Georgia Lickness said her grandson was born on St. Patrick's Day; Donna Clark wore a sweater knitted by a local Sherkin Islander, a Celtic Cross made by the Waterford Crystal Company and showed a picture of herself kissing the Blarney Stone; and Loreli Miller wore a cross from the Connemara Marble Factory and also has a sweater and a Claddagh ring, all purchased during her two trips to Ireland. Loreli also attended an Irish wedding during one of her trips.

TWIN PORTS CHAPTER

The Chapter's December meeting was at "Grandma's" in Duluth, MN. A profit report from See's Candy sales will be forthcoming, along with top sellers' names, once compiled. The Chapter has experienced problems with See's this year and are not sure if they will continue with this fundraiser. A thank-

you note from CHUM was received for a recent donation. Donations collected from members for the Duluth and Superior Salvation Armies netted \$110 for each. Hats, mittens, jackets, etc. were also collected and taken to the Duluth facility. The Chapter also donated \$100 to the National Scholarship Fund. Box Tops for Education proceeds were split between Betty Goman and Sue Peer for their grandchildren's schools. The 50/50 raffle was won by Barb Johnson. The Chapter's March meeting was held at the Canal Park Brewing Company. Aine Merrill has been experiencing neck spasms, Bonnie Tasky received a cortisone shot in her hip area and is doing better, and Linda Anderson is recovering from knee surgery. Members were asked for an update on Ginny Claveau. Barb Johnson had a recent medical procedure performed, the results of which were favorable. Prayers are needed for these and all members.



When I was ready to check out and pay for my groceries, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note so I could complain to my local Police about this running amok Homeland Security garbage, I did just as she had instructed.

After the shrieking and hysterical remarks finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should position my credit card.

I have to shop somewhere else now, but they really need to make their instructions a little clearer for seniors!



OLD BURMA SHAVE SIGNS THAT WERE POSTED ALONG ROADS

TRAINS DON'T WANDER ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP.

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW OUT SO FAR;
IT MAY GO HOME IN ANOTHER CAR.

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD TO GAIN A MINUTE;
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD, YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT.

DROVE TOO LONG, DRIVER SNOOZING;
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT IS NOT AMUSING.

AROUND THE CURVE LICKETY-SPLIT;
BEAUTIFUL CAR, WASN'T IT?

BROTHER SPEEDER, LET'S REHEARSE;
ALL TOGETHER, "GOOD MORNING, NURSE."

CAUTIOUS DRIVER TO HER RECKLESS DEAR,
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL AND A LITTLE MORE STEER.

CAR IN DITCH, DRIVER IN TREE;
THE MOON WAS FULL AND SO WAS HE.

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER HEMISPHERE.

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE, TAKE IT SLOW;
LET OUR LITTLE SHAVERS GROW.

HER CHARIOT RACED 80 PER;
THEY HAULED AWAY WHAT HAD BEN HUR.

A MAN, A MISS, A CAR, A CURVE;
HE KISSED THE MISS AND MISSED THE CURVE.

SAW THE TRAIN AND TRIED TO DUCK IT;
KICKED FIRST THE GAS AND THEN THE BUCKET.

NARBW 2014 Pre-Convention Tour May 15, 2014



Please come join us in Houston for the 2014 Pre-Convention Tour. We will go to the "NASA Johnson Space Center" to take a tram tour. You will get to see real working areas of Johnson Space Center, such as the Historic Mission Control Center, past and present. Then on to the "Kemah Boardwalk" where we will eat at "The Flying Dutchman" overlooking Galveston Bay. After lunch, you may walk around and visit the many retail shops. There are also amusement rides located on the Boardwalk for your enjoyment.

The price per person is \$90 which includes transportation to the sites, the tram tour, and lunch.

Bus will leave Hampton Inn and Suites at 8:00 AM to go to the Doubletree Hotel to drop off luggage and pick up other members going on the tour. Bus will leave Doubletree at 8:45 AM and return at approximately 4:30 PM

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National Association of Railway Business Women

RESUME OF WINTER BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2014

The Winter Board Meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Chandler on Saturday, February 8th at Isle of Palms, South Carolina. All board members except Ida Carmouche were in attendance. National Officers and Committee Chairmen presented their reports.

National President, Cynthia Chandler reported that our Richmond chapter has turned in their charter and we have gained a new chapter.

National Treasurer, Laura Gutteridge presented the Finance Reports followed by her Treasurer Reports.

First Vice President, Theresa Harper will send a letter to Chapter President to select a Woman of the Year.

Second Vice President, Diane Huntington will request Chapter Presidents to prepare two reports: one for the Presidents' Brunch and a second for the Convention Book. Diane is working with Convention Chairman, Tamela Kubicek on the Presidents' Brunch plans.

Third Vice President and National Membership Chairman, Amy Schapp manned a booth at North Platte's Railfest; held a Meet & Greet in Norfolk, VA, and met with prospective members for reforming a chapter in Cincinnati. The new Cincinnati Chapter was installed on January 31st with 19 charter members. Amy is working on the Memorial Service and Membership Luncheon.

National Secretary, Sylvia Long has maintained the National Roster, prepared minutes of board meetings, prepared a Certificate of Membership for the new Cincinnati chapter, and sent Resolutions to chapters celebrating anniversaries.

Convention Chairman, Tamela Kubicek read the convention program and revisions were made. The 70th Annual NARBW Convention will be on May 16-17, 2014 in Houston, Texas at the Doubletree by Hilton. The theme for the convention will be "Denim and Diamonds". Fun Night will be western attire. The pre-convention tour will be of the NASA Johnson Space Center and a trip to Kemah Boardwalk.

Finance Chairman, Diane Huntington announced that the 50/50 raffle will continue at Convention. Diane presented the proposed operating budget for the Board's approval which will be voted by the Convention body. Raffle tickets and the proposed budget will be sent to the Chapter Presidents.

Nominating Chairman, Joyce Higgs presented nominations received for National President, First Vice President and National Treasurer. The slate of nominees will be sent to the Chapter Presidents.

Publications Chairman, Patricia Prillaman has published three Capsules.

Revisions Chairman, Joyce Peak stated that only one proposed revision was received and will be presented for vote by the convention body in May.

Jewelry Chairman, Joyce Peak will sell official NARBW jewelry at convention.

Scholarship Chairman, Colleen Brabec stated that winners will be announced at the Banquet. Chapters and Individuals donating to the National Scholarship Fund will be recognized at the Presidents' Brunch.

Welfare Chairman, Tamela Kubicek read Ida Carmouche's report and stated that the deadline for reports to Ida is April 15th. Members and Chapters donating 300 or more hours will be acknowledged at the Presidents' Brunch.

- The 70th Annual NARBW Convention will be held in Houston, Texas on May 16-17, 2014. The pre-convention Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14th and the pre-convention tour will be on Thursday, May 15th.
- A bid to host the May 2015 Convention was received by the Atlanta Chapter. The 71st annual convention will be held in Savannah, Georgia. The dates are May 15-16, 2015. The hotel is Springhill Suites located in the historic district and the theme will be "Rolling on the River". Additional details will be provided in May.

Diane Huntington
National Second Vice President

Cynthia Chandler
President

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National 50/50 Drawing

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The National Board of Directors is continuing the tradition of the National 50/50 Drawing to be held at the National Convention in Houston, Texas on May 17, 2014. The proceeds from the drawing will be divided in half, with half of the proceeds donated to the National General Fund and half of the proceeds being divided among the winners, based on the number of tickets sold. Please take time to fill out the raffle tickets above and mail your check (Payable to NARBW) to our Finance Chairman Diane Huntington. Act now to begin building the fund. The more you enter the more chances to win!!!!

Please duplicate the tickets and sell to your friends, co-workers, neighbors and family!!

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