



# NARPI LO-CAL CHAPTER



Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 5, 2007**, at the Café Mundial in Monrovia. **More details later.**

## Our April Meeting

Our April meeting took us to Santa Barbara and the Captain's Room in The Harbor Restaurant. The restaurant is located on Stearns Wharf at least 200 feet from shore. The view was spectacular. The meeting was attended by Tom and Sandy Buggie, Mo and Sarah Jones, Ron and Janice Miller, Marty and Helen Seyfried with their daughter Bonnie and son-in-law Ray Gutzmann from Simi Valley, Ray and Alice Tangney.

We held very short business meeting until the food arrived. No Treasurers report was given as he forgot to prepare the information.

A few photos were taken but the bright light from the windows made them unusable. Maybe next time.

## USPIS NEWS

There has been another realignment within the Inspection Service. The Deputy Chief Inspector positions have been abolished. Now, nine INC's report directly to the Chief Inspector. They are called Lead INC's. The remaining nine divisions report to a "Lead INC". Los Angeles now reports to the San Francisco INC. I vaguely recall that Los Angeles reported to the San Francisco back in the sixties. I suspect that dailies will be coming back soon.

**NARPI NEWS** - The NARPI web site (NARPI.org) indicates the following **new retirees** since our last newsletter: *Italics and/or \*\* indicate non-inspector retirees.*

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Janice Sommerset        | DCI                         | March 30, 2007 |
| Steve Kass              | St. Louis (Cedar Rapids IA) | March 31, 2007 |
| Laurence (Larry) Plante | Pittsburgh (Cincinnati)     | April 2, 2007  |
| John Ferreira           | Forth Worth                 | April 30, 2007 |
| Steve Korinko           | New York                    | May 1, 2007??  |
| Jeff Braun              | Philadelphia                | May 1, 2007    |

Some retirements are not reported as the USPIS seems to miss a few of them. I suspect that the reduced staffing is putting a lot of pressure on those remaining.

### New NARPI members include:

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| <b>MC CLELLAND, KACY R.</b>         | TAMPA FL 33647     |
| MC MENAMAN, DENNIS J                | ST. JAMES NY 11780 |
| <b>MC CAUGHAN, ROBYN &amp; JOHN</b> | TEXARKANA TX 75503 |
| THOMPSON, GROVER                    | EXTON PA 19341     |

You may remember Kacy McClelland as the Fraud Team Leader in Santa Ana. He transferred to Tampa 10-15 years ago.

You may also remember Robyn McCaughan at our San Bernardino/Riverside domiciles. She retired last September 30<sup>th</sup> and moved to Texas. She is presently the newest NARPI member.

Both of the above listings exclude names previously reported. The addresses and phone numbers for some of the above new members are included in the January issue of the **NARPI NEWS**. The remaining will be listed in the April Issue. Email addresses are published monthly via the NARPI-Net.

The NARPI website ( <http://www.narpi.org> ) includes the retirees for the past twelve months and all new members since the publication of the latest NARPI annual directory. The retirees web page is updated whenever we receive notification of the pending retirement. If you know any of the recent retirees, give them a call and ask them to join NARPI.

The NARPI EMAIL DIRECTORY includes 181 NARPI members that admit to serving in the Los Angeles/SOCAL/SDG divisions. 48 NARPI families reside in Southern California. Twelve of the 48 living in southern California never were assigned to LAX/SOCAL but moved here after retirement. Thirty of the 48 live in ZIP codes 92XXX. Thirteen Lo-Cal members live in San Diego County and 10 live in Orange County. Most of the remaining seven reside in Riverside County. Eleven of the Lo-Cal members live in ZIP codes 91XXX with most living along the 210 freeway near Pasadena, Arcadia, etc.

## NARFE News

In 2006, HR 4 (109<sup>th</sup> Congress) was passed into law. This law allows police and fire retirees to pay up to \$3,000 annually toward their healthcare and long-term care premiums with their **pretax income**. It was signed into law last year. Paying their health premiums/expenses with their pretax income reduces the "real" cost by about 25%. I have a copy of an email from OPM which says that federal retirees are NOT included in PL 109-280, the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Contact Tom Buggie if you would like a copy of the email.

## Lo-Cal Updates

No news is good news.

## E-Mail Addresses

If you have an email address, please send it to Tom Buggie at [tbuggie@cox.net](mailto:tbuggie@cox.net). He will add it to the email directory. The May edition of the **NARPI EMAIL DIRECTORY** includes 961 email addresses for about 1,401 member families.

Also, if you are not receiving the NARPI-Net messages, and would like them, please contact Tom Buggie. You must have email address to get them. It will keep you up to date on promotions, transfers, retirements, deaths, etc.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

The May and June birthdays are: Harriet Rice (5-6), Marty Seyfried (5-11), Carol Wisdom (5-27), Ray Chavez (5-28), Rex Christensen (6-3), Jean Keown (6-15), Alice Tangney (6-15), Marcy McNulty (6-28), Robert Parrish (6-30), Roland Severtson (6-30).

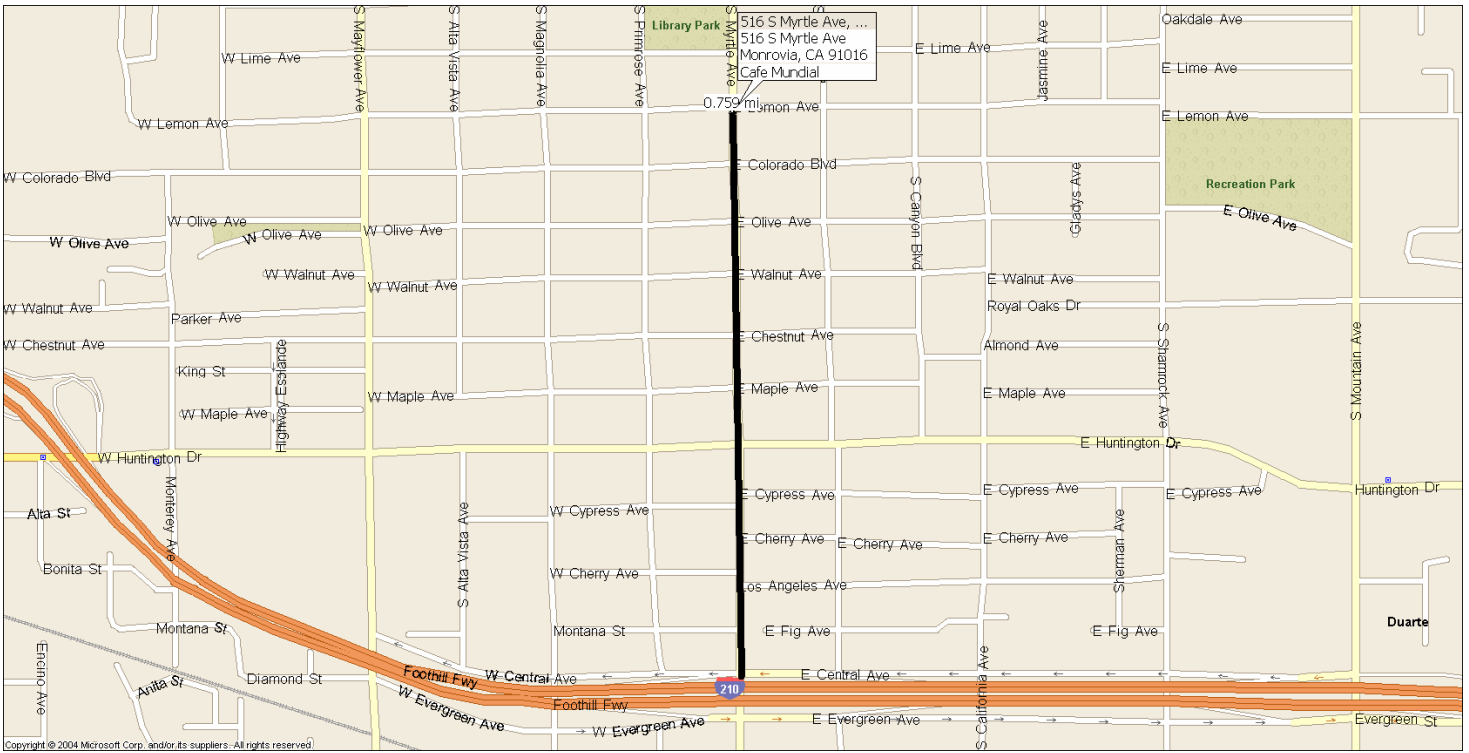
Anniversaries include: Phil and Joan Leathery (5-3), Walt and Dot Robinson (5-22), Alice and Ray Tangney 5-25, Marty and Helen Seyfried (6-4), Jim and Ruth Stokes (6-23), Larry and Benita Larson (6-26), Len and Paulette Ellis (????).

## Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is being held Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Café Mundial in downtown Monrovia. We will meet at 11:30AM and have lunch at noon. Their menu can be viewed at <http://www.cafemundial.net/>. The lunch menu includes choices of salads, pizza, sandwiches, pastas and entrées such as Crabcakes, Pancetta Wrapped Prawns, Duck Confit in a Merlot sauce, Butterflied Shrimp, Seared Ahi, and Pounded Chicken Breast with a Lemon & Caper Sauce. Prices range from \$8.95 up to \$16.95.

Café Mundial is located at 516 S Myrtle Avenue. Take the Myrtle Avenue exit off of the 210 Freeway and turn north. The restaurant is about 9-10 blocks (3/4 mile) north of the 210 Freeway. There is parking behind the restaurant which is accessible from both Lemon Ave on the north and Colorado Blvd on the south. As a point of reference, the Myrtle Avenue exit is 8.75 miles east of the Pasadena DHQ.

Please RSVP to Tom Dugan at 626-794-1775 before noon on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.



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[Sent to NARPI members, via email, on April 13, 2007.](#)

Greetings;

We have received information regarding a recently announced realignment of Inspection Service field operations, and we thought our members would like to know the particulars. This realignment was reportedly done for the purpose of bringing the geographic structure of the Inspection Service into conformity with the geographic structure of the USPS. As a result, all USPS area managers will now have a single point of I.S. contact for their respective geographic areas.

Another effect of this realignment is the elimination of the three Deputy Chief Inspector, Field Operations positions that previously supported the eastern, western and southern portions of the nation. In addition, nine of the 18 Inspector in Charge positions have been designated "Lead" INC positions, each of which will report directly to the Chief Inspector.

The Lead INC Divisions are Capital Metro (DC), Eastern (Pittsburgh), Great Lakes (Chicago), New York Metro (NYC), Northeast (Boston), Pacific (San Francisco), Southeast (Miami), Southwest (Ft. Worth), and Western (Denver).

The Inspectors in Charge of the remaining nine field divisions will report to their designated Lead INC. Those Divisions are Charlotte, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Louis, Newark, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Houston and Seattle.

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President