

NAFUSA...Newsletter January 2002

Happy New Year everyone and a special congratulations to our Mayor; Time Magazines "Man of the Year". Excuse me, everybody's Mayor. There are an awful lot of impressive people who claim membership in our organization, but this year one guy made everyone proud. We salute him and we thank him once again for making last years meeting in New York the success that it was. So much has happened since then and so much continues to happen. Newspapers want not for headlines and surprises are commonplace. It will get better.

With a positive eye to the future, it's time to plan for next year's conference. As most of you know, we are housed at the J.W. Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. This is a first rate hotel and many of us have stayed there before. It's centrally located and within walking distance to about everything of interest. The Metro and taxis will handle the rest.

Information you need to know:

1. The cut off date for making your reservations is Thursday, August 15, 2002. Rooms cannot be guaranteed past this date.
2. The phone numbers for the hotel are 800-228-9290 or 202-393-2000. Identify yourself as a member of the National Association of Former United States Attorney's.
3. The room rate up to the cut off date is \$189.00 a night (single or double). A super rate for Washington, D.C. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless so secured.
4. Our guest speaker for the Saturday night dinner reception is the Honorable William H. Renquist, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. When are you going to get a chance like this again?

If you have any questions or suggestions, give us a call. Putting a CLE program together is still our highest priority. Any ideas or assistance will be greatly appreciated.

The Washington conference is shaping up wonderfully. In addition to Justice Renquist, General William Suter, Clerk of the United States Supreme Court has consented to a "once in a lifetime" for us. We are scheduled to visit the Supreme Court, Friday morning, September 6, 2002. Two things can be accomplished. First, for those of you who are not members of the Supreme Court, a swearing in ceremony in the building. If this interests any of you, please send your applications by July 1, 2002. Send your applications to the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20543 -not this office. General Suter will also address us on the functions and operation of the Court.

Professor Leon Friedman, Hofstra Law School has once again agreed to participate. This year he will, in addition to his customary recap and forecast on Supreme Court activities, address the new rules regarding wiretaps, detentions, border stops/searches, etc.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2002 please do so.

Our conferences, as you can imagine, get more expensive every year. In the past members or the firms or businesses they are associated with have made contributions to NAFUSA to help defray some of these costs. Such contributions are announced in this newsletter.

The firm of Robertson, Freilich, Bruno & Cohen L.L.C. has pledged \$2,500.00. They did the same for our New York conference. Hats off to Bill Robertson.

The times have changed when NAFUSA can make a decision on where next years conference will be held. Our busy world demands we make such decisions at least 2 years out. Case in point - 2004. The year 2003 looks to be in Las Vegas, Nevada. Our normal practice is to try and go east to west each year and vise verse. Enter the wonderful idea of going to Asheville, North Carolina. The purpose of this inquiry is to see how many of you would like to go and what costs you would be willing to endure. There is one location that stands out far above the rest - Grove Park Inn. One of the class hotels of our country. The prices at this time are great, but the availability is very limited. In the year 2004, there are four opportunities in June, one in July, one in August and one in September. They let these rooms go from Wednesday to Saturday, and Saturday to Wednesday. The rate at this time is \$245.00 a day, double or single but if we select June 5 or June 13, Saturday to Wednesday, its \$179.00 a day. This of course is contrary to our traditional days of Thursday through Sunday. I need to get a read as soon as possible, drop me a line right away. In a couple of months, the likelihood of those dates will probably have vanished.

I would ask each of you to please check the NAFUSA website: www.nafusa.org and see if all is in order. Since the hard copies will be a product of the information on the website, your assistance will help immeasurably.

We have left over Polo shirts (very nice) from the New York conference, for \$15.00 each. If at all interested, contact my office.

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.

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