## CHAPTER 190 GENERAL MEETING 1/23/14

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM by President Tony Pizza. Juanita Davis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vic Johnson, a certified tax aide, gave us a presentation on income tax updates. The good news was that there are no new forms this year. The IRS continues to encourage everyone to file electronically. He went over some of the basics and reminded everyone that there is free help available for filing your returns through joint AARP/IRS volunteer program. The monthly newsletter mentioned all the sites around Ventura County where you could go for this service.

Sweet & sour pork chops, rice, vegetables, and salad were served. Ice cream was dessert.

George Ramirez gave us a quick legislative update. He reminded everyone to sign up for NARFE GEMS. He is calling 2014 the year of the NARFE activist. It is very important to make your voice heard as our legislators think silence is consent and they will vote that way unless they hear otherwise from their constituents. GEMS makes it very easy to send messages to your elected officials. Chained CPI is a hot topic that we oppose.

Next month's guest speakers will be private financial planners. Their message will be regarding your personal assets and hopefully how to protect them.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Submitted by Kandy Giblin, Secretary