

NARA celebrates Medicare's 50th Birthday with several events throughout the state in July 2015

What a celebration NARA experienced last week for the 50th Birthday of Medicare.

The Mason Valley News kicked it off with NARA President, TBird's article on July 24th about the Celebration of Medicare's Birthday. You can find the link on NARA's face book page.



food.

Yerington IBEW Local 1245 Chapter celebrated Wednesday, 7.29-15 with over 100 seniors in Yerington cream. The group said let's tell Medicare or Social The group had a



with lunch, then cake and ice was very receptive when TBird Washington don't touch our Security money for the road bill! lively discussion and some good



Thursday July 30, 2015 NARA members from WOW and IBEW Local 1245 Chapters rallied in Reno on the corner of Harvard and Vassar at the Social Security Administration Office with the American Flag, NARA Banner, signs and a bull horn informing motorists and that we were fighting to make sure we keep and they get ended it with cake provided by Gail Dietrich, NARA and Community Based Executive Board Member, Alliance Americans.



a few pedestrians Medicare, too. We Recording Secretary for Retired

Later around 11:00 AM in North Las Vegas, Dick Collins, NARA VP CAN, and a cake and message to Representative Crescent Hardy to "keep their Medicare." Dick informed the congressman of just how Medicare him to seek out the "right experts" for advice. Dick was interviewed by Journal and CBS radio and was on the Tel Ei Mundo radio station.

members delivered hands of our worked and advised the Las Vegas Review



Cake delivered to Representative Crescent Hardy

JoEtta Brown, NARA Treasurer and Alliance for Retired Americans, Executive Vice President (CAN) had an excellent article printed in the Nevada Appeal that summed up Medicare and why it is so important. Her letter is below:

NARA will be celebrating the 80th Birthday of Social Security at its 8th Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV on August 17th and 18th.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep Medicare strong and healthy

As Medicare celebrates its 50th year, it's the perfect time to reflect upon the difference Medicare has made in the lives of retirees. When Medicare was signed into law on July 30, 1965, only about half of our nation's seniors had health insurance. Before then, whenever uninsured seniors had health problems, they faced an impossible choice. Risk financial ruin by seeking necessary care or avoid treatment altogether and watch their health deteriorate. Thanks to Medicare, nearly all of our nation's seniors now have guaranteed health coverage.

The success of the Medicare program is clear. It has vastly improved

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the quality of life for millions of older Americans and allowed retirees to spend their later years in comfort and security. It has kept countless seniors from being thrown into poverty by the high cost of medical bills.

There has been a lot of talk in Washington lately about cutting Medicare benefits, further means testing the program, and shifting

costs to seniors. These changes would be a disaster for our nation's current and future retirees. Medicare has been a cornerstone of retirement security for the last half-century. We owe it to future generations to keep the Medicare program strong and healthy.

Jo Etta Brown
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