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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VOTING FOR NARFE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES IN JUNE 2018:

NARFE members who announced their candidacy for national officer positions for 2018 have submitted their candidacy statements in the March edition of the *narfe magazine*. NARFE will offer all members the opportunity to vote <u>online or by mail</u> via a ballot, which will be included in the June issue of the magazine, with instructions for print or online voting. This is in contrast to previous years where delegates selected by chapters voted at the National Convention. This change allows each NARFE member to vote directly for his or her choice. (For details, see March edition of *narfe magazine*.)

ANNOUNCING "FEDCON 18" FROM AUGUST 26 - 28 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32202. Guest speakers will be Henry Winkler, Mara Liasson, Tammy Flanagan, and Mike Massimino. For details, see the *narfe magazine*. (from NARFE.org)

CHAPTER 422 SPEAKERS April 4, 1 p.m. at Laurel – Beltsville Senior Activity Center

Maryland Federation President, Dr. Gary Roundtree, and Vice President, Dr. Sudha Haley, will speak to us concerning their vision for the Federation's direction. In addition, they will solicit our views on future directions and issues for the Federation, as well as encourage all members to submit a narrative on their Government activities during their term of employment. We're asking Chapter 422 members to show up in force at this meeting to support our new Federation officers.

Barbara Hemming

MARYLAND STATE LEGISLATION NEWS Legislative Update (Pat Farmer)

The Maryland Federation of NARFE provides opportunities for Federation members to become knowledgeable about future lawmakers' positions on NARFE issues. Towards this end, NARFE/MD is collaborating on a Maryland Governor Candidates' Forum, before the primary elections. Under the joint leadership of NARFE/MD and the Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW), the Forum is scheduled for Friday, May 4, 2018, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Frederick, Maryland. All twelve candidates for governor have been invited to participate in the Forum. A Meet & Greet will be held from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The NARFE/MD Moderator for this Forum will be State Legislative Committee Chair Paul Schwartz. NARFE/MD is soliciting questions for this Forum, so please send your questions to Paul at pksyanks@aol.com.

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TIME SENSITIVE MAIL MEETING – April 4

Call for 2018 Profiles in Civil Service - Pat Farmer

In order to accentuate Maryland Federation members' achievements and influence on people throughout the United States and around the world, and with the resounding positive feedback from our lawmakers, asking for more Profiles, we are now soliciting your Profiles. As a member of the Profiles Editorial Board, I urge each Laurel Chapter 422 member to write his or her career bio for the 2018 Profiles edition, and send it to me at buttonspaf@aol.com. To review the 2017 Profiles, go to the Maryland Federation's website, www.mdnarfe.org; in the right most column under "Legislative News" is the Profiles Flip Book.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - David Walser, Membership Officer

There were 239 members as of February 28, 2018 as follows: We have three new prospective members; one member passed away, John W. Lorenzen; six members were transferred into Chapter; two members transferred out of Chapter; five members were dropped for non-renewal; and eight members were sent second notices for renewal, and no members were reinstated.

Report on Chapter Treasury

As of March 12, 2018, Chapter 422's balance in the Treasury is \$1,754.92; \$23 of that amount is from the 50/50.

SUNSHINE REPORT – Theresa Murray

The Chapter sent a Sympathy card to the family of member John W. Lorenzen of Laurel.

NEWSLETTER - Bill Stoner, Editor

Submissions for the May 2018 Newsletter should be submitted to me by April 12, 2018, please.

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