

# National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Northern Prince George's County Maryland Chapter 1122

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR !



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Chapter 1122 Officers and Executive Board Members  
(F) Lee Shields, Barbara Smith, Creavery Lloyd, Delores Green  
(R) Bob Haas, Warren Wilcox, Andrew James, Bob Doyle  
Not Shown: Angelo Ferrara, Hugh Gribben, John Lydon,  
Howard Waterworth & Margaret Zanin

NARFE is the only association solely dedicated to safeguarding and improving the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal employees. A team of government relations professionals in Washington tracks congressional action and agency proposals that affect your federal retirement benefits. NARFE's Legislative Department works simultaneously to preserve and enhance civil service annuity and health care benefits.

The Officers and Executive Board Members wish each and every member a Happy New Year. It is our wish that you join us in the coming year to help protect the earned benefits of all federal employees and retirees. We can only do this by working together. Volunteers are needed in many positions of the chapter. We ask that you consider entering your name for nomination as an officer or committee member. New officers will be elected this year and it could be you. Contact: Bob Haas at 301-937-7987 or [happyanniversary@netzero.net](mailto:happyanniversary@netzero.net).

## NARFE'S LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Some of NARFE's legislative accomplishments include:

- Defeating a budget amendment to cut federal civilian retirement and/or health benefits by \$10 billion over 10 years;
- Continuing to fend off cuts to the Medicare and Social Security programs;
- Protecting annual cost-of-living adjustments;
- Allowing federal agencies to re-employ federal retirees on a

limited, part-time basis without offset of annuity;

- Permitting FERS workers initially to credit half, and in 2014 all, of their unused sick leave toward retirement;
- Adding a Roth option to the TSP;
- Bringing about Federal Long Term Care Insurance for active and retired federal employees; and
- Developing the framework for FERS.

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### 2012 Upcoming Events

- February 7  
Maryland Federation Board Meeting  
Bowie, MD
- April 30 - May 1  
Maryland Mini Convention  
Bowie, MD
- August 26-30  
National Convention  
Reno, NV

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## Newsletters on Line - John Lydon, Newsletter Distributor via Email

Join your fellow members by receiving your newsletter on line. It typically arrives earlier than the one delivered by mail. This helps our chapter save on postage when you elect to receive the electronic

version of the newsletter in pdf format and full color. To receive a monthly notice by e-mail that our Chapter Newsletter is available, send a message to: lydon.j@verizon.net. Please

include your full name and address with a request to receive notification that the newsletter is on the web site at: [www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122](http://www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122).



## Chapter Membership

New, Reinstated or Transferred members please come to the chapter meetings. Join a committee or suggest new ways to increase our membership.

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following members who joined the chapter in December 2011:

### New Members:

*Robert Colcock  
Georgia B. Gordon  
Robert W. Husemann  
Michael Jones  
Edward Lynch  
Judith O'Hare  
Lynn H Peniston  
Melinda Scott  
Stanley Vausse*

### Reinstated Member:

*Margaret Richards*

### Transferred Members:

*Joseph A. Koenig  
Joann L. Morris  
Joan C. Poor  
Guido Porreca  
Tresina E. Steger  
Samantha Stokes*

**NARFE  
Chapter 1122  
Total  
Membership  
As of  
December 2011  
645**

## Chapter Corner

Our thoughts and prayers are with all Sick and Shut-In Chapter Members. We wish you a speedy recovery.

To all January Birthday Members a glorious and Happy Birthday to You. From all of us!

A special thank you to Delores Green for arranging the enjoyable Holiday Luncheon. If you weren't there you missed a treat, the food was good and plenty to eat. It was a jolly occasion for members to meet and greet.

Message from Bob Haas: I was saddened to recently learn of the death of Frank Wrigley. Frank was Public Relations Officer for Chapter 2146, and when we merged he continued in this position with Chapter 1122 until failing health pre-

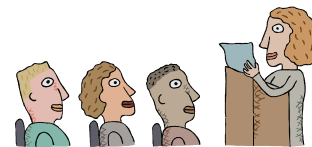
vented him from serving. Frank always attended chapter meetings, and often made constructive suggestions. As Public Relations Officer he served on

our executive board. It was sad to learn of his failing health and suffering during the later days of his life. His wife, Mary Ann, plans to continue his member-



### Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
at 1:30 pm



### Speaker

### To Be Announced

Note - Executive Board Meeting  
Immediately following the regular meeting

**Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room  
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt MD 20770  
Call the Office for directions - 301-441-1096 Dial "0"**

## OPM Announces Federal Employee Group Life Insurance Premium Changes

After completing a funding and claims experience study, OPM concluded that changes in premiums were needed. The claims experience for Option B enrollees below age 75 and enrollees in Option C under age 45 indicated a slight decrease in premiums was called for. By the same token, the OPM study showed a hike was needed in the extra pre-

mium retirees pay for not having their Basic insurance amount reduce at all or reduce only 50% when they reach age 65.

The last FEGLI premium adjustments for Options B and C took place in 2005. The last premium change for the Post -Retirement Basic took place in 2003. The effective date to the premium changes is Janu-

ary 1, 2012, for retirees and others whose premiums are withheld and paid monthly, and on the first pay period on or after January 1, 2012 for those active employees paid bi-weekly.

OPM's announcement stated the new premium rates will be available as of January 2012 on their website: [www.opm.gov/insure/life](http://www.opm.gov/insure/life)

## Alzheimer's Fund Raiser - Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair

I am sure most of you know the importance of helping fund Alzheimer's research to end this dreaded disease. Thus, if I may, I ask you to consider donating this year to our chapter's 2012 fundraiser.

Our Chapter raised \$703 for the year 2011 fundraiser. Unfortunately this chapter's donations are dwindling each year. However, I firmly believe we can attain our 2012 goal of \$1,000. All we need is for at least 100 members to send in \$10 or more. This should be easy since our chapter has over 600 members. Help us reach our goal for 2012. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to this very worthy cause for Alzheimer's research. Send your donation to **Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair, 6725 Lamont Drive, Lanham, MD 20706**. Remember your support of this effort helps to accelerate the

fight against this disease through research and essential support programs and services. Please include Chapter 1122 on the memo line of your check and make it payable to: NARFE ALZ Research.

THANK YOU to all who sent donations for 2011. Your generosity is much appreciated.

### NARFE Alzheimer's Fundraiser - Chapter 1122 List of 2011 Contributors

- Elaine R. Bobbitt
- Rita C. Boucher
- Sylvia C. Chulick
- Robert Doyle
- Allen J. English
- Robert Haas
- Donna L. Hoffmeister
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- Robert E. Wilson
- Margaret Zanin

### Attention

Information has been reported that some members have received solicitations from "Alzheimer's Disease Research, PO Box 950, Clarksburg, MD 20871."

This could easily be mistaken for our efforts with the Alzheimer's Association, Chicago, IL due to the similarity of names. Please be advised that the Alzheimer's Association does not send solicitations to NARFE members and never has.

Please pass this information on to other NARFE members.

NARFE Chapter 1122 Treasurer's Report for November 2011	
<b>Balance as of 10/31/2011</b>	<b>\$3,039.47</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
50/50 Raffle	7.00
Donation	16.00
12/14 Luncheon	39.00
NARFE (Oct Dues)	<u>233.95</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>295.95</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
CHI Centers Inc. (Printing Oct Newsletter)	94.44
R. Haas (11/1 MD Fed NARFE Meeting)	20.00
Hugh Gribben (Purchase NARFE Mugs)	102.00
Tappanyaki Grill (Deposit 12/14 Luncheon)	50.00
U.S. Postal Service (Mailing Dec Newsletter)	<u>57.40</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>323.84</b>
<b>Balance as of 11/30/2011</b>	<b>\$3,011.58</b>
<b>Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer</b>	

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**Inclment Weather Notice!** When Prince George's County Schools are closed or opening late, the NARFE Chapter 1122 meeting will not be held.