

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

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The Maryland Federation of NARFE Chapters Working for Us

Dr. Howard Waterworth, 1st Vice President and Legislative Chair

We are fortunate to have an active and effective Board of Directors, under the leadership of past President Ted Jensen, which works for the benefit of active and retired Feds who live in Maryland. When the Maryland Federation of Chapters (MFC) Board was established in 1956 there were 10 chapters in Maryland, now there are 34. The Federation is managed by an executive committee of five elected officers plus past Federation Presidents and includes chapter presidents. It represents in Annapolis the interests of all active and retired federal employees. Its purpose is to promote our welfare via more liberal retirement laws and annuities and to support civic and patriotic activities up-holding American institutions and ideals. This Board meets regularly throughout the year to review their accomplishments and to plan and implement goals to influence legislation.

Many approaches are utilized to maximize their effectiveness. Among them:

- ♦ **Represent** us within the State by lobbying for our rights and benefits. The MD general assembly cannot be relied upon to treat us fairly; MFC has to take the initiative for this to happen. For example, in 2013 our State legislative committee is having companion bills introduced in the General Assembly session for the purchase and retention of Long Term Care. These bills would replace the current one-time \$500 tax credit on policies purchased in 2014 and beyond with an annual \$200 tax credit.
- ♦ **Provide** a unified voice when dealing with the governor and General Assembly; to educate them and local officials about concerns of Feds, which helps them to refine proposed bills affecting us all.
- ♦ **Promote** the objective of NARFE throughout MD. The MFC is the logical body to set specific and attainable goals for the chapters to support within the state. The MFC also speaks for Marylanders on National NARFE policy issues.
- ♦ **Facilitate** effective group action to accomplish common objectives via a political base at the grass-roots level; it channels member efforts so as to support National NARFE policies.
- ♦ **Train** local chapter officers, committees' chairs, and area coordinators to provide top quality leadership skills for the furtherance of common goals.
- ♦ **Communicate** with members and the public-at-large about issues of concern to Feds.
- ♦ **Support** contributions to NARFE's fund to support political candidates for office.
- ♦ **Mobilize** volunteer resources in chapters in ongoing support of causes vital to NARFE members, such as Alzheimer's research and increasing MD's income exclusion for calculating state income taxes.
- ♦ **Serve** as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas among members about programs/actions of benefits to Feds through its bi-annual convention and MFC newsletters.
- ♦ **Advise** chapters on effective ways of carrying out various functions such as membership services, and public relations benefiting federal employees.

The Federation is also active in recruiting new members. For example, it recently purchased space for billboards in 7 locations in the Baltimore area. They targeted current employees and were placed near Federal offices. They were up for 4 weeks at a net cost of \$2500 after receiving matching funds from our National office. This is a first for our Federation and its effectiveness is being assessed.

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Upcoming Events

- **March 9-12**
Legislative Training
Conference
- **March 19**
United Seniors
Legislative Forum
Annapolis, MD
- **April 29-May 1**
Maryland Federation
Convention
Ocean City, MD

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A Big Thank you to
Dr. John Kennedy
 PADI, NAUI
 Scuba Diver and Instructor

"The Lost Pyramids of Rock Lake"

His presentation on the discovery of the underwater pyramid shaped rock formation was one of the first discoveries of the Rock Lake Pyramids in Wisconsin. It was Indian legend that the pyramids had been built in the area in 400 AD. Interesting subject for us all, followed with a lively question and answer period.



March Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
At 1:30 PM

Guest Speaker

Dr. Mark Feldlaufer
Research Entomologist

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Invasive Insects Biocontrol
And Behavior Laboratory

"Bed Bug Biology and Control"

Greenbriar Community Center, Terrace Room
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Call office for directions 301-441-1096 Dial 0

Executive Board Meeting immediately follows

All are Welcome
Refreshments Served

Total Chapter
Membership
To Date

570



What's Your E-Mail Address?

If you are not currently receiving the newsletter monthly by e-mail and you would like to -- we probably don't have your correct e-mail address.

Please update your e-mail address by notifying Membership Chairperson Elaine Cameron: elainecameron@aol.com

Chapter Corner

Chapter 1122 welcomes the following member that was reinstated in January.

Reinstated:

Marie K. Trockey

New, reinstated, transferred and prospective members please attend the meetings. Meet fellow members and enjoy the refreshments.

Transferred Out of Chapter:

Julia M. Burton

Irene Nash

Forest Moore

Mary H. Odom

Dropped (Non-Renewal):

Anne W. Anderson

Helen S. Chambers

Jean Arnao

Thomas J. Greenwell

Carole Boucher

John W. Kelly

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we extend condolences to the family and friends of:

Donald A. Ross

On February 5 the Maryland Federation meeting in Bowie, MD was attended by **Richard Bennof**, **Howard Waterworth** and **Michael Albertson**. They were updated on the Maryland legislative program for 2013. See Page I on how the federation is working for us.

The Maryland Federation State Convention in Ocean City, MD is April 29 - May 1. If you are interested in attending please contact **Richard Bennof** at bennof4skins@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed for NARFE-Pac Chair, Service Officer and Historian. You can help by volunteering today! Contact any officer on page 4.

The 50/50 winner at the February meeting was **Richard Bennof** who contributed half of his winnings to the chapter general fund.

We wish all sick and shut-in members a speedy recovery and look to see you at the meetings soon.

To all March Birthday Members
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" - from all of us!

Thanks to **Barbara Barron** for the delicious refreshments served at the February meeting.

March Is NARFE-PAC Month

Today, federal employees and annuitants have a sound retirement system and a model group health insurance program.

We worked and paid for these benefits during our federal careers so we could depend on them in our retirement.

We must harness the full strength of NARFE to ensure that Congress does not unfairly single out federal workers and retirees.

NARFE-PAC provides NARFE members a stronger voice to oppose efforts to take away their earned benefits by allowing members to pool their political resources on behalf of U.S. House of Representa-

tives and Senate candidates who support giving federal workers and retirees a fair deal.

NARFE-PAC has consistently ranked among the nation's most important political action committees. It has given NARFE's members stature in the political arena. With your help, it will remain a strong component of NARFE's political influence.

As it has since 2003, the March issue of *narfe* magazine will feature NARFE-PAC, our Political Action Committee. The 2013-2014 NARFEPAC lapel pins will debut with the article. The qualifying donation will remain \$20 or more.

**Give To
NARFE-
PAC!**

Enclosed is my NARFE-PAC contribution: \$ _____

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card
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MONTH YEAR

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Name Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. (please circle): _____

Address: _____

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For my contribution of \$20 or more, please send a NARFE-PAC pin.

Please check Yes or No. ☐ Yes ☐ No



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NARFE will neither favor nor disadvantage anyone based on the amount of a contribution, or the failure to make a voluntary contribution to this non-partisan political action fund. NARFE-PAC contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Famous Quote

"Today is life -
the only life you are
sure of. Make the
most of today.
Get interested in
something. Shake
yourself awake.
Develop a hobby.
Let the winds of
enthusiasm sweep
through you. Live
today with gusto."

**Dale Carnegie
American Writer
(1888-1955)**

NARFE Chapter 1122 Treasurer's Report for January 2012

Balance as of 12/31/2012	\$2,463.09
Income:	
NARFE Dues (Dec & Jan)	<u>433.78</u>
Total Income	433.78
Expenses:	
NARFE (Registration 3/19 Training)	175.00
NARFE (Address Labels)	10.00
R. Bennof (Printing NARFE Posters)	15.68
B. Smith (Jan Refreshments/ 12/ 12 Favors)	74.94
US Postal Service (Mailing Feb Newsletter)	<u>41.03</u>
Total Expenses	316.65
Balance as of 1/31/2013	\$2,580.22
Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer	

Social Security Offers New Online Service

If you are still working and want to view your earnings record and estimated benefit, or if you are receiving Social Security benefits and want to change your direct deposit account, address, or get a letter of verification, you can do so by signing up at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. You will need to complete an online verification process. Once you have completed the verification process be sure to write down the log-on and password information to keep in your records for future use and in case you forget what you used to set up your account.

Obtaining the GEMS Hotline: The weekly legislative message is available to telephone callers (703-838-7780 and toll-free at 877-217-8234); posted on the NARFE website, www.narfe.org; made available to NARFE-Net Leaders; and sent to over 76,000 GEMS email addresses. Each delivery channel is a service of NARFE, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Should you have any questions regarding the information provided in the Hotline, please email NARFE's Legislative Department at leg@narfe.org or call 703-838-7760.

Upcoming Newsletters can be viewed on the web site the last week of each month at
www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122



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Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10

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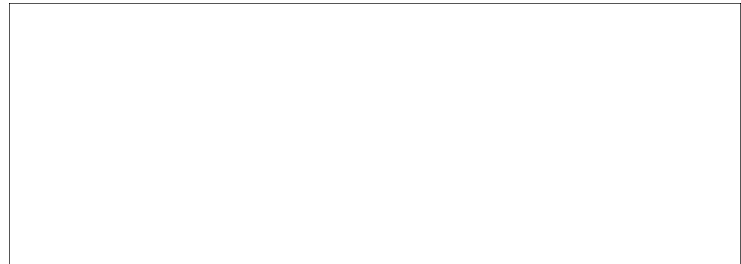
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www.gov.state.md.us/mail

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