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THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (NARFE) Southern Prince George's County, **Chapter 1260** will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6907 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland (Oxon Hill Jaycees), starting at 1 PM. Our next scheduled board meeting will also be on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Oxon Hill Jaycees location, starting at 11 AM.**

President's Corner

Bettie Hill

Wow It's another year 2018 already, Happy New Year to All

Hope a Merry Christmas was enjoyed by all and a joyous New Year. Our next meeting will be held on January 18, 2018 and our guest speaker will be Terry Reinhart, CPA. Mr. Reinhart gave us a sneak preview of what is coming down the pipe in the new tax law at our Christmas Party. The party was a blast and enjoyed by all in attendance. We the chapter say thanks to Ann Carver-Jones and all members and friends who participated in helping to make it a success. A job well done.

The year is new however, we have some old issues as well as new ones we must continue to try to resolve. NARFE stands against cuts to benefits and pay earned as a part of the federal workforce. The fight continues and as retirees we must keep the ball rolling. Go to NARFE.org website to see a list NARFE's priorities for the 115th congress. The state legislative chair (SLC) continues to push forward for Tax Relief for Maryland seniors an exemption from \$1000.00 to \$10,000 over four years. An annual tax credit of \$500.00 for Long Term Care Insurance. Increase the amount of eligibility to qualify for Homeowners Tax credit.

Some dates to remember for 2018, The (FEEA/NARFE) Federal Employees Education Assistance Annual Awards Program starts in February 2018. Send an email to scholarship@narfe.org or call [703-838-7760](tel:703-838-7760) to obtain the official form (F-105, 01/17). Six scholarships \$1000,00 each will be awarded in Maryland Region II. NARFE National Conference, August 26-28, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, Florida. More to come. Region II Training Academy, Wyndham Garden Hotel, York, PA, June 11-12, 2018. More to come.

" After all, it is our attitude toward life that brings us joy in living" May Rowland, The Magic of the Word I choose an attitude of joy.

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CHAPTER 1260's NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB

Chapter 1260's Web site is currently inactive. However, you may see a copy of our newsletter on the Maryland Federation Web site by going to: <http://www.mdnarfe.org> click on Federation Chapters, and then Chapter Newsletters.

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

If you no longer desire to receive the newsletter through the Post Office (a hard copy), but would prefer to receive an e-mail copy, let the Membership Chair, Ed Johnson know.

If you receive your newsletter late (after our monthly meeting), please notify the newsletter editor, Faye Bland.

Calendar of Events

January 18, 2018 - Guest Speaker, Terry Reinhart, CPA, CFP - Tax Reform Board Meeting – 11 am - Members meeting – 1pm
February 6, 2018 - Federation Board Meeting, Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD
February 15, 2018 - Guest Speaker, Jeannine Robinson-Hurley, Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division
Board Meeting – 11am - Members meeting – 1pm

SICK AND VIGIL

Sympathy card was sent to the family of Lottie C. Pyles.

Diane Hostetler

BIRTHDAYS

November 2017 Birthdays

Willie Cheeseboro – 11/24, William Guthrie – 11/20

December 2017 Birthdays

Theresa Crews – 12/27, Bernice Morris – 12/15, Marie Crawley – 12/16, Carolyn Home – 12/11, Almena Robbins – 12/27 (member Chapter 2262)

Pearl Parrish

ENTERTAINMENT

Our Christmas Luncheon was attended by sixty-six members, guests and friends. As always, we had a great time and it was a wonderful gathering to celebrate the holiday season. We enjoyed the day filled with good conversation, laughter, delicious food and door prizes.

Ann Carver-Jones

Special thanks to William Guthrie, Jr. for providing the music, and Bettie J. Hill, Anne Barnes, Diane Hostetler, and Barbara Duffitt for donating gift bags to the winners of the trivia game.

Again, thank you and we hope to see you next year.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year !!

NARFE Chapter 1260

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<p>HOSPITALITY CHAIR Barbara J. Duffitt Thanks to all who have donated goodies and sweets or money. We still need people to sign up for future meetings. See me at the hospitality table for monetary and/or sweet donations.</p> <p>ALZHEIMER Diane Hosteller The Alzheimer’s basket will be on the table where you sign in at the next meeting. You can write a check or put in cash in whatever way you choose. If you wish to write a check please make it out as follows: TO LINE: Alzheimer Research/NARFE, and on the MEMO LINE: NARFE Chapter 1260</p>
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For the Good of the Chapter

MEMBERSHIP

Ed Johnson

To those members who were dropped and subsequently reinstated, thank you for renewing your membership with the chapter. The following tables reflect most activity for calendar year 2017 through November.

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Chapter 1260 WINTER INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Whenever Prince George’s County Schools are cancelled, delayed opening, or dismissed early due to significant weather or snow, there will be no monthly NARFE Chapter 1260 meeting.

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