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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, March 15, 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, March 15, 2018 at the Oxon Hill Jaycees location, starting at 11 AM.**

**President's Corner**

**Bettie Hill**

Our 2018 meetings have gotten off to a great start with positive updates on the new tax code with our January speaker Terry Reinhart, CPA and our February speaker Jeannie Robinson- Hurley from the Maryland Attorneys General Office on the different scams operating in our midst to under mind our safety and well-being.

The federal income tax bill will increase the standard federal deduction for joint filers to \$24000. According to Maryland tax code if they claim standard deduction on your federal tax return you may not claim itemized deduction on your Maryland return. This may cause an increase in their Maryland state and local taxes of \$1000. on average who claim standard deductions in 2018 and after. Senator Serafini (R - Dist. 2) has introduce two bills in Maryland General Assembly to address this problem. His bills SB - 191 and SB - 318. Anyone with a Maryland Adjusted Gross Income of \$150,000 or less should contact your Senator and three Delegates and ask that they support SB-191 and SB-318 Telephone [1- 800-492-7122](tel:1-800-492-7122).

Have a Consumer Problem? The Attorney General Consumer Protection Division may be able to help you. Some Signs of Scams: **Donate, Wire or Send Money.** Others but limited to: **Calls on Credit Cards, Phishing, Tech Support, Family Emergency, Lottery/Sweepstakes, Charitable and Government Imposters.** Report Scams To : Maryland Attorneys General - [410-528-9662](tel:410-528-9662) or [1-888- 743 - 0023](tel:1-888-743-0023), U S Treasury - [1-800- 366- 4484](tel:1-800-366-4484) , Federal Trade Commission, 1- 877- FTC- HELP.

Members we are in need of your help and support for volunteers to hold key positions to keep our Chapter 1260 Southern Prince Georges County moving forward as we have done for so many years and hope to continue. This is an election year and all position are on the table for re-election. Namely, President, Vice President Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. These positions must be voted on by the membership. Some of our appointed positions need replacements such as, Membership Chair, Entertainment Chair and Chaplain. Our Maryland Federation President, Dr. Gary Roundtree and Vice President Dr. Sudha Haley will be our guest speakers at April membership meeting to bring us highlights on why we still need NARFE to better support one another. Let's work together and do it.

The NARFE Region Academy Classes on Leadership, IT, Audit, Responsibility, etc. will be held on June 11-12, 2018 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, York, PA. Cost: \$99.90 per night and Registration \$99.00 which includes lunch, dinner and breakfast. Starts at 11:30 AM on 6-11-2018.

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**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.

**Isolation is more than being alone. It's being at Risk. Prolonged isolation and loneliness erode well-being equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Because when people connect they affect each other's lives.**

To learn more visit [connect2affect.org](http://connect2affect.org)

## Calendar of Events

**March 15, 2018 - Guest Speaker to be Announced**  
**Board meeting - 11: AM - Membership Meeting - 1: PM**

**April 19, 2018 - Guest Speakers - Maryland Federation President, Dr. Gary Roundtree and Vice President, Dr. Sudha Haley**  
**Board Meeting – 11: AM - Members meeting –1: PM**

### NARFE Chapter 1260

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#### **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.

#### **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.

In the state of Maryland there are over 100,000 persons with Alzheimer. This disease is the only disease in the top 10 killers without a way to prevent it, cure it or even slow its progression. Please consider donating.

## For the Good of the Chapter

### SERVICE OFFICER

Mary Scruggs

The President released his 2019 budget which is targeted at reducing and or eliminating the COLA for Retirees. It is urgent that NARFE members contact their Legislators to ask them to reject these unprecedented cuts and any attempts to reduce our earned benefits. You can contact your Legislators by Email, letter or phone. If you have subscribed to the NARFE hotline you will be able to get that instruction.

### BIRTHDAYS

Pearl Parrish

#### January 2018 Birthdays

Pearl Parrish – 1/6  
 Clara Wheaton – 1/17  
 Barbara Duffitt – 1/17  
 Charles Davidson (guest) – 1/10

**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.**

#### Obtaining the NARFE Hotline

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