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October 11th Meeting: President Charles Harrison opened the meeting with the pledge. The program speakers, Dave Hurka from Caremark Blue Cros, spoke at some length about all of the changes in the Caremark Blue Cross, followed by speakers from United Health Care and Aetna. Open season opens in November. Caremark is pushing members to consider the lower cost (basic option) option vs. the “standard” option which is the so-called “gold standard.” A lot of hand-outs were available. The presentations were followed by question and answer from the roughly 55 attendees. President Chuck briefly noted he attended the October MD Federation Meeting and also stressed she importance of the upcoming elections (see on right), and 1st VP Roger stressed the importance of maintaining and increasing membership. (see on right)

Each 50/50 winner received \$42.
Paul Beatty, secy

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018
(now bi-monthly)

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:
This is an important year. We must maintain the initiative with our State Legislators. November 8th is election day, and this year is pivotal. Read up on how your Representatives voted—it is in the October NARFE Magazine.

MEMBERSHIP: Roger Dahlman. I am asking each Chapter 2306 member to sponsor a new member. There is a \$20 reward until the end of the year. Application forms were handed out at the October meeting, and they are also in the October NARFE Magazine.

UPCOMING SPEAKER: (Don Champ)
•November 8: Intervention Service (RCIS of Carroll County)
•Dec 13: Singer and performer John Pepsin (Holiday Lunch)

TREASURER’S REPORT (DeAnn Johnson): We have not spent much money so far and have a balance of just under \$3,000..

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COLAS: Based on the latest consumer price data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2019 COLA for Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) annuities and Social Security benefits will be 2.8 percent. This is the largest COLA for CSRS retirees and Social Security beneficiaries since 2012. Meanwhile, retirees under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) will not receive the full amount and instead will only receive a 2 percent COLA to their annuities.

CALENDER FOR 2018/2019

- November 7, Board Meeting
- November 8, Bullocks (Outreach for Elders)
- December 13, Bullocks (Holiday Party)
- January 2, 2010 Board Meeting
- January 10th: Bullocks (Senior Counseling, Carroll Community College)
- February six, Board Meeting
- February 14, Bullocks
- March 14: Bullocks (Alzheimers Lunch and Learn)
- April 11: Bullocks
- May 9th: Bullocks
- June 13th Installation of new officers

**Holiday Party on
December 13th
John Pepsin performs**

SUNSHINE: Keep Wilma Davis in mind if a death or illness occurs or we just needed a little cheer. She keeps sunshine stored in special containers.

INCLEMENTWEATHER: Meeting cancelled only if Carroll County Schools closed 2 hrs prior to noon—or all day.

All Chapter Meetings at Bullocks Restaurant. (2020 Sykesville Rd, just off Rt.32 & 97 intersection).