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

President's Corner

William Guthrie

Hello Chapter members, well fall or autumn (it's such a lovely time of the year that it had to have two names) has finally come and what a welcome relief from the 90⁰ plus temperatures we have been having, and the rains which can be like a double edged sword – beneficial and a problem with too much rain.

I am still asking for volunteers, and will continue to do so until I run out of breath or ink. The chapter really needs someone to take the minutes of each meeting and to be the vice president in my absence (doctor's appointments, etc.) The other vacant position that I feel needs to be filled is the Entertainment Chair who would coordinate, among other events, our annual Christmas party and annual picnic for next year. **If no one steps forward we may not have a Christmas party or picnic in 2019.**

One of the other functions we need help with is the selection of guest speakers. If any member has a person or persons that can come to our chapter and enlighten us on subjects of importance to all, please give me their name, phone number, organizational affiliation, and topic of interest. And, if you have their e-mail address that would be helpful too. I hope all of you voted. There was too much at stake for anyone not to vote in some fashion this year. By the time you get this newsletter the results of all elections should be in. Hopefully your candidate or candidates won.

One of our guest speakers will be Mr. Bob Redding from the Department of Environmental Resources, Waste Management Division who will speak on the recycling program. We will also have Ms. Christel Bull, CareFirst (Blue Cross, Blue Shield) on hand to talk about open season. I have also invited Mr. Terry Reinhart to speak at the January meeting. Mr. Reinhart has been briefing our chapter on tax issues for many years, and in view of some of the new tax issues, we can surely use his knowledge.

Our Christmas party this year will be at the Waldorf Jaycees on December 6, starting at 11 am. Dianne Hostetler, Barbara Duffitt, and Pearl Parrish have graciously consented to coordinate this affair. Please come out and show your support for this wonderful year-end get-to-gather and Christmas celebration. **Will this be our last Christmas party?**

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

President Corner ... continued

Congressman Jamie Raskin (MD 8TH District) will be hosting a federal employees health benefits forum on Monday, November 19, 2018, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850. **These forums are co-sponsored by the Congressman and the NARFE Maryland Federation of Chapters. Space is limited – please RSVP to Raskin’s District Office at (301) 354-1000 if you plan to attend.** 1. Hear a panel of experts discuss federal employee’s health options, 2. Discuss your personal options with health insurance carrier’s representatives, 3. Ask your questions. **(Residence will not be checked)** Parking is available on the streets around the executive office building, as well as in the County Council parking garage at the corner of Monroe and E. Jefferson Street. If you have any questions please call Congressman Raskin’s District Office 301-354-1000. I hope all of you have wonderful, safe, prosperous times during the rest of the year and enjoy the end year holidays. Peace to all.

Chapter Calendar of Events

January 17, 2019 – Terry Reinhart will brief us on new tax issues.

Membership drive is currently going on until December 31, 2018. RECRUIT FOR CASH. Earn \$10 for every new member your recruit.

SERVICE OFFICER

Mary Scruggs

2019 Cola will be 2.8 Percent. Open Season for FEHB begins on 11/12/18 and closes on 12/10/18. If you wish to change your health insurance you can call OPM Express Telephone number 1-800-332-9798 or write to: FEHB Open Season Processing Center P.O. Box 5000 Lawrence, KS 66046-0500 or Online: <https://retireefehb.opm.gov>

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Entertainment/Travel, Vacant

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 Hostetler**
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

SICK AND VIGIL

Diane Hostetler

Sympathy card was sent to Faye Bland. Get well card sent to Ann Barnes.

BIRTHDAYS

Pearl Parrish

July – Brenda Hill (24), Frances Pritchett (25), **August** – Faye Bland (23), Carol Franks (27); **September** – Delores Durham (10), Sandra Davis (26)

"If we all do a little bit no one would have to do a lot"

ENTERTAINMENT

Vacant

Join us for our annual Christmas Celebration on December 6, 2018 at the Waldorf Jaycees Community Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf Maryland from 11:00am to 3pm. Let the warmth of family and friends take the chill from the air, and the spirit of the season will make winter easier to bear! Let’s begin with holiday music, games, door prizes and more. And, feast on a buffet of assorted and imported cheese trays with fruit, tossed garden salad, sliced roasted turkey with stuffing and gravy, baked cod fish lightly coated with potato, cheddar cheese and chives, oven roasted potatoes, vegetable medley, hot rolls and butter, holiday beverages and cakes. **The cost is \$30.00 per person, due by November 26, 2018.**

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US!!

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Annual Christmas Celebration December 6, 2018 Waldorf Jaycees 11am to 3pm

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Cost: \$30.00 per person Amount enclosed @ \$30.00 each: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Make checks/money orders payable to: **NARFE – CHAPTER 1260**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS NOTICE AND PAYMENT TO:
Diane Hostetler 5521 Keppler Road Temple Hills, Maryland 20748**