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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Since our last Newsletter was sent out on October 2, 2018, I attended my first Maryland Federation NARFE Training Day. During the morning session, the Keynote Speaker was Maryland Delegate Edith J. Patterson, Ed.D, District 28, Chair of Charles County Delegation, First Vice Chair of the Black Caucus and Member of House Ways & Means Committee. Also, Dr. Sudah Haley, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Legislative Director, was the Moderator for a Legislative Workshop (Federal and State). The Legislative Panelist was Harry Stein, Policy Advisor for Senator Chris Van Hollen; Federal Legislation was presented by Dr. Bruce Fowler, FLC Chair and State Legislation presented by Bob Doyle, SLC Vice Chair and Bob Goldberg, SLC Member. During the afternoon session, there was a Membership/Leadership workshop with focus on recruitment, leadership and leadership succession. It was a great training day.

On November 11, we celebrated Veterans Day to remember those who served our Country; I trust you remembered to say "Thank You for Your Service" to a present or past service member. Also, on November 22, we celebrated Thanksgiving Day; I trust we remembered the less fortunate by donating to a food bank or charity to feed the hungry, and did not overeat.

At our upcoming December meeting, we will have our Holiday Luncheon Celebration meeting starting at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Julia Wright, Account Manager for CareFirst, will provide a presentation on the benefit changes for BlueCross BlueShield, Dental, Vision, and HMO prior to the luncheon. There will also be entertainment by Al Roda during the lunch. I look forward to seeing each of you at the December luncheon.

**Samuel J. Raines, Sr.**  
**President**

## **Holiday Party News**

The December Chapter 422 meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. will be a festive holiday gathering with a delicious buffet of turkey and all the trimmings, plus a selection of great desserts. The cost of this luncheon is \$16; please make checks payable to **NARFE Laurel Chapter 422** and send to **Stewart Saphier, 2901 Friendlywood Way, Burtonsville, MD 20866-1856**, by Dec. 3. Entertainment will be provided by Al Roda at the keyboard leading a sing-along of holiday favorites and stumping us with his seasonal trivia questions. Put on your holiday attire and come for a great time.

## **NARFE Alzheimer's Research**

If you would like to donate to Alzheimer's Research before the end of the year, you can write a check and give it to our Treasurer Stew Saphier at our Holiday Party or mail it to him at: 2901 Friendlywood Way, Burtonsville, MD 20866-1856. Make checks payable to NARFE Alzheimer's Research and put your CHAPTER NUMBER on the check.

## **Alzheimer's FOREVER stamp available**

The Post Office has issued FOREVER ALZHEIMER's stamps, which, of course, are supported by the NARFE organization, so please purchase and use these stamps.

## **HELP WANTED!**

As many of our members know, our NARFE Chapter maintains an office in the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity center located next to the Laurel Regional Hospital. Our address is 7120 Contee Road. We maintain office hours Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from Noon to 3 p.m. We need YOU to help us by volunteering one or two days a month on this desk. This would help relieve the people who are currently covering a given day all month. Your newsletter editor, Bill Stoner, mans the desk every Thursday. 1<sup>st</sup> VP David Walser mans the desk every Wednesday except for chapter meeting day. Member Darryl Mahoney mans the desk on Tuesdays. Duties are very light and we find it a good time to catch up on other things. If you can help, please let our President Sam Raines or Bill Stoner know via email or phone. Our email and phone numbers are shown at the end of the newsletter under contacts. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Opened positions in our Chapter**

We need our Chapter Members to step up and please consider filling one of the two following positions within our Chapter: Service Officer and the Point of Contact (POC) for Active Federal Employees.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Ed Zipeto, Legislative Assistant**

NARFE's 2019 Maryland Legislative Program includes: Tax relief for Maryland Senior Taxpayers; Tax incentives for long-term care insurance; and Increase in the standard homeowners tax credit. There are many important reasons Maryland state leaders must ensure that our senior population grows rather than shrinks.

### **TREASURER REPORT – Stew Saphier, Treasurer**

As of 8 November, the Chapter has \$2,345.80 in the treasury, which includes \$167 in the Alzheimer's fund.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dave Walser, Membership Officer**

As of November 1, we had 222 members. One member was reinstated: Jarvis V. Doles; one member transferred into Chapter; three members were sent second notices; and we had two prospective new members.

The **Annual NARFE Membership Drive** is underway with great incentives for you to invite new members. For each new member recruited from now until December 31<sup>st</sup>, you will receive \$25, which includes \$10 from National, \$10 from State, and \$5 from your Chapter 422. Do your part to increase membership and reap these benefits. Please make sure to include on the membership sign-up form, your Chapter number 422, as well as your Membership number. The latter can be found on your membership card and on the address label of your *narfe magazine*. Thank you for doing your part.

### **SUNSHINE REPORT – Theresa Murray**

The Chapter sent a Sympathy card to the family of members Ralph and Jane Bulla of Laurel. Sadly, Jane passed away October 31 and Ralph passed away one week later on November 7. Please keep the Bulla family in your prayers.

### **NEWSLETTER – Bill Stoner, Editor**

All Chapter Members: If you would like to submit an article or information of interest to our members, please forward to me at my email address shown in our Contact information at the end of this newsletter. Submissions from the Board for the January 2019 newsletter are requested by 12 December 2018.

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