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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 21, 2019 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 21, 2019 at the Oxon Hill Jaycees location, starting at 11 AM.**

President's Corner

William Guthrie

We are living in trying times. Some federal workers are facing some of the most difficult times ever with the recent furlough that, as of this writing, had lasted longer than any federal government shutdown in history. We, as a chartered federal chapter of NARFE must and should do all within our power to assist whenever and wherever we can. The following abstract was taken from the Prince George's County Council Web site and hopefully will assist those eligible. (As of this writing, a second furlough has been averted; however, if another furlough is called in the future, the following information may be helpful). County Residents Furloughed Due to Federal Government Shutdown May Be Eligible for WIC.

LARGO, MD – The Prince George's County Health Department wants to ensure residents who are furloughed federal government employees and contractors know they may be eligible to participate in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) assistance program.

Persons from families with adult members who are furloughed shall be eligible based on income during the period of unemployment if the loss of income causes the current rate of family income to be within the income guidelines for program eligibility (paste the following into your Web browser) (<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/wic/Pages/wic-eligible.aspx>). On a brighter note, our chapter has been doing well with attendance and with our guest speaker program. Last month we had Mr. Terry Reinhart enlightened us on the new federal and state income tax laws.

The Maryland Federation of NARFE will conduct its 44 th Biennial Conference Sunday evening, May 5 through Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842. Phone number is 410-289-1100. Hotel Reservations must be made by April 4, 2019. Attendees call the hotel directly to make reservations. The cost per night is \$98.35 (including tax). Banquet and Registration are as follows: Reservation for the Conference fee is \$50.00 per person. This includes two lunches (Monday and Tuesday) and two breakfasts (Monday and Tuesday). Checks must be made payable to: Maryland Federation of NARFE. Single day registrants may send \$25.00, but must specify which day they will attend.

Reservations for the Installation Banquet - Monday evening, May 6. Banquet tickets are \$45.00 per person made payable to Maryland Federation of NARFE. Single day registrants may send \$25.00, but must specify which day they will attend.

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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’s Corner continued:

All attendees must submit checks made payable to Maryland Federation of NARFE, to William Guthrie, Chapter President, 301 Aden Court, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 20774, by March 21, 2019, including full name, e-mail address, and phone number. If you have special medical diet needs, please specify. (Please print all information legibly (or type). Checks received without the required accompanying information will be returned unless contact can be made to clarify missing or incomplete information.

Last, but not least, we are still in need of a Recording Secretary, and Entertainment Chair. Will you step up and volunteer for these important positions?

Chapter Calendar of Events

All speaker reservations are to go through the VP first.

March 21, 2019 – Dr. Gary Roundtree, President of Maryland NARFE Federation and Dr. Sudha Haley, Maryland NARFE Federation 1st Vice-President and Legislative Director are guest speakers.

April 21, 2019 – Sheila Cheeks of Edward Jones Investment Company to speak on lucrative opportunities and benefits for investing in the stock market for seniors.

Obtaining the NARFE Hotline

This weekly legislative message is emailed to NARFE members, posted on the NARFE website and available to NARFE members via telephone by calling 703-838-7780 and toll-free at 877-217-8234. Past editions are archived online for NARFE member access. If you have any questions regarding the information in this hotline, please email NARFE’s legislative department at leg@narfe.org or call 703-838-7760.

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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 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

Vice President

Brenda Hill-Johnson

NARFE representatives voiced their support at the General Assembly’s Ways & Means Committed on February 13, 2019 for House Bill 327. While it was determined that the HB 327 is not the best solution but it’s going in the right direction to rectify a 2017 bill coupling the federal and state tax returns together. HB 327 would decouple and enable Maryland tax payer's to choose how they want to file their taxes to best benefit their position(s). You could itemize your federal and not have to for State return. Brenda Hill-Johnson, VP of Chapter 1260 was in attendance and many more from area chapters. Speakers for NARFE were: Paul Schwartz and Edward Holland.

Service Officer

Mary Scruggs

NARFE PAC would like to receive funds (contributions) from its members. The funds are used to lobby congressional leaders to protect our earned benefits and pay for Active employees and retired annuities. Contact your Maryland Delegates to let them know that you would like to receive better tax relief.

Sick and Vigil

Diane Hostetler

Get well cards sent to: Bob Duffitt, Marilyn Hughes and Cynthia Staples.

Entertainment

Vacant

Join us for our annual Elk Luncheon on June 20, 2019 from 11:00am to 2pm at 7350 Temple Hill Road, Temple Hills Maryland. **Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, fish, corn on cob, salad, beans, Cole slaw; ice cream and cake; coffee, ice tea and lemonade. **The cost is \$20.00 per person, due by June 10, 2019.****

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE WITH US!!

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Annual Elk Luncheon Celebration June 20, 2019 Temple Hills Elk Lodge 11am to 2pm

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Cost: \$20.00 per person Amount enclosed @ \$20.00 each: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

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

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