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From the President's Desk by Edward Holland

Hopefully you know to set your clock forward one hour on Sunday, March 10. As the Maryland Federation Public Relations Officer, I do my level best to keep you and the other chapters informed on important matters via email. Having said that, I'm hoping that many of you will be able to join Paul Schwartz in Annapolis to support the decoupling of our taxes. This decoupling measure is being captured under SB 906. SB 906 will be heard in the Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee. Since the NARFE MD Federation is reaching out to members, NARFE MD President Dr. Gary Roundtree has approved the reimbursement of parking and a shuttle bus ride in Annapolis on March 13, 2019. On March 13, I will not be able to join you. As a NARFE Federal Legislative Liaison, I will be meeting with

Congressman Anthony Brown on March 13.

YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU! I hope you are zeroing in on this. We need a new treasurer for our chapter. At our February 21 meeting, Treasurer Richard Campbell stated that he will be stepping down from the position at the April 18 meeting. In advance, I thank him for his years of service. At the February 21 meeting, many members didn't have a problem with my wife—Melanie—serving as our treasurer. Also, it was suggested that I could legally serve as both president and treasurer. Sounds good to you? I hope not. So, if you don't want your chapter to be a family enterprise, do step up to be our next treasurer. Otherwise, no complaints if the Hollands have a lock on the chapter. Please call me if you have questions about the treasurer's duties.

For the May 2019 Biennial Conference in Ocean City, the chapter will cover your registration fee. I understand from the Maryland Federation Program Chair that you will be treated to a wonderful lineup of speakers. One more thing. If you are interested in serving on any of the chapter's committees, please let me know.

Stay safe,

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West Library will be Charles County Administrative Judge Amy Bragunier. Judge Bragunier has administrative oversight over the Circuit and District Courts in Charles County.

The Guest Speaker on April 18, 1:00 pm at Waldorf West Library will be Charles County Commissioner President Reuben Collins. Commissioner Collins said that he looks forward to bringing us up to speed on County issues.

Sunshine by Loretta Ralph

A note of cheer was sent to Carol O'Kelly. Hope to see her at our next meeting.



Please call me if you know of anyone who is ill.

Program by Mary Teufel

The Guest Speaker on March 21, 1:00 pm at the Waldorf

Treasurer Report by Richard Campbell

February, 2019

Beginning..... \$3111.63

Membership by Bill Roman

Membership Notes for March /April

Since our last Newsletter, we've gained one new member, Tiffany Daniel, and another thru transfer into the Chapter, Thomas Hill. Hope you can make it to an upcoming meeting. I also hope that everyone has come thru the rather peculiar winter without problems.

While we have speakers lined up for the next several meetings, we always welcome suggestions for topics and speakers who will be of interest to those in attendance, so please let Mary Teufel or any of the officers know.

Although the recent Federal government shutdown hopefully didn't have any serious impact upon our membership, it should serve as a wake-up for all of us to monitor what is taking place on the national and state levels concerning both current and retired Feds.

Mary Gaskins won the 50/50 drawing.



Notice!

Our next meeting will be at the Waldorf West Library at 1:00 pm on Thursday March 21, 2019.

The April meeting will be at the Waldorf West Library on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm.



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 Expense.....\$123.37
 Ending total.....\$3123.99

February 12, 2019

Legislation
 by John Koper

Paul Schwartz, Ed Holland, and others spoke at the recent session of the legislature on HB 327 allowing itemization on state tax returns even if claiming standard on federal returns.Excerpts from their statements are posted on our chapter Facebook page. Many states

have adopted the change.

LEGcon 19 is coming up next month at the Mark Hilton in Alexandria. NARFE's legislative priorities for this session of Congress will be featured.

The NARFE Benefits Institute is conducting two webinars in March.07 March, the TSP and You; 21 March, Optimizing Your Social Security Benefits.

Don't forget to adjust your tax withholding for CY 2019 if necessary to avoid under withholding this year.

Check out the Federation Facebook presence at:
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