



NARFE

Calvert County Chapter 1466

April 2019

Membership Meeting

Apr 18th 1:00 pm

Nutrition for Seniors

@Southern Pines
Senior Center

Lunch 1130 @ Salsa
Mexican, Lusby

Executive Board Meeting

Apr 22th 10:30 am

@Southern Pines
Community Center

Future Member Meeting

May 16th 1:00 pm

@Calvert Pines
Senior Center
Prince Frederick

**Active and Retired
Federal Employees
are invited!
Come to a Local
Chapter Meeting!**

Change of Address?
Winter Address?
Email Newsletter?
Membership?
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Maryland Legislative Update *Shelly Ziman*

Medical Aid-in-dying Bill, aka Death with Dignity, aka End of Life Option Act

The Maryland legislation was modeled after an Oregon law that applied to terminally ill patients whose doctors say they have six months or less to live. Patients would have to make three requests to end their lives, both oral and in writing. Similar statutes have been enacted in DC, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington. In DC, at least two terminally ill patients have legally ended their lives since their law took effect in 2017. Maryland residents are not eligible to use the DC law.

The Maryland bill, with 60 cosponsors, failed after the House of Delegates voted 74-66 in favor while the Senate deadlocked 23-23. Many Catholic and African American lawmakers voted against the bill. In contrast, according to a 2016 *Purple Strategies* poll, 65 percent of Maryland voters support medical aid in dying, including a majority of African-Americans (59%), Republicans (56%), Catholics (53%), and a plurality of voters who attend religious services weekly (46%). The Catholic Church opposed the bill.

Advocates claimed that the detailed requirements of the bill imposed so many roadblocks that few, if any, doctors or patients would likely opt to take advantage of an associated law.

The bill, if passed, would have given mentally capable, terminally ill adults with six months or less to live the option to get a doctor's prescription for medication they can take if their suffering becomes unbearable, so they can die peacefully in their sleep. The bill was supported by the United Seniors of Maryland and a host of other organizations, citing the importance to end needless suffering.

Sources: The Washington Post, MD.gov

Chapter 1466 Officer Elections

Every two years the chapter (bylaws) needs members to step forward and to hold lead positions in our chapter. We need volunteers for President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Officer terms are for two full years beginning in June. All the 'olde hands' are

available to guide and help you lead in your new position. There are also several committees which need volunteers. Please consider becoming a more active member of the chapter.

Contact Nominating Committee (Max Munger 410-353-1150) to volunteer or to nominate another member for an office this year. Floor nominations and elections will be held at the May meeting with installation at the June picnic.

Annual Member Picnic

The chapter will once again meet June 20th at the Cove Point Park near Lusby, under the pavilion to enjoy good company, good food and installation of new chapter officers.

Bring a friend, a dish, salad or dessert to share. Table settings, fried chicken and soft drinks are arranged by the Executive Board.

Bay Chapter Closing

Our sister chapter in southern Ann Arundel county is closing its doors and merging with the Annapolis MD chapter. This newsletter is being sent to those Bay Chapter members who choose to move south into our Calvert County Chapter 1466. The Executive Board welcomes any and all to join us immediately in all of our meetings and at the upcoming picnic.



(Thanks to Shelly Ziman for the great cartoons!)

Upcoming events

- May PF - A representative from Rep Michael Jackson's office.
Chapter elections!
- May 2019 MD Federation Convention, Ocean City MD
- Jun Cove Point Park, Lusby – Chapter Picnic!
- JULY, AUGUST no meetings

PRINCE FREDERICK COALITION - The next meeting of the Coalition for Development of Prince Frederick is scheduled for **June 3rd** at the Calvert Library in Prince Frederick. Please contact Shelly for an update.

WANTED: Volunteer for Sergeant at Arms!

WANTED: Nominations for all Chapter offices!

Treasurers Report

Bob Oszejca

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Newsletter	(46.11)	
NARFE Dues	44.98	
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Chapter 1466 Meetings

Chapter meetings are on the third Thursday of each month (except July and August). A short business meeting follows our special program or guest speaker. Executive Board meetings are the fourth Monday. Active and retired federal employees, non-members, spouses and guests are always invited.

(See page 1 for actual meeting dates and locations)

Chapter Lunches and Meetings are canceled ONLY WHEN Calvert County Government is closed.

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About NARFE

Since 1921, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association is the only organization exclusively devoted to protecting the earned benefits of active and retired Civil Service employees and their annuitants and survivors. Membership is open to civilians in any agency of the Federal government, including retirees, current employees, spouses of current employees or retirees, and survivors of those eligible to join NARFE.

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