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### Message from the President

We had a great meeting in May; our speaker was Ms. Ann Bennett, from the Laurel Historical Society. She spoke on the history of medical facilities and doctors in the Laurel area and the current exhibit being displayed at the Laurel Museum titled "Is There A Doctor In The House." Ms. Bennett talked about 200 years of Laurel's doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, hospitals, and medicines.

The museum is located at 817 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707, and this free exhibit is on display through December 2019. It was an excellent presentation. I encourage you to visit the museum to see this exhibit and learn about this facet of Laurel's history. The museum is opened Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m., and Wednesday/Friday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m, and did I say admission is free!

It's time for us to nominate chapter members to hold the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Patricia Farmer will accept your nominations which should be in before our next meeting (June 6, 2019). Please be sure to discuss your nomination(s) with the candidate(s) and have their approval. You may nominate yourself. Our lunch will be held at our June meeting. The cost is \$16.00, so please bring that with you if you have not already paid. Our local politicians will be our guest speakers. I look forward to seeing each of you at our June 6, 2019 meeting.

**Samuel J Raines, Sr.**  
President

## **NARFE Chapter Speakers for June's Meeting - Sara Walser, Program Officer**

The June 2019 Laurel Chapter 422 luncheon meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel. Various State Senators and Delegates are expected to attend as guest speakers to give a wrap-up of the recent legislative session in Annapolis.

Note: The cost of the June 5 luncheon is \$16. The menu is: Shrimp Salad, Homemade Chicken Salad with Green Grapes, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls and Butter, Hot Coffee, Unsweetened Tea, Water and Fruit Pie with Vanilla Ice Cream. To make a reservation, send your check made out to NARFE Laurel Chapter 422 to our Treasurer, Stewart Saphier, at 2901 Friendlywood Road, Burtonsville, MD 20866-1856.

## **Maryland Federation of NARFE - Patricia Farmer, Secretary, NARFE/MD**

We had a very successful Maryland Federation of NARFE 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, May 5-7, 2019 at the Dunes Manor Hotel, in Ocean City, Md. The 95 people who attended this informational and educational conference enjoyed great speakers, workshops, exhibitors, raffles, door prizes, accommodations, food and entertainment.

Among the many speakers were Peter Franchot, Comptroller of Maryland; John Wobensmith, Maryland Secretary of State; Jeffrey David Cox Sr., AFGE National President; Barbara Sido, NARFE Executive Director; James Marshall on NARFE's Federal Benefits Institute; and Senior Special Agent Cara Rose, of Homeland Security Investigations, on Human Trafficking.

NARFE/MD officers installed for 2019 to 2021 are: President Dr. Gary Roundtree Sr.; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dr. Sudha Haley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Edward Reed; Secretary Patricia Farmer; and Treasurer Dick Strombotne. They were elected by the One Member One Vote process.

The next NARFE/MD Biennial Conference will be in 2021. I hope you can join us then.

## **NARFE LEGISLATION MATTERS – Ed Zipeto, Legislative Issues**

Want to learn more about how to become a liaison between NARFE and your legislator or district or state? Check out the "Federation Leader, Congressional District Leader and Senatorial Leader Guide," now available on NARFE's Advocacy webpage.

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

This report reflects our membership as of April 30, 2019. There were 215 members; one member passed away, Betty Stewart; one member was reinstated, Jerry F. Pelch; two members were dropped for non-payment of dues; four members were sent second notices to pay their dues; and we heard from eight new prospective members.

## **SUNSHINE REPORT – Theresa Murray**

The Chapter sent the following cards: Get Well to members Dave Walser (Chapter 1st VP/Membership Officer) and Blackie Blackstock (Chapter NARFE Net Coordinator), both Laurel; Thinking of You to member Bill Stoner, Laurel, (Chapter Newsletter Editor) whose brother Jim is losing his battle with pancreatic cancer; and Sympathy to member Sandy Stoner (Bill Stoner's wife) whose mother, Betty Horn, recently passed away and to the family of member Betty Stewart, Laurel, who recently passed away.

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

As of May 1, 2019 our Chapter has \$2,852.40 in the Treasury, which includes \$66 in the Alzheimer's fund.

## **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. We will not have newsletters for July and August. Submissions from the Board for the September 2019 newsletter are requested by August 12, 2019.

## **Open Positions in our Chapter**

We still need Chapter Members to step up and consider filling one of the two open positions in our Chapter. Positions include the Service Officer and the Point of Contact (POC) for Active Federal Employees. We'll run this ad until we get the positions filled.

## **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. The address is 7120 Contee Road. Office hours are 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. Member Darryl Mahoney currently mans the desk on Tuesdays. 1<sup>st</sup> VP David Walser mans the desk every Wednesday except on the chapter meeting day. Our newsletter editor, Bill Stoner, mans the desk every Thursday. 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.**

***Don't forget when purchasing postage stamps to please buy ALZHEIMER'S FOREVER STAMPS.***

***Just so you know, before we go, this is the last issue until after the summer. The next issue will be for September 2019. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for our next newsletter by August 12. Just send them to me, Bill Stoner, Newsletter Editor, at my email address shown below.***

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