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### Message from the President

Greetings to all. I trust everyone had a safe, fun-filled summer/ vacation. For those who missed our June luncheon meeting, our speakers were our political representatives. We had a very lively discussion on Maryland State laws passed and not passed. We also had a visitor from Myrtle Beach, S.C. NARFE Chapter, Ms. Dorothy McCawley. Also, Ms. Julia A. Wright, from CareFirst presented a "Distinguished Annuitant Award" to our own William (Bill) J. Stoner, Sr., not only for his many contributions to our chapter, but also for his more than thirty (30) years of service to the greater Laurel community as founder and director of the Greater Laurel Literacy Center, Inc. (GLLC). GLLC is an all-volunteer 501c3 (nonprofit) adult literacy program serving the community. Hats off to you Bill and keep up the good work.

At our September 4 chapter meeting, our speaker from the City of Laurel Senior Division did not show. So, we had a back-up plan. We went around the room and each attendee talked about what they did this summer. It turned out well. We learned about members as well as the two new people in attendance, Dennis Seibel and David Outland. I hope to see you at our Oct. 2 meeting.

**Samuel J Raines, Sr.**  
President

***Don't forget when purchasing postage stamps to please buy ALZHEIMER'S FOREVER STAMPS, which are still being offered by the USPS.***

**NARFE Chapter Speaker for October 2019 Meeting - Sara Walser, Program Officer**

The October Laurel Chapter 422 meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 1 p.m. at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel. Our guest speaker in October will be Fabio Lomelino, LCPC (Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor) and Facilitator. His topic is "The Importance of Staying Involved and Not Isolating as We Go."

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**NARFE Laurel Chapter 422: 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule  
at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center**

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**NARFE LAUREL CHAPTER 422 MEETINGS – First Wednesday of Month**

**2019**

Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019, luncheon 11:30 a.m.

**2020**

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 1 p.m. (\*New Year's Day is first Wednesday)  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 3, 2020, luncheon 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 2, 2020, luncheon 11:30 a.m.

**NARFE Laurel Chapter 422 Board Meetings: Third Friday, every other month:**

Friday, August 16, 2019, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (\*NOTE: change in time for Board Meetings)  
Friday, September 20, 2019, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Friday, November 15, 2019, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Friday, January 17, 2020, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Friday, March 20, 2020, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Friday, May 15, 2020, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Friday, August 21, 2020, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

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

Our membership as of August 31, 2019 was 212 members. During our summer break, from June to August 2019, there were no other membership activities to report.

## **SUNSHINE REPORT – Theresa Murray**

The Chapter sent the following cards: Sympathy to member Bill Stoner, Laurel, (Chapter Newsletter Editor) whose brother Jim lost his battle with pancreatic cancer; Get Well to members Bob Ridgway and Elizabeth Otte, both Silver Spring, and Sara Walser, Laurel, (Chapter Program and Public Relations Officer); and Thinking of You to members Blackie Blackstock, Laurel, and Bob Ridgway.

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

As of September 4, 2019, our treasury held \$2,881.00 of which \$94 is for 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. Submissions from the Board for the October 2019 newsletter are requested by 9-11-19.

## **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.

## **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.**

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