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### Message from the President

We had a very good November meeting. Our speaker was Ms. Gina Wade, Director of Senior Services for the City of Laurel Department of Parks and Recreation Division. Ms. Wade stated they provide recreational leisure opportunities at multiple locations within the City Of Laurel; they are there to serve seniors fifty-five and older, as well as disabled adults. You can call 301-776-6168 with your questions and to receive more information.

In addition to Ms. Wade, Ms. Julia A. Wright from CareFirst was there to give us the insurance information for open season, which started November 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 7<sup>th</sup>. She also provided several handouts explaining the different insurance options. If you missed the meeting, you can stop by the office and get several handouts with the information.

Our December meeting is our "Holiday Luncheon" meeting. We will be entertained again this year by Al Roda's Music. Time is moving fast. If you have not signed up please do so quickly so we can get a good count. The cost is \$16.00. Please make your checks payable to NARFE Chapter 422 and mail to Stewart H. Saphier 2901 Friendlywood Way, Burtonsville, MD 20866. I look forward to seeing everyone there enjoying both the entertainment and the food on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

**FRAUD ALERT:** I have received several calls from our members stating they have receive emails from me asking for money and bills to be paid. Please disregard these emails or phone calls from people stating they are representing me requesting money or personal information. It is a **SCAM** so **please delete any that come your way.**

**Samuel J Raines, Sr.**  
**President**

## **From Secretary, Maryland Federation of NARFE & Chapter 422, Pat Farmer**

### **Upcoming Maryland Federation Board Meeting**

NARFE Laurel Chapter 422 had good attendance at the Maryland Federation's Training Day on Oct. 31 in Bowie. Overall, there were 100 people in attendance; the speakers and workshops were very interesting and helpful.

The next Federation meeting is the Board Meeting on Feb. 7, 2020 at the Bowie Comfort Inn and Conference Center, Bowie, Md. Mark your calendars. The Call to this Board Meeting won't go out until Dec. 27, so we don't have details on a keynote speaker or the agenda for the day. Our President Sam Raines will get the Call and share it withal of us, so that you can make plans to attend. You can learn a lot about NARFE by attending these meetings.

Watch for the Maryland Federation Winter Newsletter due out mid-December. Keep up with what's going on at the Federation level. I will be sending the newsletter by email to all Federation members who have provided an email address to NARFE.

Happy Holidays to all!

### **NARFE Speaker for December 2019 Meeting - Sara Walser, Program Officer**

The December meeting will feature a delicious holiday meal and toe-tapping holiday music from Al Roda who has provided our entertainment in the past. In addition to the sing-along, Al will challenge us to guess the answers to his holiday trivia questions.

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

*Please refer to the membership report included in last month's newsletter.*

Don't forget that for each new member you recruit between now and December 31, 2019, you will receive the following incentives: \$10 from NARFE HQ, \$10 from NARFE/MD, and \$5 from Laurel Chapter 422.

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

The Chapter treasury has \$3,120.36, including \$123 in the Alzheimer's fund.

### **NET COORDINATOR REPORT – Howard Gordon**

The November Newsletter was mailed to 223 members of Chapter 422 of which 2 were incorrect or not used anymore, the Newsletter was sent to 47 Federation officers and presidents of other Maryland chapters, and also sent to 37 legislators of the State of Maryland.

## **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 December 2019 newsletter are requested as soon as possible.

## **HELP WANTED!**

NARFE Chapter 422 maintains an office in the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center located at 7120 Contee Road, next to the Laurel Regional Hospital. Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from Noon to 3 p.m. We need **volunteers** to help man this desk one or two days a month to help relieve the current volunteers who each now cover a given day every week. Member Darryl Mahoney mans the desk on Tuesdays. 1<sup>st</sup> VP David Walser mans the desk every Wednesday except on the chapter meeting day, and 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.**

## **NARFE Laurel Chapter 422 - 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

#### **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, 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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