

## **NARFE LAUREL CHAPTER 422 – MARCH 2020 INFORMATIONAL MESSAGE**

Since we don't have a newsletter, we are sending this informational message for **March** to provide you with the **March meeting information and committee reports**.

**LOOKING FOR NEW CHAPTER 422 NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Chapter 422 needs a Volunteer to serve as our newsletter editor. Communication with our members is very important to us. There is a newsletter template to work from. The editor sets the deadline for inputs for the newsletter from Chapter officers and chairs of committees and asks those contributors to review the newsletter before publication. The newsletter is sent by our NARFE Net Coordinator Flash Gordon to members who have provided an email address. If you aren't receiving the chapter newsletter and would like to, please let Flash Gordon know and provide him your email address. If you have any questions about the newsletter duties and/or want to take over this vital service to our members, please contact Chapter President Sam Raines at [sjraines@comcast.net](mailto:sjraines@comcast.net).

**MARCH MEETING AND PROGRAM INFORMATION** from Program Officer Sara Walser: The March 2020 Chapter 422 meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at 1 p.m. at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, 20707. The March meeting will feature a representative from the Foundation for Financial Education who will speak on the topic of planning for aspects of long term care.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** from David Walser: No new data re membership. Dave reports that he can call up the membership data at HQS, but it has not been updated since June 1, 2019.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** from Treasurer Stewart Saphier: There is \$2,884.90 in the treasury, including \$26 in the Alzheimer's fund.

**NARFE NET COORDINATOR REPORT** from Howard "Flash" Gordon: This month I will be emailing the chapter's monthly report to 220 addresses. This is strange since as of yesterday, we have only 188 members. I will also send it to 45 Maryland chapter and federation officers and 37 state legislators. I thought it would be interesting to find where our members live. This is what I learned as of February 7, 2020: 171 live in Maryland, 4 North Carolina, 2 Florida, 2 Delaware, 2 Pennsylvania, 2 South Carolina, 2 Virginia, 1 Alabama, 1 Arizona, 1 Georgia, 1 Massachusetts, 1 Tennessee, 1 Washington. Quite a widely spread out group of members. My old chapter 1747 had a member living in the Philippines.

**SUNSHINE REPORT** from Point of Contact Theresa Murray: The Chapter sent the following cards: Get Well to longtime member Elizabeth Murphy, Laurel; Sympathy to the families of members William (Bill) Stoner, Laurel, who was the Chapter's Newsletter Editor until December and also volunteered weekly in the NARFE office; and Clarence (Blackie) Blackstock, Laurel, who held positions such as Chapter President, Bylaws Chair, Nominating Chair and most recently NARFE NET Coordinator.