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THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (NARFE) Southern Prince George's County, **Chapter 1260** will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6907 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, Maryland (Oxon Hill Jaycees), starting at 1 PM. Our next scheduled board meeting will also be on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Oxon Hill Jaycees location, starting at 11:30 AM.**

President's Corner

William Guthrie

Hello again 1260 members. The 2020 census will begin April 1. Prince George's County has lost thousands of dollars in the past because some residents did not participate or were not counted in the last census. Each person not counted loses the County \$18,000. So, you can see that It is very important that each person residing in Prince George's County be counted in this year's census. There is also a need for census takers who will be paid for their efforts. If interested, contact a census worker for more details.

Chapter 1260's anniversary is April 23. We were chartered April 23, 1973 (47 years young). The Executive Committee has agreed to have a cake and other goodies in celebration of our 47th anniversary at our April 16th meeting. The celebration will be immediately after our general meeting.

I have asked the Delegates'-at-Large (Diane and Pearl) to form a Nominating Committee for the purposes of selecting candidates for our April 2020 elections. I'm also asking each member to start thinking of running for one of the elected offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Correspondence Secretary. All offices are open. All non-elected offices will be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Executive Committee. The chapter must have a President and Treasurer to function. If these two positions are not filled the chapter will be terminated. **Any volunteers? If no volunteers for these two critical positions, the following will not apply.**

FedCon2020 – August 30 – September 1, 2020. Who wants to go? If the chapter is still in existence, the Chapter will provide \$600.00 plus registration fee to the attendee who goes in place of the Chapter President. FedCon2020 will be in Scottsdale, AZ, at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa. All other expenses will be on your own. Whoever goes should bring back a summarized report of what went on to enlighten the chapter. Early Bird registration starts February 3 – March 31; members \$165; non-members \$230; Day \$120. Regular registration: April 1 – September 1: members \$190; non-members \$250; Day \$120. On-Site August 30 – September 1: members \$220; non-members \$285; Day \$120.

Federation Board Meeting and Mini-Conference, Bowie, MD., May 4 – 5, 2020. Deadline to register is April 25, \$20.00 per day except for the President, or those attending in his/her absence. If interested give your name and email address to the President or Vice-President.

We need a recording secretary – immediately, or someone to transcribe minutes from a recorder after each meeting. Without either of these volunteers, we will no longer be able to recite the dialogues from previous Executive or general meetings. Please contact the president, or a member of the Executive Committee if interested.

President's Corner continued:

One of the facts reported at the Maryland Federation board meeting was that Fort Meade (Maryland) is the 2nd largest employer in the state of Maryland with a payroll of over 22 billion per year. And that it is the 5th largest military installation in the United States. Also, our national headquarters (NARFE) is in serious financial problems because of declining membership.

National is currently being audited because of numerous complaints about its financial problems and its inability to send money on a timely basis to NARFE federations and chapters. In spite of the financial problems it may be facing, National will celebrate its 100th birthday with a Gala at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill on June 21, 2020.

NARFE-PAC established ambitious goals for the 2019-2020 election cycle; progress made (**in bold**):

Raise \$1,750.00: **\$1,043,182.13**

Grow monthly giving program (sustainer program) by 20%: **17%**

NARFE-PAC Disbursements: From January through December 2019, NARFE-PAC disbursed \$616,000 for political purposes, including \$336,000 to candidates, \$120,000 to non-candidate committees and \$160,000 to leadership PACs. These numbers show an increase of \$149,500 in disbursements when compared to the fourth quarter of the 2017-2018 cycle, at which time NARFE-PAC disbursed \$366,500. Don't forget to make your contribution into our PAC basket.

If you move be sure to notify our Membership Chair, Felice Gant, gantfalt@gmail.com, so that your newsletter can continue, and contact NARFE records at 1-800-456-8410, press 1.

NARFE Chapter 1260

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Thanks to all who have donated goodies and sweets or money. We still need people to sign up for future meetings. See me at the hospitality table for monetary and/or sweet donations.

ALZHEIMER Diane Hostetler

The Alzheimer's basket will be on the table where you sign in at the next meeting. You can write a check or put in cash in whatever way you choose. If you wish to write a check please make it out as follows: TO LINE: Alzheimer Research/NARFE, and on the MEMO LINE: NARFE Chapter 1260.

In the state of Maryland there are over 100,000 persons with Alzheimer. This disease is the only disease in the top 10 killers without a way to prevent it, cure it or even slow its progression. Please consider donating.

For the Good of the Chapter

Chapter Calendar of Events

Keynote Speaker for January 16, 2020 will be Mr. Terry Reinhart, CPA.

Keynote Speaker for February 20, 2020 will be Ms. Mae Wood, F3E

Keynote Speaker for March 19, 2020 will be Ms. Sheila Cheeks, Securities

Keynote Speaker for April 16, 2020 will be State's Attorney Aisha N. Braveboy, Scams

Keynote speaker for May 21, 2020 Mr. Daniel Jones, US Census Bureau, TBD

Vice President

Brenda Hill-Johnson

Chapter 1260 is slowly growly – one (1) new member consecutively for two months straight.

We must remain vigilant in bringing new members. Another expected in March!

Mark your calendars. **The Presidential Primary Early Voting Election** dates are Thursday, April 16, 2020 to Thursday, April 23, 2020 and Polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. **The Presidential General Early Voting Election** dates are October 22, 2020 to October 29, 2020.

Presidential Primary Election Day – Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Presidential General: Election Day – Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Chapter 1260 News Flash:

Looking for something to occupy your time? We still need the following positions filled for our Chapter. Please consider filling one of these positions.

Recording Secretary

Chaplin

Sargent-at-Arms

Entertainment

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