

*National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association*  
Western Montgomery County Chapter 258 - Chartered November 10, 1953  
*The largest NARFE Chapter in the country!*

March 2020

## Our Next Chapter Meeting – And Upcoming Events

**Our Friday, March 13th Chapter meeting** will be at the Mykonos Grill, 121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, MD; members who wish to come for lunch may arrive at 11:30 a.m., with the meal being served at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$25.00 per person, payable either in cash, or checks made out to “Mykonos Grill” (please, no credit cards). Those who do not wish to come for lunch may arrive at 1:00 p.m. **Our speaker will be Mr. Walter Houser, a member of our Chapter 258, who will speak on “Cyber Security and You.”**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If Montgomery County Public Schools either have a delayed opening or are closed due to inclement weather on the day of either our **Chapter Board meeting OR our Chapter membership meeting**, that meeting will be cancelled.

**Chapter Executive Board meeting Monday, March 9th,** Ledo’s Pizza, 10300 Westlake Drive, Bethesda, MD, 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 13th, Chapter meeting** will be at the Mykonos Grill 121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, MD.

**Chapter Executive Board meeting Monday, April 6th,** Ledo’s Pizza, 10300 Westlake Drive, Bethesda, MD, 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, April 10th, Chapter meeting** will be at the Mykonos Grill 121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, MD.

**Monday, April 20th,** Registration Deadline for MD Federation 2020 Mini-Conference.

**Chapter Executive Board Meeting, Friday, May 4th,** Ledo’s Pizza, 10300 Westlake Drive, Bethesda, MD, 10:00 a.m.

**NARFE MD Federation 2020 Mini-Conference, May 4th and 5th,** Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD.

**Friday, May 8th, Chapter meeting** will be at the Mykonos Grill 121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, MD.

**PLEASE !! If you have a “winter” address, have a change of your local address or your E-mail address, or haven’t provided us with your E-mail address – please advise the NARFE Headquarters Member Records at 1-800-456-8410. Thanks !**

## PRESIDENT’S CORNER

*Lois Ann Beaver, President*

At the very interesting Chapter 258 Meeting on February 14, Montgomery County Councilman Andrew Friedson provided insight on numerous programs focused on improving quality of life. To mention a few: funds for affordable housing, road resurfacing, increases in the budget for senior home care, assisted living, home-sharing, design-for-life accessible homes, and park restoration.

**The Friday, March 13, 2020 Chapter 258 Meeting**, will be at Mykonos Grill at 11:30am. A presentation will be given by Chapter member and retired federal cybersecurity project manager, Walt Houser, who will explain the internet threats all of us face and how to protect ourselves.

## INFORMATION FROM NARFE HEADQUARTERS

--A Mini-Conference-Federation Board Meeting is scheduled for May 4 & 5, 2020 at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center in Bowie, MD. Chapter officers and members are encouraged to attend. Details will be available at the Chapter meeting at Mykonos on March 13.

--NARFE’s Premier National Conference, FEDcon20, takes place Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, 2020 at Scottsdale, AZ. See [www.narfe.org/fedcon20](http://www.narfe.org/fedcon20) for details.

**For members making a permanent move**, please provide your new address to NARFE, either at 606 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, call Member Records at (1-800-456-8410), or login to the NARFE website ([www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org)). On the left side of the page under What You Can Do Online click on Update My Record to access this section; you will need a password.

## NARFE’S MARYLAND FEDERATION

*Larry Lange, Treasurer*

All the NARFE Chapters in any given state comprise that state’s Federation of Chapters. NARFE’s Maryland Federation currently has 26 chapters. The Maryland Federation meets three times each year: in February; in May, either at a two-day mini-conference (in even numbered years - this year’s mini-conference will be May 4th and 5th at the Bowie Comfort Inn), or at a two-day Biennial

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Conference, usually held in Ocean City, Maryland (in odd-numbered years - the 2021 Biennial Conference will be May 2nd through the 4th); and a meeting in early October.

The Maryland Federation meetings in February and October are held at the Comfort Inn in Bowie, Maryland – they are an all-day meeting, from 9:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided; a \$20.00 registration/lunch fee will be paid by our Chapter 258 for Chapter members who wish to attend; attendees from our Chapter usually car pool.

At each meeting reports are given by Federation Officers, which include reports by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Legislative Committees (Federal Legislative Committee, State Legislative Committee, and NARFE-PAC and MD/PAC). There is usually a speaker in the morning, and a speaker after lunch.

The speakers at the February 7th MD Federation meeting were Major General Omar Jones IV, Commander of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the Joint Force Headquarters of the National Capitol Region, and Congressman David Trone, from Maryland's 6th District.

At this meeting the attendees learned that, after two years of Chapters not being assessed the per-capita MD Federation dues (50 cents per Chapter member), this fee will be re-instated in 2020 (for our Chapter 258 this fee will be \$390.00). Kathy Adams, NARFE's Region II Vice President, announced a Region II Training Session will be in York, PA June 1st and 2nd (\$99.00 to register; hotel room [for the night of June 1st] will be \$90.00 plus taxes). More information on this training will be included in upcoming BUZZ issues. Kathy also gave some early details on National NARFE's Centennial Celebration, which will be at the Regency Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, DC June 21st through the 23rd, 2021.

As Federation Chaplain, at the beginning of each Federation meeting I give a short invocation, and at the close of each meeting a short benediction. At the February 7th meeting, after the invocation, I offered a few words "in memoriam" for each of two long-time Federation Board members who recently passed away: John Stackpole, who had been the Federation's Parliamentarian for many years, and Jeanette Green, who had been the Federation's Secretary also for many years (Jeanette's successor, Pat Farmer, is doing an excellent job in that position; Sam Raines, president of NARFE Laurel Chapter 422, has been appointed, by Federation President Dr. Gary Roundtree, as the new MD Federation Parliamentarian).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Lange, Treasurer

### Chapter 258, Funds Summary, February 10, 2020

Checking Account balance, 1/7/20	\$ 13,071.25
Receipts, 1/7/20 - 2/10/20	\$ 596.97
Expenses, 1/7/20 - 2/10/20	\$ 1,253.98
Checking Account balance, 2/10/20	\$ 12,414.24
Working Capital/Total Chapter assets	\$ 12,414.24

## THE 2020 CENSUS

Larry Lange, Treasurer

The 24th U.S. National Census is planned for April 1, 2020. Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the Census has been taken every ten years since 1790. It is very important that all persons in America be accurately counted: the Census is used for re-apportioning Congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in Federal funds annually to support states, counties, and communities' vital programs.

Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will go out in the mail in mid-March. There are three ways one may respond to the Census: online, by phone, or by mail. The website <https://2020census.gov> is a great source of information on the Census.

At the February 7th meeting of NARFE's Maryland Federation, it was stressed not only how important the upcoming National Census is, but that, historically, senior citizens often are under-counted. Please – make sure you timely respond to the 2020 Census.

**All pictures were taken by Judy Mazza**



At the February 14th Chapter membership meeting, (L to R):  
Connie Price, Chapter 2nd VP; Allan Kam, Chapter 1st VP;  
Lois Ann Beaver, Chapter President; and Larry Lange,  
Chapter Treasurer

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Lois Ann Beaver, President of Chapter 258, and Andrew Friedson, District 1 Montgomery County Councilman, who was our speaker at the February 14th Chapter membership meeting



Gordon Brown begins our February 14th Chapter membership meeting by leading attendees in the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner"



(L to R): Chapter 258 President Lois Ann Beaver; Montgomery County Councilman Andrew Friedson; and Chapter 258 member Judy Welles, as Judy autographs a copy of her book, Cabin John, that she presented to Mr. Friedson in appreciation of him being the speaker at our February 14th Chapter membership meeting



Larry Lange, Chapter Treasurer, and Connie Price, Chapter 2nd VP, who greet and sign in attendees at each Chapter 258 membership meeting at the Mykonos Grill

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