

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
Western Montgomery County Chapter 258 - Chartered November 10, 1953
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April 2020

OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING – AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Friday, April 10th Chapter meeting, that was to have been at the Mykonos Grill, 121 Congressional Avenue, Rockville, MD HAS BEEN CANCELLED due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Chapter Executive Board Meeting, Monday, April 6th HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Friday, April 10th, Chapter meeting has also been CANCELLED

NARFE MD Federation 2019 Mini-Conference, May 4th - 5th, Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD has also been CANCELLED.

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

Friday, May 8th, Chapter meeting will be at the Mykonos Grill 121 Congressional Lane, Rockville, MD. We have invited Congressman David Trone, 6th Congressional District, to be our speaker.

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

The global Covid-19 Pandemic continues to have negative impact on our Chapter meetings. After having to cancel our March meeting, now our meeting planned for Friday, April 10, 2020 must also be cancelled. As you know, health issues in Maryland led to closure of restaurants and other meeting venues. We are advised to avoid gatherings. How long this will last is uncertain.

Please be assured that we will seek rescheduling of both Walt Houser's cybersecurity presentation and that of neuroscientist Marsha Goodman-Wood on the therapeutic effect of music at future meetings of Chapter 258. I look forward to being able to resume our normal activities.

Meanwhile, take care of yourself and loved ones and keep in touch with advice on Covid-19 at phpa.health.maryland.gov and at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov.

INFORMATION FROM NARFE HEADQUARTERS

--The Mini-Conference-Federation Board Meeting scheduled for May 4 & 5, 2020 in Bowie, MD has been cancelled.

--NARFE's Premier National Conference, FEDcon20, takes place Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, 2020 at Scottsdale, AZ. See www.narfe.org/fedcon20 for details.

-- NARFE's National Office in Alexandria, Virginia will be closed from March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Lange, Treasurer

Chapter 258, Funds Summary, March 9, 2020

Checking Account balance, 2/11/20	\$ 12,414.24
Receipts, 2/11/20 - 3/9/20	\$ 577.62
Expenses, 2/11/20 - 3/9/20	\$ 771.02
Checking Account balance, 3/9/20	\$ 12,220.84
Working Capital/Total Chapter assets	\$ 12220.84

ANNUAL AUDIT OF CHAPTER 258 TREASURER'S RECORDS AND BUDGET MEETING

Larry Lange, Treasurer

Following our March 9th Board Meeting, Chapter President Lois Ann Beaver, Chapter member Charlie Garfinke, and myself conducted the annual audit of my Chapter Treasurer's records, utilizing NARFE Form F-131, Checklist for the Audit of NARFE Chapter Funds. They found the records to be in good order and that careful, consistent procedures had been followed in the handling of our Chapter's funds.

After the audit, the three of us reviewed the draft figures I had included in my Treasurer's report for the period February 11th through March 9th and concluded that the few figures I had suggested be increased for this year were acceptable. This budget for the year 2020 will be utilized each month for my Chapter Treasurer's reports.

Additionally, I reported that I had filed, online for the year 2019, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations, for our Chapter 258. The IRS requires that each NARFE Chapter file this form annually if their gross receipts are under \$50,000.00. Our Chapter's fiscal year ends December 31st, therefore this form must be filed by May 15th. If a NARFE Chapter does not file this form for three consecutive years, it risks losing its tax exempt status with the IRS.

KEEPING UP WITH THE ALMOST DAILY CHANGES/UPDATES AND THEIR IMPACT ON NARFE ACTIVITIES

Larry Lange, Treasurer

These are indeed challenging times for every American. Because all NARFE activities, be they on the Chapter or Maryland Federation levels, are meetings of the respective NARFE members involved at those levels, most of those activities have been cancelled, or postponed, for the immediate future.

On March 18th Dr. Gary Roundtree advised that the Maryland Federation Mini-Conference planned for May 4th and 5th at the Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD, has been cancelled. This Mini-Conference will not be rescheduled; the next meeting of the Maryland NARFE Federation will be October 5th, at the Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD.

Most Maryland NARFE Chapters cancelled their scheduled March Chapter meetings.

The Board of our Chapter 258 has made the decision to CANCEL the Chapter membership meeting scheduled for Friday, April 10th, and to CANCEL the Chapter Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6th.

Now is a great time to sign onto the NARFE National webpage, and if one has not already done so, to register there as a NARFE member. This is easy to do; just click on the "Member" box and follow the prompts. As always, there is a wealth of information there, for all NARFE members, both for retirees and those currently working.

It is also a reminder that, if you've provided National NARFE in the past with your E-mail address, please make sure that E-mail address is up-to-date. We recently discovered that a Chapter member's E-mail address listed in the NARFE online records for our Chapter 258 was his agency E-mail address, which was no longer valid because he is retired. Although the National NARFE office in Alexandria is closed due to the coronavirus pandemic (those offices will be closed March 17th through the 31st, with many NARFE members teleworking from their homes), I can advise National NARFE, via its AMS

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(Association Management System) online records system, of changes to individual member's online information. Unfortunately those changes seem to be slow in being implemented, due to the still not quite complete change over to the new AMS system, and because of the above-mentioned closing of the National NARFE offices. Even a recent online webinar was cancelled for those who had signed up for it.

If you have a change to your E-mail address, or other online information of yours, please let me know. I will so advise National NARFE; also, our printer, Germantown Copy (I have been advised via E-mail that Germantown Copy is open for business as usual during the coronavirus pandemic) is excellent about making changes to individual NARFE member's E-mail addresses that I advise them about when we send them a Chapter 258 BUZZ newsletter to be printed and mailed out.

We have not heard if the Region II Training Academy, scheduled for June 1st and 2nd at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in York, PA will still be held. We will update our members as we receive any information on this event.

Currently early registration for the FEDcon20 meeting at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, AZ, from August 30th - September 1, 2020 is available on the NARFE National website. Sign on at narfe.org as a member, click on "homepage," and look at the scrolling box at the top center of the page just below the blue horizontal task bar – double-click on the FEDcon20 block for detailed information about costs per person and agendas for each day's meetings.

Because of the current coronavirus national emergency so declared by President Trump, it is extremely important to often log onto the NARFE National webpage, as a member, to obtain the most up-to-date information, and to carefully read your Chapter's newsletter, and the monthly National narfe magazine.

National NARFE has just set up a special website, narfe.org/status, concerning constantly-changing information concerning NARFE cancellations and other information. Information will be added to this website as it is obtained by the National NARFE office.



This photo was taken by Judy Mazza at a past Chapter 258 membership meeting. We look forward to the time when we will be able to resume our Chapter membership meetings at the Mykonos Grill in Rockville, MD. We always have an excellent meal, interesting, informative speakers, and a great time chatting with our fellow Chapter 258 members.

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**Our April 10th Chapter meeting has been
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