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From the Desk of the President

On January 1, 2021, Dr. Sudha Haley became President of the NARFE Maryland Federation. Dr. Haley has been invited to attend one of our monthly Leadership Meetings. If any of our members with computers would like to attend the meeting with Dr. Haley, please let me know. Dr. Haley will let me know when she will participate. Our Leadership Meetings are normally held on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 am.

Would any of our members with computers be interested in attending a Zoom membership meeting? We cannot hold in person meetings and the leadership team wants to know if you would be interested. Please let me know.

MD Senior Call Check Program, I want to remind everyone about this great program. Please read last month's newsletter for information.

The Washington County Health Department had the following on their Facebook page. 2-1-1 Maryland. "Ever feel lost? Lost in the sometimes confusing maze of health and human resources? You're not alone. Skip the frustration with 211 Maryland. Just dial 211. Press 1 for immediate confidential help with depression, mental health and suicide. You only need one number it's 2-1-1.

Patricia Nix, President, NARFE Hagerstown Chapter 306

Treasurer's Report

Dec. 17, 2020	Balance	(should have been) \$2,047.01
		(not \$2,047.06 as reported in Jan.)
		Credit \$130.00
		Expenses <u>\$203.00</u>
Jan. 17, 2021	Balance	\$ 1,974.01

I received a nice Thank You note for our Chapter members' \$203.00 donation for Alzheimer's Research from the MD Alzheimer's Chair, Eleanor Kaul.

P. Reed, Treasurer

Secretary's Report for February 2021 Newsletter

The Leadership Team meeting of NARFE Hagerstown Chapter 306 took place on Friday, January 8, via ZOOM. The following were in attendance: Pat Nix, Ed Reed, Pandi Reed, Dorothy Smith (via telephone), Charley Ware, and Barb Ware. Absent: Dot Buhrman, Tom Brudenell

OLD BUSINESS: In Dot's absence, there was no discussion of newsletter printing costs and advertising.

REPORTS: Vice President/Legislation – Ed Reed's report was addressed to all NARFE Hagerstown Chapter 306 members with computers. See full report in the February 2021 newsletter.

#Secretary Barb Ware asked for comments and/or changes to the minutes of the December 4, 2020, Leadership Team Meeting. There being none, the minutes were accepted by consensus.

#Treasurer Pandi Reed announced a balance of \$2,152.01 in our checking account.

#Membership Chairperson Dorothy Smith's reminder: when renewing memberships, make sure to indicate NARFE and Chapter 306 Membership! The new National NARFE annual amount is \$48 and our chapter annual dues remain at \$6. See Dorothy's full report in the February newsletter.

#Special Raffle Chairperson Dorothy Smith announced the January drawing; Bob Snyder's name was drawn. Again, her full report will appear in the next newsletter.

#Alzheimer's Co-Coordinator Charley Ware shared the following information from the December NARFE Monthly Alzheimer's Association E-News: NARFE's 2020 fundraising goal was \$14 million dollars. \$13.6 million dollars have been received. NOTE: Ed Reed added that more has probably been received since the article was written.

#Service Officer Tom Brudenell's report will appear in the February newsletter.

#In Newsletter Editor Dot Buhrman's absence it was reported that her deadline for the February 2021 newsletter is 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021!

NEW BUSINESS:

#*Stepping On* Fall Prevention Class being offered virtually through the Washington County Commission on Aging soon. More information to come.

#Hagerstown Chapter 306 is still in need of a NARFE PAC chair.

#MD Federation sent out a Call for Nominations for Maryland Federation Officers. Election of new Maryland Federation officers to serve two-year terms will be part of the Maryland Federation's One Member – One Vote (OMOV) Voting Process in 2021. The Nominating Committee needs the help of all chapters and members in fielding candidates for the offices of Federation President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#NARFE membership dues are now \$48.00 per year plus chapter dues. Please be sure to double-check your electronic renewal notice to make sure you are paying dues to the right chapter.

#Pat Nix announced that Dr. Sudah Haley, NARFE Maryland Federation President, will be invited to join an upcoming Leadership Team ZOOM meeting. This meeting will be open to all Chapter 306 members who have computers. Details to follow.

UPCOMING CHAPTER 306, MARYLAND FEDERATION, and NATIONAL NARFE MEETINGS:

#Maryland Federation virtual Board Meeting, February 1, 2021;

#Hagerstown Chapter 306 Leadership Team Meeting, February 5, 2021;

#Region II Training Academy in York, PA, March 15-16, 2021

NEXT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021, VIA ZOOM AT 10 a.m. SPECIAL GUEST: Dr. Sudah Haley, President, NARFE Maryland Federation.

**Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ware, Secretary**

Service Officer Report

Complete articles at www.fedweek.com

Selected excerpts from the article follow:

Pandemic, Ethics Early Biden Priorities; Concerns Grow on Implementing Schedule F Last Minute

Published: January-18,2021

More in: Fedweek

National Guard members patrol as military units march on the East Front of the Capitol during an inauguration rehearsal outside the Capitol. House leaders have urged OPM not to carry out the Schedule F order saying it would only lead to protracted legal battles and waste resources to reverse it.

With the presidential transition now immediately at hand, the incoming Biden administration has described its intention for early steps on the pandemic and ethical issues inside the government, amid concerns about potential last-minute actions by the outgoing Trump administration to carry out its controversial "Schedule F" executive order.

The pandemic in general will be among the new administrations' top priorities, with emphasis growing the amount of available vaccine and greatly increasing the rate of inoculations. That could indirectly benefit federal employees who in occupations deemed high priority but who still have not received inoculations, either directly from their agencies or along with those of similar priority in the general population.

Full-article-at: <https://www.fedweek.com/fedweek/pandemic-ethics-early-biden-priorities-concerns-grow-on-implementing-schedule-f-last-minute/>

Tom Brudenell, Service Officer

Membership Report

This is an important message for all members.

Be sure to check your electronic renewal notice (if you do this annually) for any discrepancies. The new printed renewal form gives the member a clear option to check off NARFE National at \$48 and NARFE Chapter 306. Be sure to fill in the chapter blank. That goes to National headquarters and they send the chapter share to us. Some members have been dropped from the current roster unbeknownst to them because they were unaware of the mix-up when they printed new forms several years ago. The new rate starts January 1, 2021. We need to pull together to have a strong chapter 306 working for our benefits. Our chapter is working hard for you. Thank you!

RENEWAL RATES FOR 2021 Chapter 306

<u>National only;</u>	<u>National with chapter 306</u>
1 year \$48	1 year \$54
2 years \$92	2 years \$104
3 years \$126	3 years \$144

Dorothy C. Smith, Membership chair

Legislation Report

As your Vice-President for Legislation, MY EXERCISE for ALL Chapter-0306 Members with computers is: "To go to: NARFE.org on your computer. Next: Click-On: NARFE Home Advocacy. First: Read ALL the (8) Subtitles and Any-Of-their-Words-Involved that you may be Interested-In. Then: Go-Back-To: The Top-Of-The-Page -&- Click-On: "Legislation Action Letters" and TAKE ACTION! This Activity Involves You Initiating NARFE-Originated Automated Electronic-Emails -OR- It shows ALL how to originate a "Hand-Written-Letter". All Emails/Letters are to: Your State's Congressmen - About: A Given NARFE Subject and "You May Personalize All" to: Reflect Your Own Opinions on The NARFE Subject !! This is a NARFE Advocacy "GRASSROOTS ACTIVITY" - Which is one of the "MOST-IMPORTANT-Activities We ALL Can Accomplish" - ((NOTE: If You Don't Have A Computer, You May Call-NARFE-HQS-On: 800-456-8410/Toll-Free, Press-1 For: Membership -&- "State You Wish To Send-A-Letter-To-Your-Congressmen")). You Are Now: Active NARFE-Chapter-0306-Members !!

Also: As your Maryland State NARFE Federation's 2ND Vice President/Membership, I would be remiss if I didn't: Encourage - "All Chapter-Members ((In-These-COVID-Times)) to: Continue to "Be An Active NARFE Member - by: Keeping A NARFE Membership Application for - NEW MEMBERS (Pg.43/NARFE-Jan/Feb 2021 Magazine) -OR- If An Individual Is - RETIRED, Use The NARFE Dues Withholding Program - form (Pg.49 of your Sep-2020 NARFE Magazine) - ((Make-Multiple-Copies-Of-Each-Form-&-Have-Them-At-Home-In-The-Car, etc.) ** And finally: For "All-Prospective-NARFE-Members, You-May-Encourage-Them-To: Go-To-The: "JOIN-NOW-Link" - on: - <http://www.NARFE.org>. Thanks,

Ed Reed, V.P./Legislation.

SPECIAL RAFFLE REPORT

The drawing for January was done at our ZOOM leadership meeting. Congratulations to Robert Snyder our winner. We now have 11 participants. We need to keep up our support especially for the newsletter. A reminder---- please, Check your newsletter for the entry form and I will gladly fill out the rest. With my sore hands it will be easier to read and quicker too. Thank all of you for the help and support for NARFE Chapter 306.

Dorothy C. Smith, Special Raffle Coordinator

SPECIAL ANNUAL RAFFLE ENTRY

PRINT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone number (s) ____-____-____ Or ____-____-____

MONTHLY PRIZE \$25.00
Starting September 2020
Through June 2021 (10 months)

Attached is payment of \$_____ for_____ entries

\$5.00 for 1 ENTRY; \$14.00 FOR 3 ENTRIES; \$25.00 FOR 6 ENTRIES

<p>Make payment to: <u>NARFE Chapter 306, 2020-2021 Annual Raffle</u> Forms may be returned at monthly meetings or by mail to the Coordinator. <i>Dorothy C Smith 1058 Matthew Ct. Hagerstown MD 21742-3156</i></p>

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