



# NARFE BUZZ

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

November/December 2021

## Our Next Chapter Meeting – And Upcoming Events

**The Friday, November 12th Chapter meeting** will be at Alfio's La Trattoria Restaurant, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. Members who wish to come for lunch may arrive at 11:30 a.m. with the meal served at noon. The cost is \$25.00 per person, in cash or check made out to NARFE Chapter 258 (please, no credit cards). Those who do not wish to come for lunch may arrive at 1:00 p.m. There is free valet parking; Alfio's is located two blocks from the Friendship Heights Metro station. **The speakers will be Jennifer Malave, Account Manager at Carefirst Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and her co-worker Melissa Lakey, who will present information on the FEHBP Open Season.**

**Our Friday, Dec. 10 Holiday Party** will be from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm at Alfio's. **Entertainment will be provided by a band.** Reservations are to be made using the coupon that lists the choice of entrees and other details, found in this issue of the BUZZ.

**The following is a tentative schedule for our 2022 meetings Chapter meetings; please be advised that some of these listed speakers and their topics may be subject to change. Also, as always, in the winter months, if there is inclement weather on the day of our scheduled Chapter 258 meeting, and the Montgomery County Schools announce they will be closed due to that inclement weather, our NARFE Chapter 258 meeting will also be cancelled:**

**January 14th:** Update on Federal and State Income Taxes. The speaker will be Ms. Marilyn Scheiner, CPA.

**February 11th:** We have contacted District 6 Representative David Trone to be our speaker; we hope he will be able to confirm our invitation. Over the last year Congressman Trone has done an excellent job with his regular E-mails concerning the pandemic, most specifically in providing information to his constituents regarding the availability of Covid-19 vaccination clinics.

**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 very much !**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Lois Ann Beaver, President*

Good news, those who were looking forward to having the FDA and CDC recommend the Covid-19 Booster vaccine for a broader swath of the community now find that recently occurred. Masks are still required in certain situations. Let's hope the pandemic becomes less and less threatening as time goes on and Montgomery County continues to be a leader in fighting the virus.

We look forward to your attendance at the next meeting of Chapter 258. Our last gathering was an outstanding success. Chapter 258 member Walt Houser, previous team leader of cybersecurity at Homeland Security, clearly conveyed what we must do to protect ourselves from internet criminal activity. There was a very active question and answer period following his presentation. We learned a lot.

Now we look forward to seeing you at Alfio's for the Friday, November 12th Chapter 258 meeting on the FEHB Open Season. Jennifer Malave and Melissa Lakey will provide an update on Blue Products for 2022. Information on other FEHB products will also be available. Details about the Friday, November 12th meeting can be found elsewhere. Also, get ready for our December 10th Holiday Party. It promises to be a blast. Live music and more. Look for the reservation coupon in this BUZZ.

## News from the NARFE Maryland Federation

Our State Legislative Committee has prepared a convincing document on the hazards presented when Maryland seniors leave the state due to tax laws. Take a look at [www.mdnarfe.org](http://www.mdnarfe.org) to read the Fall 2021 Newsletter and to check on other news and events.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Lange, Chapter 258 Treasurer

**My last Treasurer's Report appeared in the September/October 2021 issue of The BUZZ. This report will be a synopsis of our Chapter's funds from September 10, 2021 to October 8, 2021:**

### Chapter 258, Funds Summary, October 8, 2021

Checking account balance, 9/10/2021	\$ 13,802.33
Receipts, 9/10/21 - 10/8/2021	\$ 300.02
Expenses, 9/10/21 - 10/8/2021	\$ 776.33
Checking account balance, 10/8/2021	\$ 13,326.02

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Working Capital/Total Chapter Assets \$ 13,326.02

The receipts for this period were the direct deposit into our Chapter's checking account, by National NARFE, of the August, 2021 members' dues

The expenses for this period were:

Printing and mailing of the July/August BUZZ newsletter	\$ 582.99
Postage for mailing the July/August BUZZ newsletter	\$ 96.84
Alfio's bill for our 10/8/21 lunch, which included our Chapter paying for lunch for Ms. Goodman-Wood, and tax and tip for 11 lunches	\$ 346.50
Minus the amount paid by the attendees at the 10/8/21 meal	\$ - 250.00
Total expenses	\$ 776.33

### CONGRESSMAN JAMIE RASKIN WILL CONDUCT HIS ANNUAL FEDERAL HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN SEASON FORUMS VIRTUALLY THIS YEAR

Due to the continuing presence of the Corona virus, this year Congressman Raskin will conduct his FEHBP Open Season Forums online. Information on these forums will be posted on his website, <https://raskin.house.gov>; his Rockville office may be contacted at 301-354-1000.

### NARFE WEBINAR ON FEDERAL DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE

National NARFE will have a webinar on Federal Dental

and Vision Insurance plans on Thursday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. One must register for this webinar, which is free to all NARFE members. Go to the national NARFE webpage, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), and sign in with your E-mail address and password; on the Welcome page, go to the lower right hand corner of your screen, and click on NARFE Events. This page will have this webinar listed as the first event. If our November/December BUZZ is not delivered to our members by October 28th, this webinar should be available in the "Federal Benefits, Archived Webinars" section on the National NARFE homepage.

### NARFE'S MARYLAND FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS HELD TWO VIRTUAL MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

NARFE's Maryland Federation of Chapters Executive Committee, conducted, virtually, a meeting on Sunday, October the third from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The next day, Monday the 4th, also virtually, was the fall meeting of the Maryland Federation of Chapters Board, which ran from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Several vendors introduced themselves before the meeting. The meeting was comprised of reports of several of the Federation's Officers and Committee Chairs, including reports by the newly-installed Federation President, Dr. Sudha Haley, the Federation President Pat Farmer, the Federal Legislative and State Legislative Committees, and the Federation Treasurer. The lunch time speaker was State Delegate Reid Novotny, R-MD9A (covering Howard and Carroll counties). In the afternoon MD Federation Treasurer, Stu Sklamm, and our Chapter Treasurer, Larry Lange, conducted workshops on the duties of the Federation and individual chapter Treasurers. A workshop was also conducted on Parliamentary Procedure by the Federation's Parliamentarian, Sam Raines.

Would you like to learn how Larry Lange puts together our Chapter's newsletter, the NARFE BUZZ? It would be very helpful to him, and our Chapter, for a Chapter 258 member to assist him on each newsletter. The majority of the work, which is done on one's home computer, consists of compiling the articles into one document, proofreading, and E-mailing the "master" document and pictures to our printer, GCC Printing. Please contact Larry at [Llange3751@aol.com](mailto:Llange3751@aol.com) for further information.

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At our Oct. 8th Chap. Meeting (front row), Larry Lange, Treasurer; Connie Price, 2nd VP (back row) Allan Kam, 1st VP, Lois Ann Beaver, President



Chap. 258 member Walter Houser, speaker at our Oct. 8th Chapter 258 meeting

## DECEMBER 10TH HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION

Alfio's La Trattoria, 4515 Willard Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Diners x \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(This includes tax and tip)

Please make a choice of **ONE** of the following entrees for each person:

- Veal Piccata
- Veal Parmigiana
- Chicken Francese
- Broiled Flounder
- Eggplant Parmigiana

*Coffee and dessert are included; a cash bar will be available; and Alfio's has free valet parking.*

Please mail this Reservation Coupon, indicating your meal selection for each attendee, with a check for the total amount (made out to NARFE Chapter 258) **no later than December 3, 2021.**

Mail to: Mr. Larry Lange  
3173 Blue Bell Court  
Adamstown, MD 21710



Chap. 258 President Lois Ann Beaver presents Walter Houser, speaker at our Oct. 8th Chapter Meeting, a copy of Chap. 258 member Judy Welles' book, Cabin John

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