

# Newsletter

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES (Open to all)

### Chapter:

- **Members Meetings:** May 24, Jun 7
- **Newsletter Input Deadlines:** May 25
- **Board Meetings:** Jun 1

### Outside Events:

- Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting – May. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, via Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88136187143>. For Zoom audio only, call 301-715-8592 using meeting ID: 881 3618 7143. For more information, email [shawn.morris@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shawn.morris@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### NOTE:

The May Chapter meeting will be virtual. Virtual access instructions can be found on Page 2 in the “Minor Home Changes/Renovations....” article. June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a picnic at the Wheaton Regional Park, Picnic Shelter “G”.

**Our Facebook Page:** NARFE Chapter 1892, Aspen Hill.

**Chapter Webpage:** <https://sites.google.com/view/narfe-chapter-1892/home>

## President’s Message

This is the last newsletter until September. The NARFE year went quickly, and we had so many great presentations and huge success with our lobbying for lower taxes for seniors! It was a terrific year!

Thank you attending our meetings and contacting your delegates, congressmen, and senators—you made a big difference this year and you should be proud.

In order to do even better next year, we’ll be sending out a paper survey so you can tell us what you like and what you don’t like. We’ll send it via email as well for those who prefer electronic response.

A reminder to contact me at 301-589-7465 or ([NARFEsrichards@aol.com](mailto:NARFEsrichards@aol.com)) if you want to help Paul Schwartz win a seat on the County Council. You can call folks or walk with me to put flyers on porches. Let’s support him the way he supports us!

A big thank you, thank you, thank you to our officers, Board members, project leaders, and committee members who give of their time to help all of us. A team effort, hard work, and lots of fun while we were completing our projects!

Love and best wishes to all of you! -- Sarah

## Chapter 1892 Leadership

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301-847-9820	
<b>Special Projects.....</b>	<b>Diane Boehr and Linda Jacks</b>

## Chapter Election Time -- New Officers

At our May meeting, we will vote for new officers. Our Nominations Committee (Dolores Baldadian, Carole Chamberlain, Pauline Johnson, Mary Lane Renninger and Anna Maria Wilder) has provided candidates for all the officer positions except for the President. Current candidates for officer positions are: 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Sarah Richards, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP—Paul Schwartz, Secretary—Myron Chace, and Treasurer—Jim Bachmaier. Sarah Richards will stay in the President’s position until 12/31/2022.

## Eye-Witness

NARFE Chapter 1892 on April 26, 2022, hosted its first in-person Spring Celebration and Pizza Party since 2019. What had been an annual event open to members, their spouses, and guests was suspended for two years due to Covid 19 pandemic restrictions and health concerns. An opportunity for a real, non-online meeting helped encourage a good turnout at this event that took the place of a regular Chapter meeting. Excellent food was available to order with many taking advantage of half-price pizza offerings.

Beyond celebrating and enjoying a face-to-face gathering and good food, the occasion featured a silent auction and book sale with proceeds going to the Chapter treasury. Donated items included household items and jewelry. Featured books were fiction titles that were published within the past few years. All donated items were in excellent condition and the winning bidders walked away with great buys.

Members of Rockville and Wheaton/Glenmont chapters received an invitation to attend our Spring Celebration. In addition to our 17 Chapter members attending, we had one guest and 4 members of other chapters, including Wheaton Glenmont President Ron Shansby. We were also honored to have Washington, D.C. NARFE Federation President Lynn Hill attend.

*By Myron Chace, Chapter Secretary*



Vice President Paul Schwartz, President Sarah Richards, and NARFE Washington, D.C. Federation President Lynn Hill at the Chapter Pizza Party, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Minor Home Changes and Renovations that Allow You to Age in Place

Karen Morgan, from AARP, will present Part II of her [Aging in Place Presentation on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1PM](#). This part will cover changes/renovations to the home that allows you to stay in your home as your age.

Join us virtually via the Zoom-[like](#) Videoconference system by computer, tablet, or smart phone. There is no app to download; **click on the link** (best way to connect) or type in: <https://live.unlimitedconferencing.com/live/SarahRichards/myconference> .

Type your name (first and last), select a sound type and then click on the box that says allow microphone and camera. You'll be able to see, hear us, and speak.

If you prefer, you can participate with audio-only using any type of phone by calling 301-232-0143 and when asked, key in the pin number 887080.

Please, MARK YOUR CALENDARS and do join us Tuesday, May 24, at 1:00!

## Maryland Federation May Meeting

Paul Schwartz, Cathy Hobbs, and Minnedore Green represented our Chapter and attended the NARFE Maryland Federation meeting this May. Cathy reported that the meeting was informative and that she enjoyed presentations by U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin, MD Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford, MD Comptroller Peter Franchot, and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer as well as other Federation presenters. All agreed the meeting was successful.

## Summer Luncheon Program

Our popular Summer Luncheon Program will start again this June. This program is a casual get-together at area restaurants for folks to catch up. There are no presentations or speakers. You will be notified by email about the dates and at which restaurants we will meet. Be sure to provide your updated email address to [NARFEsrichards@aol.com](mailto:NARFEsrichards@aol.com) to receive Program information.

## Picnic Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at Noon Wheaton Regional Park

Our Chapter 1892 meeting will actually be an outdoor picnic at Wheaton Regional Park in Picnic Shelter "G" on June 7<sup>th</sup> starting at noon (rain or shine). We've invited a State delegate to speak, other chapters to join us, and the food will be provided. The cost is \$15 per person. We will also take a few minutes to install the new officers. This is the last meeting of the year until September, so do join in the fun!

Please R.S.V.P. with your name and contact information, and send a check (\$15 per person) made out to "NARFE Chapter 1892" to:

NARFE Chapter 1892 Picnic  
713 Richmond Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-5225

The check must arrive no later than June 1, in order for us to purchase the food, etc.

The \$15 covers the shelter rental as well as food and other products, so food donations of your special dishes to add variety to the fare are welcome, but not required, for sure.

Wheaton Regional Park is located at 2000 Shorefield Rd., Silver Spring (Wheaton), MD 20902. Shorefield Rd. is off Georgia Avenue. To get to Picnic Shelter "G", take Shorefield Rd. till it dead ends in a circle. As you enter the circle, you take the first right turn down the road to a large parking lot toward the carousel. The first Picnic shelter sidewalk off the parking lot leads to Picnic Shelter "G". You'll be able to see us from the parking lot. There is plenty of parking and four handicap spaces near the Shelter.

This shelter was chosen to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. Picnic Shelter "G" is only 30 feet from the parking lot on level ground with no steps to traverse. Restrooms are nearby with no steps to traverse. Shelter "G" is not far from the train station should folks want to take a ride on the train.

## Some of the Folks who Serve Your Chapter

### THANK YOU!!



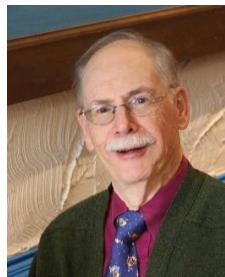
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## May/June 2022 Edition

### **Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 24 at 1 PM!**

*“Aging in Place—Part II, Renovations/Minor Changes to your Home”*

*Find out how to make changes so you can remain in your home-- even as you age!*

### **In Memoriam**

We are sad to report that Katherine Willians, a long-time Federal employee and NARFE chapter member, passed away in February at the age of 96. Her husband and son predeceased her. Also, Gordon Brown, twice National NARFE Secretary and long-time president of the Bethesda chapter, passed away recently. He was 95 years old and very active in NARFE for many years. He often sang the “Star Spangled Banner” at the beginning of our Federation meetings and was active in amateur stage productions as an actor and director in local theater. Both will be missed.

### **Membership Report**

We have five new members—welcome Cathie Faint, Andrew Neilson, Winifred Herrmann, Nathaniel Cunningham, and Lawrence Ries! We are so glad that you decided to be part of Chapter 1892! We also have 11 new prospective members—Diane Dunn, Bob Campbell, Judy Din, Robert George, Nerissa Hamilton-vom Baur, Liem Nguyen, John R, Gary Hardgrove, Karen Jackler, Earl Bennett, and Lucida Brooks. If you know them, please tell them that we’re the fun chapter and ask them to join us!