



# 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!*

January 2023

## Our Next Chapter Meeting – And Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE: ALL ATTENDEES AT CHAPTER 258 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19. PLEASE BRING WITH YOU EITHER YOUR CDC VACCINATION CARD, OR HAVE A PICTURE OF YOUR VACCINATION CARD ON YOUR SMARTPHONE. THANK YOU.

The January 13th 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 speaker for our January 13th Chapter 258 meeting will be Paul Schwartz, NARFE's MD Federation State Legislative Chair, who will speak on NARFE's state legislative initiatives for 2023.

February 10th: Marilyn Scheiner, CPA, will present an Update on Federal and State Income Taxes.

March 10th: Claudia Kousoulas and Ellen Ketourneau will speak on the history of agriculture and culinary advances in Montgomery County, MD.

April 14th: Dr. Carla Johnson, who is a health coach, who will speak on clinical nutrition.

May 12th: Will be our annual Maryland State Legislators Forum.

Please be advised that 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.

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*

Although numbers are increasing slightly, the latest CDC data tracking report shows Montgomery County has a low level of Covid. CDC continues to advise vaccinations for influenza and the new Covid Booster. There is a lot more interesting information and advice on the CDC.org website.

All who attended our Chapter 258 Holiday Party were happy with the good food at Alfio's while they enjoyed a surprisingly pleasant musical experience presented by the Julie Parsons Project.

Our next Chapter 258 meeting will address Maryland State legislation that affects NARFE's interests. We will meet at Alfio's on Friday, January the 13th. Paul Schwartz, current chair of the NARFE Maryland Federation State Legislative Committee, will provide an illuminating presentation. We hope to see you there.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Larry Lange, Chapter 258 Treasurer*

My last Treasurer's Report appeared in the November/December 2022 issue of The BUZZ. This report will be a synopsis of our Chapter's funds from December 9th, 2022 to January 13th, 2023:

### Chapter 258, Funds Summary, January 13, 2023

Checking account balance, 12/9/2022	\$ 10,798.91
Receipts, 2/9/2022 - 1/13/2023	\$ 1,145.12
Expenses, 12/9/2022 - 1/13/2023	\$ 2,638.55
Checking account balance, 1/13/2023	\$ 9,305.48

Working Capital/Total Chapter assets \$ 9,305.48

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The *receipts* for this period were the direct deposit into our Chapter's checking account by National NARFE of the October 2022 members' dues (\$360.12), plus the payment by attendees of their meals at Alfio's for our November 11, 2022 Chapter meeting (\$305.00), and the payment by attendees at Alfio's for our December 9, 2022 Holiday Party (\$480.00), for a total of \$1,145.12

The *expenses* for this period were the postage for mailing the November/December, 2022 BUZZ (\$93.25), the GCC bill for printing and mailing the September BUZZ (\$608.81), and for printing the Nov/Dec 2022 BUZZ (\$600.89) the bill for the attendees' meals at Alfio's for our November 11, 2022 Chapter membership meeting lunches (\$504.000), and Alfio's bill for the attendees' meals at our Dec. 9th Holiday Party (\$831.60) for a total of \$2,638.55.

## OUR CHAPTER 258 PRESIDENT WAS INDUCTED INTO THE MARYLAND SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME

Lois Ann Beaver was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame (MSCHF) at a ceremony at the Ten Oaks Ballroom in Clarksville, MD on October 20, 2022. MSCHF recognizes all the volunteer work seniors do in Maryland. Mr. Parker Koons of MSCHF, and Mr. Todd Sullivan, Associate Executive Director of Oak Crest Senior Living, made the presentation of the certificate and pin from MSCHF to Lois Ann and the several other Maryland seniors also recognized by MSCHF at this ceremony.



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## ABOUT YOUR CHAPTER 258 NEWSLETTER, THE BUZZ, AND MONTHLY E-MAIL REMINDERS OF OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS

*Larry Lange, Chapter 258 Newsletter Editor*

Members of our Chapter may elect to receive their BUZZ newsletter via E-mail in a .pdf format instead of the paper copy they receive through the mail. If you would prefer a .pdf of the BUZZ E-mailed to you, please so advise me in an E-mail ([llange3751@aol.com](mailto:llange3751@aol.com)); I will then tell our printer to delete your name from the monthly mailing list, and I will E-mail you the BUZZ each month.

Some of our Chapter 258 members have moved out of state, and, understandably, do not wish to receive the monthly E-mail reminding them of our Chapter meetings. If you do not wish to receive this E-mail reminder, when you get the next reminder, please click on the **UNSUBSCRIBE HERE** tab at the top of the page, and you will not receive future reminders of our monthly Chapter 258 meetings.

## A RECENT NATIONAL NARFE E-MAIL REGARDING REPEAL OF WEP AND GPO

A recent E-mail from National NARFE included this item: "An advocacy group is making a final push to repeal Social Security's 'evil twins.' Both the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) would be repealed under the Social Security Fairness Act. Advocates of the bill, like NARFE, say WEP and GPO unfairly reduce or eliminate Social Security benefits for federal retirees. Some version of the Social Security Fairness Act has been introduced each year for decades. **But this is the first time the legislation has made it onto the House calendar to be considered for a floor vote.**"

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The three pictures of Chapter 258 meetings were taken by Judy Mazza; the MSCHF picture was taken by Allan Kam.



Chap. 258 President (center) Lois Ann Beaver gave the speakers at our Nov. 11th meeting copies of books written by Chap. 258 member Judith Welles



Chap. 258 President, Lois Ann Beaver, presented Julie Parsons a present for her and her band, The Julie Parsons Project, performing at our Dec. 9th Chapter Holiday Party



Lois Ann Beaver at MSCHF Awards Ceremony (L to R) Todd Sullivan, Assoc. Dir. Oak Crest Senior Living; Chap. 258 President Lois Ann Beaver; Parker Koons of MSCHF



Members of the Julie Parsons Project, who performed at our December 9th Chapter 258 Holiday Party, with Chapter 258 President Lois Ann Beaver

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Paul Schwartz, NARFE's MD Federation State Legislative  
Chair, will speak on NARFE's state legislative initiatives for  
2023.

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