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## NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES



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From the Desk of the President

### **Happy New Year!! Wishing you and yours health and prosperity in the New Year.**

Our Christmas Party on December 9, 2022 was a great success. A good time was had by all with good friends and good food. We collected a lot of breakfast items for the REACH cold weather shelter and \$25 to purchase additional breakfast items. Ed and Pandi Reed, Barb and Charley Ware and I took the items to REACH administrative offices on December 13. Thank you to everyone for their donations to a worthy cause.



#### Mark Your Calendars

- Hagerstown Chapter 306 Leadership Meeting, January 6, 2023, 11:00 am, Leo's Pizza.
- Hagerstown Chapter 306 Membership Meeting. January 13, 2023, 12:00 pm, at Western Sizzlin' Restaurant. Our guest speaker is Amanda Distefano, CRS-AD, CHWI, Manager, Maryland No Wrong Door, Maryland Department of Aging

Chapter meetings are cancelled when Washington County Schools are closed for inclement weather. Otherwise, meetings are held as scheduled.

Patricia Nix, President, NARFE Hagerstown Chapter 306



## Treasurer's Report

October 22, 2022	Balance	\$ 2,096.38
	Credits	\$ 117.34
	Expenses	\$ <u>0</u>
December 29, 2022	Balance	\$ 2213.72

P. Reed, Treasurer Chapter 306

## **Secretary's Report for January 2023 Newsletter**

- Members and guests walked into a beautifully Christmas-decorated room at the Western Sizzlin' for our Annual Christmas Luncheon. Thanks to Pandi Reed for all her planning efforts and setting up the room. At the front, tables were loaded with items from the Secret Christmas Elf. Thanks to June Himes for providing poinsettias, decorative napkins, and Christmas candy.
- At each place setting was a beautiful, colorful hand made Christmas coaster donated by President Pat's friend from the Senior Activities Center.
- President Pat Nix welcomed 17 members to today's Christmas Party. She asked members to share Christmas memories. All then joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.
- Chaplain Randy Burns offered an invocation and everyone then enjoyed a buffet lunch. ➤ Following lunch President Pat mentioned the Leadership Team had voted to increase the Free Lunch amount to \$13. Congratulations were extended to newlyweds Russ and Marty Wingerd.
- THE FUN BEGAN!! Pandi explained the process and everyone present picked out two items to keep. ➤ Drawings for the donated poinsettias took place. The winners were: Mabel Reynolds, John Hess, Tom Wolfe, Carolyn Barnhart, and Jo Reynolds.
- Today's Special Raffle drawing was won by Pandi Reed. Thanks to Dorothy Smith for all her efforts coordinating our Special Raffle program!
- In response to a need raised by REACH of Washington County, the Leadership Team had voted to ask members to bring breakfast foods to our Christmas Party. A donation box was available for folks to make monetary contributions for REACH. Thanks to all who donated breakfast foods; \$25 was received in the box. NOTE: On the morning of December 13, Ed and Pandi Reed and Charley and Barb Ware met Pat Nix at REACH and helped her bring in the boxes of donated items. The volunteers there thanked us over and over again.
- Vice President Ed Reed (a) reminded us to remember of server; what a great job she did in taking care of us today! (b) thanked all for the breakfast food and cash donations for REACH.
- Deadline for the January 2023 newsletter is NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, by noon! Earlier receipt of articles is greatly appreciated by Newsletter Editor Dot Buhrman!
- President Pat shared possible speaker topics in early 2023: January – Representative from the Commission of Aging; February – Foot Care; March or April – Gardening. Your suggestions are most welcome!
- Treasurer Pandi shared two amusing stories, much to the delight of all in attendance.
- Thanks to photographer John Hess for taking a group picture. It may appear in the January newsletter!
- Christmas and New Year's wishes were shared by those attending. Mark your calendar now for Friday, December 8, 2023, for next year's Annual Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Ware, Secretary

## Legislation Report

It is recommended all members take time to read the most recent issue of the NARFE Magazine, January/February 2023, in particular pages 32-35 which contains pertinent legislative information.

Hope all have an enjoyable, safe and Happy New Year.

V/R-Edward D. Reed, NARFE-Chapter-0306/Vice-President/Legislation/NARFE-PAC-Rep.-POC.

## SPECIAL RAFFLE REPORT - DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to our December winner. Pandi Reed! I'd like to remind all of our members that our raffle is also a good stocking stuffer for Christmas. Our grandkids may like the idea that over the year they could get a \$25.00 surprise. To get your entries in for the December drawing please bring address labels to the meeting so the entries can be filled out quickly and clearly for that days drawing. I will be there early and have extra entry forms for your convenience. Thank all of our participants! Wishing each of you a **HAPPY and Health New Year!**

Dorothy C. Smith, Special Raffle Coordinator

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### SPECIAL ANNUAL RAFFLE ENTRY

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number (s) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Or \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY PRIZE \$25.00**  
Starting September 2022  
Through June 2023 (10 months)

Attached is payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ entries

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

Make payment to: NARFE Chapter 306, 2022-2023 Annual Raffle  
Forms may be returned at monthly meetings or by mail to the Coordinator.  
*Dorothy C Smith 1058 Matthew Ct. Hagerstown MD 21742-3156*

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