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December Chapter Luncheon & Meeting

Gateway Restaurant
Port Republic
Thursday, December 21
Noon

Keep Calvert Country
Speaker Greg Bowen

Members and guests
are Welcome.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 22,
Noon
Place TBD

February Chapter Meeting

Thursday, February 15th
Southern Senior Center
Lusby

League of Women
Voters

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October Meeting

Members met at the Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick at 1 PM. Deana Tisdale from Blue Cross/Blue Shield presented information on the 2024 Federal health plan. About a dozen members were in attendance and enjoyed the presentation. The speaker took time to answer numerous questions after the presentation.

The 50/50 was won by Gina Baisle who donated her share to Alzheimer's Research. The total collected for Alzheimer's was \$39.

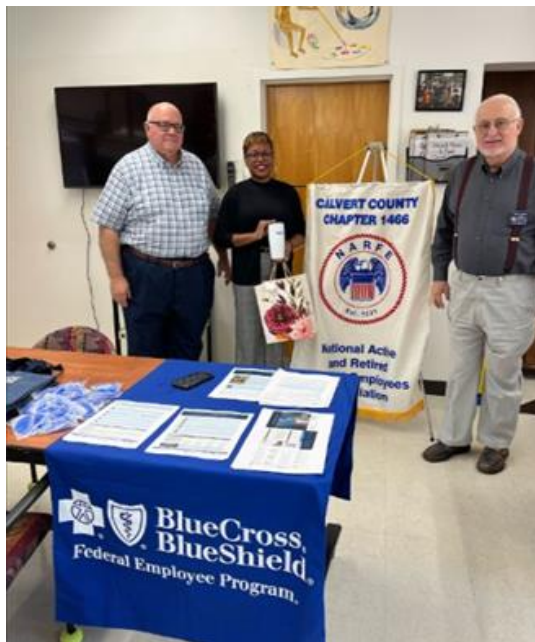


Photo by Ada Marinelli October 19, 2023

Zip Code Update

The Maryland Federation President has approved the transfer of four northern Calvert county Zip codes (207XX) to our chapter. We are now awaiting approval from NARFE HQ. We appreciate the willingness of the Annapolis Chapter to consider the transfer. The addition of these zip codes would help our chapter with recruiting future new members.

December Meeting Details

The December meeting on Thursday December 21st will be a holiday lunch at Gateway Restaurant 5455 Broomes Island Road, Port Republic. After lunch, Greg Bowen from Keep Calvert Country will speak on current happenings and proposals that could affect quality of life in the county.

The meeting start time has been moved to NOON due to the lunch. Canned foods and check donations will be collected for ***Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry***.

To enable the chapter to get an accurate head count for the lunch, RSVP's (via e-mail or snail mail) are requested by Monday, December 18th

Chapter Bylaw Changes

Attached is a draft of revised Chapter Bylaws. The draft incorporates changes (dues reduction, meeting only every other month and elimination of the 2nd Vice President position) that have been recently implemented.

Comments on the By-Laws will be accepted until January 31st. An updated version will be sent out with the February Newsletter (if necessary).

A vote on the revised By-Laws will occur at the February chapter meeting

Federation Board Meeting

Bob Oszajca attended the Federation Board meeting on Tuesday October 24th in Bowie MD. The first part of the meeting focused on recruiting new members. From now until the end of the year a \$10 bonus for recruiting new members will go to the chapter.

The second part was a Town Hall meeting for Maryland Senate candidates. The two candidates

present, David Trone and Emmanuel Osuchukwu. Each gave a brief 5-minute speech to explained their positions. Then a Federation member asked a series of questions. Each had about 20 minutes to speak.

Kick the Can Down the Road Federal Budget Status

The middle of November government shutdown was averted when Congress passed a new continuing resolution. The new resolution has two ending dates, January 19th or February 2nd depending on the agency.

Legislative News by VP Shelly Ziman

A wide variety of current legislative topics can be found on the web at [News – NARFE](#). Examples are: Choosing FEHB **Prescription Drug Plans**; the Impact of the Windfall Elimination Provision (**WEP**) and Government Pension Offset (**GPO**) on public servants; Safeguarding **Civil Service Protections** and Merit System Principles; status of the latest **Continuing Resolution**; and findings of the 2023 Federal Employee **Viewpoint Survey**.

Announcements

18th Annual Christmas Market
Saturday December 9, 10 AM - 4 PM
All Saints' Episcopal Church
Sunderland, MD

Chapter Thank You

In response to our chapter contribution to deceased President Barry Grier, we received the following from Lauretta Grier: "Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy in our time of loss. It was deeply appreciated. Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated."

Treasurer's Report

Bob Oszajca

	Treasury	Alzheimer
Sept 30 Bal.	\$3961.90	\$00.00
NARFE Dues	\$83.80	
Newsletter		
Checks	(27.23)	
50/50		39.00
Nov 31 Bal	\$4018.47	\$39.00

Membership 78

Alzheimer's Make a check payable to **NARFE-Alzheimer's Research**, note "from NARFE Chapter 1466" on the check, and mail to: Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 (**or come to our LIVE meetings for the 50/50 Alzheimer's drawing**).

PRINCE FREDERICK COALITION Here is the link for the Armory Square site plan: [FAQs • Calvert County, MD • Civic Engage \(calvertcountymd.gov\)](#).

Calvert County Delegates: 1-800-492-7122
Jeffrie Long Jr. (27B) ext. 3103
Mark Fisher (27C) ext. 3231
Todd Morgan (29C) ext. 3314

Calvert County Senators:
Michael Jackson (27-northern Calvert) ext. 3700
Jack Bailey (29-southern Calvert) ext. 3673

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