



NARFE BUZZ

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

Western Montgomery County Chapter 258 - Chartered November 10, 1953

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May 2024

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 May 10th 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 price is \$30.00 per person, payable either 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.

Our speaker will be Maryland State Delegate Marc Korman, who will speak on the 2024 Maryland Legislative session.

The May 10th Chapter meeting will not be available on Zoom

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!

Reminder: The Monday before each Chapter 258 meeting, please check your PC's spam folder to see if my reminder E-mail about our Chapter meeting may have been placed in that folder.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Lois Ann Beaver, President

As usual I check on current health reports, and found an interesting issue cited by CDC in mid-April. There were reports that 19 people in nine states experienced harmful reactions after receiving counterfeit botox injections in non-healthcare settings such as homes or spas. Botox stands for clostridium botulinum toxin, the most toxic chemical in the world. About five years ago, 31 medical doctors were arrested for injecting patients with counterfeit botox. Obviously, the problem continues with CDC, FDA, state and local health departments investigations that hopefully lead to a suitable resolution.

While we can be relieved by diminishing Covid 19 problems we may note that a marked increase in Dengue reported in South and Central America along with the increase in visitors across our southern border should alert us to the need to protect ourselves from mosquito bites.

The April 12th Chapter 258 meeting at which I provided background and an update on Fentanyl was well received. Our next meeting on May 10th should provide some news on Maryland State legislative changes that may be of direct concern to us. We are fortunate to have State Delegate Marc Korman, Esquire who will bring us up to date. Look for further information in this newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Lange, Chapter 258 Treasurer

My last Treasurer's Report appeared in the March/April 2024 issue of The BUZZ. This report will be a synopsis of our Chapter's funds from February 15th, 2024 to May 9th, 2024:

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Chapter 258, Funds Summary, May 9, 2024:

Checking account balance, 2/15/2024	\$ 9,240.07
Receipts, 2/15/2024 - 5/9/2024	\$ 1,326.56
Expenses, 2/15/2024 - 5/9/2024	\$ 1,418.27
Checking account balance, 5/9/2024	\$ 9,148.36
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Working Capital/Total Chapter assets	\$ 9,148.36

The *receipts* for this period were the direct deposit into our Chapter’s checking account by National NARFE of the February, 2024 members’ dues (\$223.60), the payment by attendees of their meals at Alfio’s for our March 8th, 2024 meeting (\$420.00), the payment of attendees of their meals at Alfio’s for our April 12th, 2024 meeting (\$300.00), and direct deposit by National NARFE of the March, 2024 members’ dues (\$382.96), for a total of \$1,326.56.

The *expenses* for this period were the printing and mailing of the March/April 2024 BUZZ (\$512.82), postage for mailing the March/April 2024 BUZZ (\$85.45), the bill for attendees’ meals at Alfio’s for our March 8th, 2024 Chapter membership meeting lunches (\$420.00), the bill for attendees’ meals at Alfio’s for our April 12th, 2024 Chapter membership meeting lunches (\$300.00). Also, each year the National NARFE Office makes available a Federation/Chapter General Liability Insurance policy; the cost to each chapter is \$100.00. I mailed the check for this amount to the National NARFE Office in Alexandria, VA, attention to Ms. Tierra Sherman on Monday, March 18, 2024. The total expenses were \$1,418.27.

MARC KORMAN, ESQ., THE SPEAKER AT OUR MAY 10TH MEETING, HAS SERVED IN THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES SINCE JANUARY, 2015

Mr. Korman, who was born in Rockville, MD, received his J.D. degree magna cum laude from the University of Maryland School of Law in 2010. He was sworn into

the Maryland House of Delegates on January 14, 2015. In January of 2023, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates Adrienne Jones named Mr. Korman as House Majority Leader. He stepped down as Majority Leader following the conclusion of the 2023 legislative session to become the chair of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

FedCON24 WILL BE HELD AUGUST 18TH - 20TH IN ST. LOUIS, MO

This is National NARFE’s biennial national training conference. At FedCON24 attendees will learn how to make the most of one’s federal benefits, and how to advocate to protect those benefits. To register, sign into the NARFE site; click on the “News and Events” blue tab at the top of the page; on the drop down menu click on “NARFE events,” and, under FEDcon24, click on “learn more.”

Just a reminder that the national NARFE homepage contains a great deal of useful information. Click on the many tabs and drop-down menus to see all the information that NARFE has available. Additionally, the homepage of NARFE’s Maryland Federation of Chapters also offers a great deal of information; it may be accessed at www.mdnarfe.org.

NARFE’S MARYLAND FEDERATION OF CHAPTERS MINI-CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MAY 7TH AND 8TH, 2024

The meeting will be held at the Bowie, MD Comfort Inn. The Conference theme is “Shape the Future with Your Voice,” and will focus on “re-energizing the Maryland Federation’s value of relationships through close support, reconnecting with one another, and preparing for the next generation of NARFE leaders. The MD Federation will be inviting speakers from the National Institutes of Health, Partnership for Public Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other organizations.

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Pictures of our March and April Chapter meetings were taken by Judy Mazza.



Chap. 258 President, Lois Ann Beaver, was our speaker at the April 12th membership meeting



At our March 8th Chap. 258 meeting, President Lois Ann Beaver began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance



Dr. John Jowers, of Launch Physical Therapy and Fitness Coaching, was the speaker at our March 8th Chapter 258 meeting



At our April 12th Chap. 258 meeting (front row) Larry Lange, Chap. 258 Treasurer and Newsletter Editor (back row) Chap. 258 President Lois Ann Beaver and Chap. 258 1st V.P. Allan Kam



Chap. 258 President, Lois Ann Beaver, presenting a present to Dr. John Jowers for his being the speaker at our March 8th meeting

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