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February Chapter Meeting

Thursday,
February 20th @ 1PM
Southern Pines Senior Center, Lusby

BetterInvesting™
Roger Cronshey

Lunch 11:30 AM
Salsa's, Lusby

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th
Noon @ Bob Evans
Prince Frederick

April Chapter Meeting

Investment Advisor
Thursday, April 17th
1 PM @ Calvert Pines Senior Center

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New Members

Patricia Akowskey
Catherine Grasso



December Holiday Lunch and Meeting

The December Holiday Lunch was held at the Gateway Restaurant in Port Republic. The speakers included Calvert County Commissioner Catherine Grasso, Director, Planning & Zoning Jason Brinkley, and Planner Kat Lockwood. Commissioner Grasso and Director Brinkley both spoke about portions of the Prince Frederick Town Center master plan update. This included incentivizing and managing Residential Growth and recommendations for MD231 to reflect reduced Boundary Expansion. The latest plan will be presented to the public on Feb 19, 2025. A question-and-answer session followed the presentation.



Photo by Ada Marinelli
December 19th, 2024

Chapter members ordered from the Gateway Restaurant lunch menu featuring various delicious dishes and sandwiches. The food was excellent, the company warm and friendly.

Alzheimer's 50/50 Raffle was won by Shelly Ziman who donated his \$28 winnings to the fund. In total, \$55 was collected at the meeting. A check for \$91 was mailed to the Alzheimer's Fund in early January 2025.

February Meeting

The February meeting will be held at 1PM on Thursday, February 20th, at the Southern Pines Senior Center in Lusby. Chapter member Roger Cronshey will talk about the nonprofit BetterInvesting™(BI) who's mission is to educate individual investors and investment clubs to become successful lifelong investors.

NARFE'S 2025 MARYLAND STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Maryland Federation of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) represents approximately 300,000 Federal employees and annuitants and the more than 1,000,000 seniors aged 65 and older in Maryland.

Goals for 2025

- Tax relief for Maryland's seniors, including but not limited to tax incentives, deductions or credits for long-term care insurance.
- Legislation to reduce the cost of prescription drugs.
- Legislation to help support cognitive and behavioral health issues.
- Protecting senior consumers.
- An increase in the standard homeowner's tax credit.
- Ensuring the availability and quality of medical care in Maryland.

Legislative News

The Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82) was signed into law on January 6th by President Biden. The result was the

repeal of Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). The WEP was a formula used to adjust Social Security worker benefits for people who receive "non-covered pensions." The GPO caused a reduction of Social Security benefits entitled to public pensions from work not covered by Social Security. This delivered a hard-fought victory for public servants across the nation. The legislation, which was passed by the Senate on December 20 and the House on November 12, will ensure that affected Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retirees no longer face unfair reductions in their Social Security benefits.

With this landmark legislation now signed into law, public servants who have dedicated their careers to serving the country will no longer face unjust financial penalties, ensuring they receive the full Social Security benefits.

Announcements

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

All Saints Parish Hall, 100 Lower Marlboro Rd., Sunderland
 Tuesday, March 4, 5-7 PM
 Contact (443) 610-5294

Event Announcement in the Chapter Newsletter

Send What, Where, When and contact information to the Chapter e-mail. Event will be included if space permits.

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Treasurer's Report

Bob Oszajca

	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Alzheimer's</u>
Nov 30 Bal	\$1,717.35	\$36.00
NARFE Dues	\$199.56	
50/50	\$55.00	\$55.00
1169 Dec Speakers Lunch	(77.00)	-
1170 Alzheimer's	(91.00)	(91.00)
1171 PO Box	(72.00)	
Jan 31 Bal	\$1,748.91	\$0.00

Membership 89

Associate 1

Note: No NARFE dues received for Nov. CD value on January 31st is \$2,602.27.

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**).

Local Legislators

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

About NARFE

Since 1921, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association is the only organization exclusively devoted to protecting the earned benefits of active and retired Civil Service employees and their annuitants and survivors.

Membership is open to civilians in any agency of the Federal government, including retirees, current employees, spouses of current employees or retirees, and survivors of those eligible to join NARFE.

www.NARFE.org and www.mdnarfe.org

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