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**Northern Prince George's County Maryland  
Chapter 1122**

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**Debt Deal Spares Federal Pay and Benefits for Now  
Dr. Howard Waterworth, 1st Vice President & Legislative Chair**

Thanks in part to the efforts of NARFE members, the new debt limit compromise law does not make any reductions in retirement pay or health benefits of federal employees and annuitants, at least for now. But the battle to protect our benefits isn't over because spending caps in this law could affect active employee job security because agency budgets may be impacted in the months ahead. The Washington Post called federal worker annuities 'generous.' This is fueling Capitol Hill's attack on federal workers and retirees. Our civilian retirement and health benefits are still vulnerable because the new law creates a bipartisan "Super Committee" of Congress with a mandate to cut spending by an additional **\$1.5 trillion** before the end of the year. Their recommendations may include cuts in our pay and benefits.

NARFE President Joe Beaudoin said: "Federal employees and annuitants have been given a reprieve in the debt-limit deal. This in large part is due to the success of NARFE's advocacy and communications campaign, 'Protect America's Heartbeat'. This campaign was launched in February to support the reduction or elimination of all proposed cuts that affect federal people. NARFE members have made some 25,000 phone calls and sent over 215,000 email messages to their legislators. These contacts, along with the face-to-face meetings they conducted with lawmakers and letters to the editor they submitted to their local newspapers, were key to this victory.

We have one more challenge to defend the integrity of federal retirement and health benefits. Contacting your lawmakers and especially those who are members of the Super Committee, whose decisions will have considerable influence on the final outcome, can do this. They will present their recommendations for further Congressional action this fall. Participation in the 'Protect American's Heartbeat' is an effective and simple way to make your contribution to this cause. All you are asked to do is to write less than 75 words about how important your work was or is and mailing it to: NARFE, Attn: Legislation Department, 606 N. Washington St. Alexandria, VA 22314. You can also register your opinion by email at:

[www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.com](http://www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.com). Some may prefer to phone Congress at 1-866-220-0044 and either ask for your congress people by name or by providing your zip code and they will connect you.

It is widely believed by the general public that our paychecks and annuities are too generous so we must be vigilant in warding off these misconceptions. Several new tax proposals have included slashing the federal workforce and our "too generous" benefits. We must avoid becoming scapegoats and singled out as a way to reduce federal spending.

Federal employees and retirees have more reason than most to wish the White House had been successful in getting a balanced approach to debt reduction. Some have said that a budget package without tax revenues provides no alternative, leaving federal employees with trillions in budget cuts over the next decade.

***NARFE is Fighting Against Attacks on  
Federal Workers and Retirees with the  
Campaign to Protect America's Heartbeat***

We're spreading the truth about federal worker compensation, retirement benefits and annuities, and telling the story of how federal workers Protect America's Heartbeat through the critical services we provide. But we need your help – please make a donation today to support this campaign.

Our new radio ads tell the story of federal workers who cared for our veterans and defended our nation – only to have Washington turn against them. We need your help to keep these ads on the air and expand to more states. To donate on line go to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) or send a donation to: National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Attn: PAH, 606 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. A postage paid envelope is provided in the center spread of your **August 2011 NARFE Magazine** for your convenience.



**WELCOME**

**MAY - AUGUST**

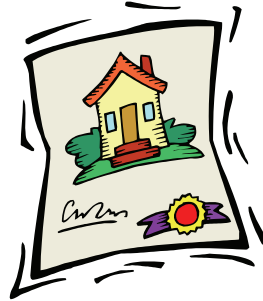
**NEW MEMBERS**

- Bernice G. Alston
- John Bartoli
- Marian Carson
- Sharon Cockram
- Gloria Foust
- Lawrence Harris
- Sherrena Harrison
- Sara H. Henry
- Janice L. Jennings
- Kerri Johnson
- David Michals
- Theresa Moultrie
- Mary H. Odom
- Barbara Pollard
- Gregory Pomicter
- Veronica L. Reeder
- Veena Singh

**REINSTATED MEMBER**

**Joyce B. Chandler**

New, Transferred or Re-instated members please come to the meetings. Get involved. Join a committee or suggest new ways the Chapter can become a more active and productive organization.



**Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2011**

**at 1:30 pm**

**Speaker**

**Eric J. Rittmeyer, CRNP**

**Fidelis Mortgage**

**“Reverse Mortgages”**

Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room  
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt MD  
Call the Office for directions - 301-441-1096 Dial “0”

**APRIL, MAY & JUNE DROPPED CHAPTER MEMBERS**

Some members were dropped for non-renewal. If you know of anyone on the list below please give them a call and ask them to come on back and help save our benefits. Every member’s voice counts.

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Sardar Ahuja        | Christine Arrington    | Douglas J. Bolt      |
| Peggie M. Brown     | Deborah H. Chambers    | Rufus Chaney         |
| Regina J. Cody      | Lucia B. Coleman       | Robert W. Fulcher    |
| Bernadette Harris   | Argentina E. Henderson | Lou J. Jackson       |
| Roy H. Johnson      | Carolyn G. Jones       | Betty J. Lofton      |
| Carol H. McClary    | Robert F. Mersdorf     | Margaret J. Porter   |
| Margaret A. Price   | Ralph D. Ryder         | Iris F. Saunders     |
| Gertrude D. Shannon | Carolyn B. Smith       | Brenda A. Thomas     |
| Norman Weetman      | Verna F. Wilder        | Bernerd A. Zempolich |



**John Lydon, Newsletter Distributor  
Via Email Notification**

Our Chapter is encouraging all members to receive the electronic version of the newsletter on line in pdf format and full color. It typically arrives earlier than the one delivered by mail. To receive a monthly notice by e-mail that our Chapter newsletter is available, send a message to: lydon.j@verizon.net Please include your full name and address with a request to receive the notification that the newsletter is on the web site at: <http://www.mdnarfe.org/chapter1122/>



*IN MEMORIAM*  
It is with sadness that we extend condolences to the family and friends of:

- Samuel A. Brungo*
- John F. DeHuarte*
- Sheldon A. Goldberg*
- Burton E. Keyser*
- John M. Taylor*

Our thoughts and prayers are with all Sick and Shut-In Chapter Members. We wish you a speedy recovery.



**To all June, July August & September Birthday members a big Happy Birthday to You.**  
**From all of us!**



**Chapter 1122 Honors John Lydon and Bonnie Shields**

At the Spring Luncheon John Lydon and Bonnie Shields were honored for their dedicated service to Chapter 1122. Chapter President Robert Doyle delivered a hearty thank you and gift certificate to Bonnie in appreciation of her diligent unpaid work over many years. Bonnie along with husband Lee Shields, our Newsletter Distributor, has taken on the task of labeling and mailing the hundreds of newsletters sent to members each month. Our Chapter is fortunate to have a volunteer as dedicated as Bonnie that handles the task with a cheery smile. John, a current employee could not attend the luncheon due to work constraints. He was presented his gift certificate at a later date by Past President Robert Haas. John manages the Chapter’s membership rolls and sends notices by email to Chapter members when the Newsletter is on line. John donated his gift to the Protect America’s Heartbeat campaign. Thanks to both of you for your volunteer service.



Honoree Bonnie Shields with husband Lee

**CHAPTER NOTES**

Soon it will be time to elect new officers. The chapter is in need of a nominating committee. Please come to the next meeting and offer your services for this vital position. You may also email [bsg.smith@verizon.net](mailto:bsg.smith@verizon.net) to volunteer.

Speaking of elections we need a few people to run for office - President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We hope all the existing officers will continue in their positions but if someone else gets more votes than they do, not to worry there is a committee position waiting for them.

Your donations are still needed for NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund, NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund, and NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Fund. These donations are tax deductible and may help you at tax time.

The Political Action Committees (PAC) need your support also. National PAC and MD PAC give to the representatives that help push our NARFE agenda. These donations are not tax deductible but are greatly needed.

**Membership Retention**

Did you see page 2? Dropped Members - the list gets longer each month. Membership retention has become a high priority for many NARFE Chapters. What can we do to keep members on the rolls? If every member could get just one new member to join or a dropped member to return maybe we could win the battle on membership. Do you have an idea on how to retain members? The Chapter Executive Committee has been discussing this problem for some time and would like to hear from members now. Just email or call any officer or committee member listed on page 4. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

**Treasurer’s Report for  
May, June & July 2011**

Balance as of 4/30/2011		\$2,341.71
Income:		
50/50 Raffle	10.00	
Donation	9.00	
6/8 Luncheon	252.00	
NARFE Dues (May & June)	<u>803.30</u>	
Total Income	1,074.30	
Expenses:		
B. Smith (May Refreshments)	21.15	
H. Waterworth (5/4 MD Fed Meeting)	20.00	
R. Doyle (Return Postage Due)	3.52	
W. Wilcox (6/8 Luncheon paid by Credit Card)	137.57	
W. Wilcox (2 - \$50.00 Gift Cards)	111.90	
Bank & Check Charges	150.01	
CHI Centers Inc (Printing Feb-May Newsletters)	288.32	
Check Book Error	.36	
U.S. Postal Service (Mailing May Newsletter)	<u>60.12</u>	
Total Expense	792.95	
Balance as of 7/31/2011		\$2,623.06
Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer		



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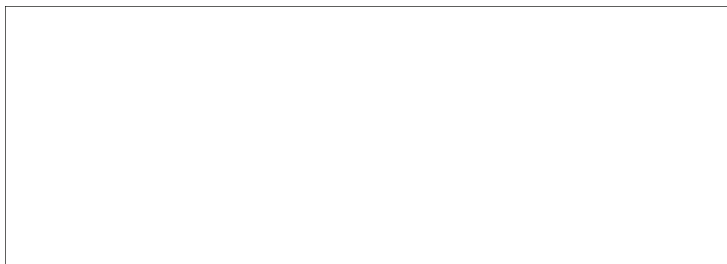
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**Labor Day – September 5**

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**Emma E. Barnett**

**Next Meeting See Page 2**

Executive Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 12 Noon  
 Royal Jade Restaurant  
 Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD

**Important Telephone Numbers**

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 1-800-811-8336 or visit the Web Site **www.gov.state.md.us/mail**

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**Inclement Weather Notice!** When Prince George's County Schools are closed or opening late, the NARFE Chapter 1122 meeting will not be held.