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**Federal Employees & Annuity Benefits Are Being Targeted**  
**Dr. Howard Waterworth, 1st Vice President & Legislative Chair**

Our NARFE headquarters has been very occupied in recent weeks in trying to protect the benefits of active and retired federal employees because the Senate will vote on a bill that would slash federal pay and retirement by \$375 billion over 10 years. The House has already passed a budget proposal that would cut 10% of the federal work force, reduce pay, and jeopardize benefits of retired employees. NARFE President Beaudoin has sent a letter to all senators telling them to vote "No" on the House budget proposal.

Claims that the federal workforce is bloated have made federal employees a target for large and looming budget cuts to help reduce the federal deficit. These cuts will be difficult because employees will be stretched further and asked to do more with fewer resources. Employees are already doing their part to help reduce the deficit by saving the nation \$5 billion via the 2-year freeze on salaries. Politicians want to go further and take away key benefits to employees and annuitants. Some proposals require employees and retirees to pay an increasingly higher share of their health insurance benefits. Employees and retirees already pay 30% of the premiums and plans are to increase it every year to the point where many could no longer afford health insurance. One option under consideration is lowering Social Security benefits by 3% which would likely lead to reducing civilian and military retirement COLAs. They also want to require workers to contribute a much higher share of their salary toward their retirement, effectively resulting in a pay cut for federal employees. This is unprecedented because private sector employers do not require their workers to make any contribution toward their retirement. Other bills call for calculating retirement annuities on the last 5 years salary, rather than the current last 3 years, which would result in significant cuts to retirees' monthly income. Depending upon whether the retiree is in the CSRS or the FERS, this could amount to cuts of \$2,000 to \$7,000 over the next five years.

A government board, called the president's pay agent, found that federal employees are paid 22% less than their private-sector counterparts. However, the Cato think tank

alleges that "the average federal civilian worker now earns twice as much in wages and benefits as the average worker in the private sector. This report is incorrect in that it fails to consider the important differences in occupations, skill levels, age, and education that determine salaries in both the public and private sectors. For example, the government has jobs that require greater qualifications than the private sector in general. Federal civilian workers are more educated: 44% hold BS degrees versus 19% in the private sector.

NARFE has launched an aggressive national campaign known as: "Protect America's Heartbeat" because it is the Federal workforce that is analogous to the heart of American's workforce by dealing with such board issues as defending America, developing new technologies, delivering mail, establishing national standards and regulations for safety, regulating the banking industry, the quality of air we breathe, safety of our food, thwarting the spread of infectious diseases, and raising the alarm whenever a storm is coming.

NARFE members can help to ward off these cutbacks on our salaries and annuities simply by participating in the "Protect America's Heartbeat" program now underway, via the web:

[www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org](http://www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org)

or by writing less than 75 words about how important your work was/is and mailing it to: NARFE, 606 N. Washington St. Alexandria, VA 22314 ATTN: Legislation Department. I read several of these statements when I did mine and found them to be extremely inspiring. NARFE has already used some of these statements on nation-wide campaigns.

**EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER  
TO JOIN NARFE TODAY!**



**NARFE NEEDS  
MARKETING**

Will **YOU** help? We know that there are many Federal workers in your midst, family members, friends, organization members, club members, church members or neighbors. Try asking them to join NARFE as a way to keep abreast of the Federal workforce and the many changes that are taking place. Newer workers need your help in retaining what they are working toward - their retirement benefits. Maybe you can suggest a new way to target new retirees or active employees. NARFE is one of America's oldest and largest associations, founded in 1921, with the mission of protecting the earned rights and benefits of America's active and retired federal workers. It represents the retirement interests of nearly 5 million current and future federal annuitants, spouses and survivors. Contact any Chapter member listed on the back of this newsletter to offer your help and ideas in recruiting new members and retaining old members.



**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:

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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/>



*Spring Luncheon  
Meeting*

**June 8, 2011 at  
12:00 Noon**

**Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet,  
9345 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706  
Phone: 301-459-5555**

(Enterprise Plaza next to Aldi on the right)

**Cost: \$12 per person includes Tax & Gratuity  
(Alcoholic Beverages Not Included)**

Menu

Open Buffet offers Italian, American, Japanese and Mexican food alongside traditional Chinese fare.

**Last day for reservations: June 6, 2011**

*Spring Luncheon Meeting*

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The Chapter sends a grateful thank you to out-of-state chapter member **Irene Nash of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania** for her generous donation to the Chapter General Fund.

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



Members. We wish you a speedy recovery.

**To all June Birthday members a big and glorious Happy Birthday to You From all of us!**



**May 50/50  
Winner**

**Warren Wilcox**

**Donated his winnings to the Chapter Treasury**

**APRIL**

**DROPPED MEMBERS**

Some members were dropped in April 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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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Verdelle Y. Adams</b>     | <b>Mary Cortez</b>        |
| <b>Glenda D. Johnson</b>     | <b>Walter T. Klingner</b> |
| <b>Frederick I. Meader</b>   | <b>Genevieve Peterson</b> |
| <b>Esther G. Robinson</b>    | <b>Della M. Strait</b>    |
| <b>Gwendolyn E. Upchurch</b> |                           |

**Thank You To**

**Our May Speaker**

**Jacquelyn Hair, Regional Director  
Human Resources  
Mid Atlantic Arthritis Association**

Her presentation was a delight. She had everyone laughing at some of her own experiences with arthritis to which we could all relate. Her knowledge of the subject matter in answering our many questions enlightened us on all the various forms of Arthritis.



**HARD ROAD AHEAD FOR PENSIONS**

The generous pension system enjoyed by millions of federal workers from clerks to senators and judges has emerged as a key target in negotiations between Vice President Biden and congressional leaders looking to restrain the growing national debt.

Republicans have proposed saving more than \$120 billion over the next decade by requiring the civilian workforce to contribute more toward retirement - a plan that would effectively impose an immediate 5 percent pay cut on more than 2 million federal employees. President Obama's bipartisan fiscal commission has also endorsed the idea, calling the federal system "out of line" with the private sector.

Now, administration officials have expressed interest in raising the amount that employees contribute to their pensions — though probably not as high as the GOP proposal, definitely not as fast and possibly not for all workers, according to people in both parties familiar with the discussions.

If adopted as part of a compromise plan to control federal borrowing, the proposal promises to test the resolve of local lawmakers — particularly Democrats — by forcing them to choose between the lofty goal of debt reduction and the interests of public-sector workers, who have come under fire from Republicans in Washington and several state capitals.

The issue illustrates the hard road ahead for policymakers trying to rebalance the federal budget. Participants in the Biden talks have temporarily set aside the most ideologically divisive issues, such as raising taxes and cutting entitlement benefits. But while the remaining targets are smaller, they are also guarded by a thicket of lobbyists and interest groups.

**Treasurer's Report for  
April 2011**

Balance as of 3/31/2011	\$2,487.64
Income:	
50/50 Raffle	10.00
Donation	63.00
6/8 Luncheon	24.00
NARFE Dues (Mar)	<u>221.28</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>318.28</b>
Expenses:	
D. Green (Cards & Supplies)	36.32
R. Doyle (Brief Case & Postage Due)	35.65
I. Neveleff (Refreshments)	17.18
Teppanyaki Grill (6/8 Luncheon Deposit)	50.00
NARFE (Liability Insurance 6/16/11-6/16/12)	75.00
U.S. Postal Service (Annual Permit Fee)	190.00
U.S. Postal Service (Mailing May Newsletter)	<u>60.06</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>464.21</b>
Balance as of 4/30/2011	\$2,341.71
Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer	

**National Alzheimer's Project Act (APA)  
Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair**

As some of you may know, on January 4, 2011, The National Alzheimer's Project Act was signed into law by the President of the United States after having been passed unanimously in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Once enacted, NAPA will create a national strategic plan to address and overcome the rapidly escalating crisis of Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's is the seventh-leading cause of death in the country and it is the fifth leading cause of death among individuals 65 and older--the age group for many of our members. Now, more than ever, we need your support.

To date we have collected \$255.00; more is needed. Please join your fellow members by donating today. A special **Thank You** to the following members who have made 2011 donations:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sylvia C. Chulick | Larry G. Hull       |
| David W. Lange    | Creavery Y. Lloyd   |
| John J. Lee       | Kathleen G. McGrath |
| Robert E. Wilson  | Margaret Zanin      |

With a membership of over 650, surely we can exceed our past donations: 2009 - \$1,003.00 and 2010 - \$760.00. **PLEASE ACT NOW!** Send your generous donation as follows:

**Chapter 1122 Alzheimer's Research Donation**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount ( ) \$5.00 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: NARFE Alzheimer's Research

Send to: Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair

6725 Lamont Drive, Lanham, MD 20706

**A Certificate of Appreciation** was awarded to  
**Creavery Lloyd, Chapter 1122 Alzheimer's Chair**  
in recognition of her contributions by the  
Maryland Federation of National Active & Retired  
Federal Employees Association (NARFE) on May 2, 2011



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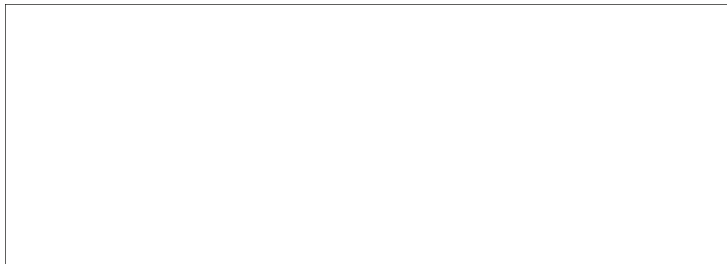
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**Inclement Weather Notice!** When Prince George's County Schools are closed or opening late, the NARFE Chapter 1122 meeting will not be held.