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Association

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

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Some New Challenges to NARFE and Our Membership

Dr. Howard Waterworth, 1st Vice President & Legislative Chair

Many of us are tired of hearing about the deadlock over the issue of more taxes vs. spending cuts. It seems that no one knows when and how this issue will be resolved. The "super committee" of 6 senators and six representatives continue to meet in order to come up with ways to reduce government spending or increase income. According to NARFE headquarters "the stakes for federal workers and retirees are as high as ever." They further say that "the best way to protect our interests and to influence this committee is by contacting your representative and senators, since the super committee will be looking to their colleagues for advice on what to cut first." It's easy to do, dial 1-866-220-0044 and ask for your congress person by name OR provide your zip code and phone number and they will call you back. By doing so you can make your contribution toward protecting the benefits we all enjoy. This committee of 12 members is charged with finding \$1.2 trillion additional savings.

Joseph Beaudoin, our National President, wrote to the above Select Committee urging them not to unfairly single out our retirement, pay and health benefits for reductions. He argued that cuts send the wrong signal to the best and brightest workers federal agencies will need to recruit and retain to make government operate efficiently, prevent terrorist attacks, fight wars, cure diseases, provide assistance to the unemployed, disabled, and develop new technologies for the betterment of us all.

Maryland Federation President Ted Jensen recently said "federal employees and retirees and their families face unprecedented challenges in today's swirling political and economic storms." Our Federation leaders have spent many hours trying to develop new strategies to protect our benefits both in Annapolis and the U.S. Congress. But they cannot do it alone; many emails, letters and phone calls from us will make a big difference. Our Federation leaders have developed a comprehensive plan to deal with many issues, including membership, financial issues, leadership training, and how to effectively influence politicians. All of these issues will be discussed at the Federation meeting to be held on November 1 in Bowie. The overall theme is Advocacy,

Communications and chapter leadership. Some of the topics covered will include social media strategies (Facebook, twitter, blogs), marketing and public relations, redesigned memberships, effective newsletters, educating legislators, mentoring new leaders and effective ways to reach out to current employees.

As you may know from my previous articles, NARFE has lost many members in recent years and continues to lose members. Membership in Maryland dropped from 20,668 to 20,063 during the past year, a drop of 2.92% in one year. On a national level NARFE lost 4.7% of its members. As you know, this change reduces our influence with politicians. So our leaders continue to search for ways to stop this hemorrhaging of membership. For example, NARFE has now established a new kind of membership, namely an eChapter. It is another membership option for those who do not want to join a traditional chapter. Headquarters will maintain a single eChapter that anyone in the country can join. Federations will be able to make state-specific information available to eNARFE members, and Federation presidents will be able to vote the proxies of eNARFE members in their states. So far, eNARFE has over 1100 members of which ALL but about 50 are NEW to NARFE. It will adjust and adapt in the years ahead to this new concept to help make it work. In the months since the new eChapter option became available, Maryland has received 10% fund revenue for 121 eNARFE members while 122 new members have joined "traditional chapters" after receiving an OPM mailing.

Thank You To

Our October Speaker

**Kacy Paide, Professional Organizer
The Inspired Office**

Her presentation and helpful organizing tips
showed us how to get rid of clutter.

For more information you can contact Kacy at
202-262-1207 or kacy@theinspiredoffice.com



WELCOME
OCTOBER
NEW MEMBERS

Deborah Fravel
Kenneth E. Shilling
John Vodenik

REINSTATED MEMBER

Douglas J. Bolt

New, Transferred or Reinstated 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.

NARFE Chapter 1122

Membership Total

October 2011

640

578 in Maryland
62 in Other States

**September - Dropped
Chapter Members**

Charles E. Hall
Angela Jones
Selinam Lyles
Louise M. Robinson
Cary B. Singleton

Some members were dropped for non-renewal. If you know anyone on the list above please give them a call and ask them to rejoin our chapter and help save our benefits.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2011
at 1:30 pm

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

Note

Executive Board Meeting
Immediately following the
regular meeting

Federal Retirement Annuities to Increase through Cost of Living Adjustment

Federal retirees will receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to their civil service annuities beginning in January 2012 while retirees in the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) will receive a 2.6 percent increase to their annuities. While CSRS retirees receive the full amount of the CPI-W increase as a COLA, current law reduces the FERS COLA by 1 percentage point for increases above 3 percent.

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 14

At 12:00 Noon

Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet

14150 Baltimore Avenue
Laurel, MD, 20707

Cost: \$13 per person
Includes Tax & Gratuity
Open Buffet

Reservations by **December 5**

Check payable to:

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Treasurer's Report for

September 2011

Balance as of 8/31/2011 \$2,932.27

Income:

NARFE Dues (Aug) 94.76

Total Income 94.76

Expenses:

BB&T (Bank Service Charge) 5.00

US Postal Service (Sep & Oct Newsletter Mailing) 117.12

Total 122.12

Balance as of 9/30/2011 \$2,904.91

Submitted: Warren C. Wilcox, Treasurer



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/>

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



**To all November
Birthday
Members a big
Happy Birthday
to You.
From all of us!**





NARFE MEMBERSHIP PERKS

NARFE membership has its privileges. You can very quickly earn back your membership dues through discounted prices on car rentals, hotel stays and other member perks. From car rentals to moving services, financial services to insurance plans, hotels and travel offers to emergency services, get the most for your money through trusted names you'll recognize. NARFE member discounts mean real savings. For further information see the NARFE Magazine or go to the NARFE web site: www.NARFE.org. Below is a list of services available.

Financial Services

Bank Of America Credit Card Program
NARFE Home Benefits Mortgage, Real Estate
NARFE Premier Federal Credit Union

Travel

Car Rentals - Alamo, National, Avis
Vacations - NARFE Travel, Endless Vacation
Rentals

Hotels - Wyndham Hotel Group,

Ramada, Days Inn, Motel 8, Wingate,
Baymont, Micortel, Hawthorn, Knights Inn,
Howard Johnson, Travelodge,
Ameri Host Inn

Hotels - Choice Hotels International

Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality Inn,
Clarion, Main Stay Suites, Econo Lodge,
Rodeway Inn

Insurances

FEHBP & Medicare supplements
Hospital Indemnity
Accidental injury & death
Dental
Cancer Care
GEICO Auto

Real Estate & Moving Services

Bekins Van Lines
Allied Moving Benefits
NARFE Home Benefits Moving

Other Services

Medical Air Services Association
NARFE General Store
Health Life Line Screening
Tru Hearing

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair

THIS IS A FRIENDLY REMINDER to members of NARFE Chapter 1122 that the Alzheimer's fundraising effort is an ongoing one and needs the support of every member. Chapter 1122 has over 600 current members. With such a large number, we should have raised more than the \$500 that has been raised to date for 2011.

November is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Our Chapter can do its part in fighting this dreaded disease by donating to the Alzheimer's Fund. To help raise awareness regarding this disease, we have set a 2011 goal of \$1,500 to be raised by our Chapter and donated to the NARFE National Alzheimer's Fund. We are asking every member of Chapter 1122 to send \$5 (or more) between now and December 2011. If you wish, you may spread your donation over the next two months. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of the proceeds are used for Alzheimer's research. Make us proud. Let's show that our chapter can support this worthy cause. Please include Chapter 1122 on the memo line and make the check payable to: NARFE ALZ Research Fund.

Your cancelled check may be used as a receipt for your donation

Chapter 1122 Alzheimer's Research Donation

Name _____

Address _____

Amount () \$5.00 () Other _____

Make check payable to: NARFE ALZ Research Fund

Send to: Creavery Lloyd, Alzheimer's Chair

6725 Lamont Drive, Lanham, MD 20706

CHAPTER NOTES

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to member James Karey on the passing of his wife Helen Karey.

Bob Haas is waiting by the telephone to take your calls for nominations to officer positions that are open for the 2012-2013 election. Please call today. You can reach Bob at 301-937-7987 or happyanniversary@netzero.net

The **Global Email Messaging System (GEMS)** Hot-line weekly legislative messages are available to telephone callers at [\(703-838-7780\)](tel:703-838-7780) and toll free at 1-877-217-8234).



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DayLight Saving Time
Ends
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www.mdnarfe.org

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White House Web Site:	http://www.whitehouse.gov/

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