NARFE Peninsula Chapter 682 – HI-LITES

January 3, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Monday, January 10, 2022 – BRITTINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

10:00AM SOCIAL/10:30AM Membership Meeting

Masking required in building

SPEAKER: William Donaldson, CNU, Associate Professor Director Biotechnology and Management Program TOPIC: The Value of talking with your parents about their "estimated time of departure"

BRING A FRIEND! WITH THIS TOPIC, MAYBE BRING YOUR SONS/DAUGHTERS?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Nominations Committee Report for 2022: President – Tom Yager, First-Vice President – Linda Sanders, Secretary-Treasurer – Maggie Keator Membership will vote at our meeting on 13 December. Nominations from the floor will be recognized. Each of the candidates would welcome other able members taking up a roll with the board! Call or email Tom Yager at 757-864-1304 or email tyager1@cox.net.

At this writing, the US Congress has extended this year's budget levels to February 15, 2022. Debt ceiling vote still not scheduled. The Republicans in Virginia have claimed all three state-wide positions and a slim majority of the House of Delegate elections. Congratulations to Glenn Youngkin, Governor-elect; Winsome Sears, Lt. Governor-elect; and Jason Miyares, Attorney General-elect. At this writing, one race (Hampton District 91) is being recounted but will not make a difference in which party controls the House of Delegates. 51-R, 48-D; 1-being recounted.

The Board decided to host a dessert at our regular meeting on December 13 at the Midtown Community Center – 10:00am to noon. Eventually we will be able to return to some normalcy following COVID19. We will have a holiday dessert table, install our officers and hear a great speaker, Glenn Oder, Executive Director, Fort Monroe Authority. Bring a friend or significant other!

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OPEN SEASON

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has announced the 2022 plans and premiums for the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). The 2021 **Open Season started Monday, Nov 8 and runs through Monday, Dec 13, 2021**. NARFE Webinars are free for NARFE members, but you must register. Go online to www.new.narfe.org and click Federal Benefits Institute to register. All webinars start at 2 pm.

You can register after a webinar and then pull up a video presentation later.

Membership Meeting Notes – Linda Sanders

President Maggie Keator called the meeting to order on November 8, 2021, at 10:30am. Board members in attendance were Vice President Alberta Reid, Secretary Linda Sanders, Membership Chair Marie Collins, and Greeter Shirley Taylor.

Vice President Reid led members and guests in Pledge of Allegiance. Marine Collins led members and guests in Prayer.

Our Speaker today was Jeanne Garrison, NARFE VA Area 1 Vice President, who provided a summary of the NARFE VA Conference in Richmond, October 10-13, 2021. Given our requirements to elect national and state officers via popular vote, the Nominations Committee recommended Bob Martin – President; 2nd Vice President – Frances Boatman; Secretary – Esther Nash; Treasurer -Thomas Rachele. These were elected by acclamation by the conference. There were two candidates for First Vice President – Larry McAwee and Doris McAdams. Election Procedures and Ballots will be provided to members this spring. Jeanne noted that she is ending her service as Area 1 VP in June and a new VP will have to be elected. Jeanne announced that the Conference was dedicated to 3 long-service State Board members – Alex Adkins, our own Patricia Taylor, and Steven Dansker. She provided copies of our 2022 State Legislative Brochure and encouraged us to contact Debra Fisk, the State Legislation Chair 804-748-8722 or valeg@vanarfe.org. In closing, Jeanne brought us goodies from the conference, including a picnic bag that will be auctioned to benefit Alzheimer's Research at our December social.

Treasurer Tom Yager was unable to attend today and Maggie Keator provided his report. Bank Statement Balance \$4899.96. Additional funds have been received from NARFE HQ, with a current balance of \$5500.00

Membership Marie Collins, Membership Chair, reported 0 new members to Chapter 682. Please step up and take on membership!

Miles of Pennies Marie Collins noted that Chapter 682 has been collecting pennies since 1999. She encouraged us to complete mile 38 in 2021.

Service Officer Chapter 682 Service Officer Charlie Jones still needs a replacement for his position. Vera Simmons has expressed some interest in this position. Please see Tom Yager if you are interested in being the Service Officer for our chapter.

Attendance: There were 18 members and guests in attendance at today's meeting

Raffle Drawings: Shirley Taylor collected \$33, with \$10 each going to guest John Sanders and Marshelle Murry and \$13 going to Alzheimer's Research.

New Business: Chapter 682's Alzheimer's Walk goal was \$2000. We have raised \$908 to date. We can continue to donate.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:45am

Linda S. Sanders, Secretary

Miles of Pennies by Marie Collins

Good News! Chapter 682's 38th mile has been paved to within 87 pennies of the half-mile marker. Contributors at our Chapter's business meeting, Monday, November 8, 2021, included Shirley Taylor, David Marr, Linda Sanders, and Marshelle Murry.

Can our chapter complete the 38th mile by December 31, 2021? Our goal is to pave one mile annually. Even though the COVID 19 lock-in was a deterrent, our contributors nearly paved ½ mile to date - Let's be positive to complete the 38th!

Here's how we can do it! Bring your cache of pennies to our Dessert Social on December 13th at 10am, Brittingham Community Center, Midtown NN. We can WIN by "showering" your pennies to pave the last half-mile 0f the 38th mile!

May you receive rich blessings for your generosity!!

Marie Collins, coordinator: contact 757-880-0649

Peninsula Alzheimer's Walk – Was Held Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Port Warwick Report. NARFE Chapter 682 is a member of our National NARFE team. You can continue to donate to our local team through this link: <u>NARFE | Walk to End Alzheimer's</u> If you have problems connecting, contact Barbara Monteith 757-793-5077 or email <u>bgmonteith@alz.org</u>. We have raised \$980 of our \$2,000 goal.

DATES TO REMEMBER - Chapter Meetings: Dec 13, Jan 10 @10am social, 10:30 program

Board Meetings: Jan 3 – Northampton Library, Big Bethel Road (open to all members) – 10-11am