

NARFE Peninsula Chapter 682 – HI-LITES

March 8, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Monday, March 14, 2022 – The Arbors

Noon Luncheon

Masking required in building

SPEAKER: Delegate Shelly Simonds, District 94, Newport News

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next Chapter 682 membership meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2022, at Noon at The Arbors in Port Warwick, 1100 William Styron Square South, Newport News 23606. Our speaker is Delegate Shelly Simonds, District 94. Delegate Simonds is a former Newport News School Board member and currently serves on 3 House Committees: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources; Education; and Privileges and Elections. Her husband is a member of our chapter. Delegate Simonds will be just returning home from the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly and will provide up updates on state legislation.

The Arbors has graciously invited us to lunch at no cost with the understanding that we will spend some time learning more about their facility and programs – tours will be available, following lunch. We were limited to 25 guests and all meal spaces are taken. Our board asks that you consider contributing to our chapter's Miles of Pennies for Alzheimer's Research and/or joining our team for the Peninsula Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

FEDcon22 SAVE the Date!

FEDcon22 will be held August 21 – 23, 2022 at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. More information will be coming out later this year about this important conference. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, NARFE announced on 05-23-20 that FEDCon20 scheduled for August 30 thru September 1 at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ, was cancelled. This also means that our original plan to host FEDCon22 in St. Louis, MO, will shift to become FEDCom24, August 14-22, 2024.

Approved Election Timeline – NATIONAL NARFE

April 1, 2022: Bylaws Committee Final Report

May 2022 Issue: Candidate Statements Published in NARFE Magazine

May 15, 2022: Candidate Nominations Due for Those Waiving Statement Publication

June/July 2022 Issue: Bylaws Committee Report Published in NARFE Magazine

July 15, 2022: Internet Voting Site Goes Live

August 1, 2022: Ballots Issued

August 31, 2022: Voting Ends

Treasurer's Report by Tom Yager

On February 28, 2022, our balance was \$5,260.86 after one \$200.00 check written for the PO box rental for 1 year.

Margaret (Maggie) Keator, Secretary/Treasurer 757-812-0127 maggiেকেator@netscape.net

Membership February Meeting Notes – Maggie Keator

President Tom Yager called the meeting to order at 10:30am. Secretary-Treasurer Maggie Keator, Alzheimer's and acting Membership Chair Marie Collins and Service Officer Vera Simmons were present. Our speaker was Sean L. Smith, SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) State Director. He discussed the 3 main frauds in 2021: government imposter, durable medical equipment, and genetic testing (Medicare will deny claim; dr. has to ask for it (will cost you \$900-\$1,000). Your first fraud protection: the IRS, Medicare and Social Security to not call you; use the hotline to report (1-800-938-8885). Three-pronged defense:

PREVENT

Don't answer unsolicited calls

Don't automatically trust your caller ID – spoofing

Do say no to any add-ons

Don't give information on the phone

REPORT

Call your provider or the billing department or insurer

Call SMP 1-800-938-8885

DETECT

Review your account statements regularly – bank, credit card, Medicare statements and your insurance explanations of benefits. Mr. Smith answered our many questions and provided materials to each person present.

President Yager announced that The Arbors will host us for a luncheon on March 14, noon-2pm. 25 Maximum attendees. Shirley Taylor announced the 2 winners of our Alzheimer's Raffle and Marie Collins announced the winner of our Valentine's Day sweets.

Shirley announced our attendance: 14 members and 1 guest. President Yager adjourned the meeting at noon.

NARFE-PAC

March 1 marked the official kick-off of NARFE-PAC month. NARFE dedicates the entire month of March to raising awareness of NARFE's political action committee and the vital role it plays in defending and advancing the earned benefits of the federal community. Help protect your retirement security by [contributing to NARFE-PAC today](#).

Miles of Pennies by Marie Collins

The Valentine's Day meeting "showers of Pennies" extended our 83rd mile beyond the .93 mile marker. Loyal contributors were Shirley Taylor, Alberta Reid, Tom Yager and Maggie Keator. Let's complete this 83rd mile at our March luncheon meeting.

One in three Seniors dies of Alzheimer's or other dementias. More than six million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. Between 2000 and 2019, deaths from this disease increased 145%. We are supporting important research.

Marie Collins, coordinator: contact 757-880-0649

Peninsula Alzheimer's Walk – Our 2022 Walk will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Port Warwick. NARFE Chapter 682 is a member of our National NARFE team. We raised \$980 for our 2021 Walk. Thank you, 2021 walkers and donors! Let's try to double our participation in 2022. Shirley Taylor is our Team Captain, contact: 757-249-1677.

DATES TO REMEMBER – Chapter Meetings: March 14– luncheon @ The Arbors @ noon

April 11 – 10am social, 10:30am program – Brittingham
Midtown Community Center

Board Meetings: March 7, April 4 – Northampton Library, Big Bethel Road –
10-11am (open to all members)

Chapter 682 Officers for 2022:

President – Tom Yager, 757-864-1304 tyager1@cox.net

First-Vice President – Linda Sanders, 757-369-0307 johnsanders9@cox.net

Secretary-Treasurer – Maggie Keator, 757-812-0127 maggiekeator@netscape.net

Service Officer – Vera Simmons, 757-838-5290, vera16po@aol.com

**Membership (Acting)/Alzheimer's Chair – Marie Collins, 757-880-0649 Northampton CRC, 1028
Topping Lane, Hampton 23666**