

NARFE Peninsula Chapter 682 – HI-LITES

April 6, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Monday April 11, 2022

Brittingham Mid-Town Community Center

10am Social; 10:30am meeting

Masking required in building

SPEAKER: Randi Chew from Peninsula Agency on Aging

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next Chapter 682 membership meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022, at 10am at the Brittingham Midtown CC, 570 McLawhorne Dr., Newport News 23601. Our speaker is Randi Chew from the Peninsula Agency on Aging. It was a great to be able to have lunch with 20+ members in March and to hear an update of the 2022 General Assembly session from Delegate Shelly Simonds (D-94).

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

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 Maggie Keator

March 31, 2022 the account balance is \$5307.36 with a deposit of \$46.50 (Alzheimers).

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

Membership March Meeting Notes – Maggie Keator

President Tom Yager called the meeting to order at noon at The Arbors. First Vice President Linda Sanders, Secretary-Treasurer Maggie Keator, Alzheimer's and acting Membership Chair Marie Collins and Service Officer Vera Simmons were present. Our speaker was Delegate Shelly Simonds (D-94. She discussed the 2022 General Assembly Session and took questions from the audience.

Marie Collins, Alzheimer's Research Chair thanked each member who contributed to the Mile of Pennies Fund and noted that we surely are close to completing our 38th Mile.

Shirley Taylor announced the 2 winners of our Alzheimer's Raffle.

Shirley announced our attendance: 22 members and 3 guest. President Yager adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm. Several members took the tour of The Arbors offered by staff.

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Help protect your retirement security by contributing to NARFE-PAC today.

Miles of Pennies by Marie Collins

Thanks to The Arbors for the delectable meal served to the Peninsula Chapter 682 members on Monday, March 14th. And, that good food "loosened a shower of pennies". We only need to 600 feet to complete our 38th Mile. All contributions are appreciated, including Bill Tennis's \$25.00 check delivered by US Postal Service. As reported by NARFE, our national goal is \$15,000,000 for Alzheimer's Research – We have raised \$14,307,048.27!

Are you caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or dementia? See page 38, March NARFE Magazine, for a great suggestion to use music as a means of engagement.

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. We have raised \$120 of our 2022 goal of \$2000 so far and have 3 team members signed up – Shirley Taylor, Maggie Keator or Yvonne Bailey. Shirley Taylor is our Team Captain, contact: 757-249-1677.

Message from our State Legislative Chair, Deborah Fisk – Update on State Legislation, dated 4 April 2022

Good Morning,

The Special Session to complete work on nearly 50 bills and the budget begins today. The House of Delegates and Senate convene at 12 pm in the Capitol.

Governor Youngkin wants to suspend the entire Virginia state tax on fuel for three months to provide some relief from rising gas prices. The governor has also stated, however, that eliminating the gas tax will not necessarily lower prices. The market controls the price. Business owners that sell fuel could just pocket the extra 26 cents per gallon instead of lowering the prices. The current struggle is over not having language in the procedural resolution that would allow legislators to consider any new bill from the governor.

There is also a long list of bills that are still up for consideration by legislators. Here is that list, if you are interested in all 40; but, please pay particular attention to **HB 1128 and SB 528 (let's watch as it could help with our CSRS initiative in the future)**:

HB 29 Budget Bill.

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HB 86 Campaign finance; disclosure reports, searchable electronic database.

HB 90 Sales tax; exemption for food purchased for human consumption & essential personal hygiene products.

HB 103 Income tax, state; deduction for eligible educator qualifying expenses.

HB 128 Virginia Diverse Educator Scholarship Fund and Program; created and established.

HB 177 Absentee voting; witness requirement for absentee ballots.

HB 191 Health Workforce Development; creates position of Special Advisor to the Governor.

HB 305 Elections; appointment of Commissioner of Elections, membership of Board, effective date.

HB 346 College partnership laboratory schools; application and establishment.

HB 349 Foster care; housing support for persons between ages 18 and 21.

HB 563 School Construction Fund and Program; created and established.

HB 653 Foster care; DSS to establish and implement a collaborative local board placement program.

HB 680 Medical assistance services; state plan, case management service, individuals w/severe brain injury.

HB 736 Search warrants; execution.

HB 764 Charitable gaming; registration of landlords, Texas Hold'em poker operations.

HB 833 Group violence intervention; definition, Operation Ceasefire Grant Fund created.

HB 935 Income tax, state; refunds for individuals or married persons filing a joint return.

HB 993 Unlawful hazing; amends definition, civil and criminal liability, penalties.

HB 1046 Over-the-counter medications, etc.; DMAS to study plan for a process to allow direct purchase.

HB 1053 Correctional facilities, local; fees associated with inmates.

HB 1128 Income tax, state; military benefits subtraction.

HB 1206 Fort Monroe Authority; adds to powers and duties, facilities management.

HB 1245 Nurse practitioners; practice without a practice agreement, repeals sunset provision.

HB 1257 Natural gas utilities; retail supply choice.

HB 1261 State environmental boards; appointment of members to various Boards.

HB 1306 Firearms; removing, altering, etc., serial number, selling, etc., or possessing.

HB 1319 Beneficial hardwood management practices; creates a nonrefundable income tax credit.

HB 1339 Facial recognition technology; redefines, local law enforcement and campus police to utilize.

HB 1353 Virginia Football Stadium Authority; established.

SB 38 Capitol Square Preservation Council; powers and duties, review and approval of plans for changes.

SB 47 Income tax, state; housing opportunity tax credits.

SB 273 Absentee voting; verification by social security number or unique identifier.

SB 324 Public agencies; privacy of personal information.

SB 371 Elections, State Board of; expands membership, appointment of Commissioner of Elections.

SB 440 Unlawful hazing; civil and criminal liability.

SB 451 Retail Sales and Use tax; exemption for essential personal hygiene products.

SB 471 Literary Fund; open application process for loans, maximum loan amounts, etc.

SB 473 School Construction Fund and Program; created and established.

SB 487 Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention, Virginia Center; established.

SB 490 Standards of Quality; specialized student support.

SB 498 Conveyances of property; acceptance by clerk's office for recordation.

SB 528 Income tax, state; military benefits subtraction, person 60 years of age or older, etc.

SB 579 Income tax, state; refunds for individuals or married persons filing a joint return.

SB 598 College partnership laboratory schools; application and establishment.

SB 652 Absentee voting; application requirements, last four digits of social security number.

SB 727 Virginia Football Stadium Authority; established, definitions, report.

This is a recap of the current activities in the Virginia Legislature.

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Deborah O. Fisk

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DATES TO REMEMBER – Chapter Meetings

April 11, May 9 – 10am social, 10:30am program – Brittingham Midtown Community Center

Board Meetings: May 2, June 6– Northampton Library, Big Bethel Road – 10-11am (open to all members)

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