

NARFE Peninsula Chapter 682 – HI-LITES

June 30, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Monday, July 11, 2022

Brittingham Mid-Town Community Center

10am Social; 10:30am meeting

Masking optional in building

SPEAKER: Kathie Angle, PE, CFM

Supervising Engineer- Civil Design Stormwater

City of Newport News

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Tom Yager 757-703-4233

Our next Chapter 682 membership meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022, at 10am at the Brittingham Midtown CC, 570 McLawhorne Dr., Newport News 23601. Our speaker will be from the Newport News Stormwater Engineering Department to discuss Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency. We hope you will be able to join us in person once again. Bring a friend – climate change is affecting us all.

August 8, 2022, Meeting – Luncheon at The Hidenwood Retirement Community at NOON

We will not meet at the Community Center in August but will have a luncheon at noon on Monday, August 8 @ The Hidenwood Retirement Community, 50 Wellesley Dr., Newport News 23606. Our guest speaker will be Delegate Amanda Batten (representing parts of York County and James City County).

RSVP (phone or text) to Sylvia Rumsey at 757-951-3858 by August 4, 2022. 25 maximum attendees.

Note: Tom is still in rehab as of the printing of this newsletter – he can be reached at 757-703-4233, Old Dominion Rehab, 4 Ridgewood Parkway, NN 23602.

FEDcon22

FEDcon22 will be held August 21 – 23, 2022 at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. Members Maggie Keator and Mike Thurber plan to attend this year.

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Treasurer's Report by Maggie Keator 757-812-0127

On June 30, 2022, the account balance is \$4802.01, including a deposit of \$78.00 (Alzheimer's) and two withdrawals (checks) to VFN – \$411.25 (annual dues) and \$536.85 (NARFE Alzheimer's Research).

Approved Election Timeline – NATIONAL NARFE

May 2022 Issue: Candidate Statements Published in NARFE Magazine. All candidate statements are published at www.narfe.org/2022elections. The May NARFE Magazine lists those candidates who met the February deadline for submission. Four candidates for President: Bill R. Austin, John William Dowie, Gary Roundtree Sr., and William "Bill" Shackelford (Our current Region X Vice President). Secretary/Treasurer: Kathryn Hensley (current Secretary/Treasurer since 2017). Two Candidates for Region X Vice President: Robert Allen and Charles Talley. The August Issue of NARFE Magazine will include instructions for voting online or by mail.

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

Membership June Meeting Notes – Maggie Keator

First Vice President Linda Sanders called the meeting to order at 10:30am at Brittingham Midtown Community Center. Secretary-Treasurer Maggie Keator, Alzheimer's and acting Membership Chair Marie Collins and Service Officer Vera Simmons were present.

Maggie announced that President Tom Yager was recovering from a fall and some medical issues and is in rehab. Marie led us in prayer. Linda led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Maggie noted our NN Fire Dept speaker will join us in September and introduced our speaker, Rob Coleman, COO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula.

Mr. Coleman noted that there are 13 cubs from Hampton to Matthews County; 9 are open now with 600 children per day. During Covid, they were able to open some clubs and set them up like schools – desks socially distanced; laptops – Gloucester Club worked with 65 children (in the old Roses' store on Route 17). They continued with this system until schools reopened.

*This summer they will be open Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 6pm. Program specifics – fieldtrips; state champion track teams; football and basketball teams; partnership with NNPD who serve as coaches; Workforce Development Program (4-year college is not the best for everyone); Va Tech Academy; Scholarships available. Volunteers are needed – volunteers bring a different skill set to kids. Examples – etiquette: Fashion Show this summer; how to volunteer: Many of their staff are former B&G Clubbers. They do have 2 pools – indoor at Thorncliff and outdoor at Downtown. A volunteer from Ferguson Corporation who is an AA triathlete has created a swimming program for the Clubs. **How to volunteer: Contact B&G Club corporate office and/or fill out the volunteer form at bagclub.com.***

Treasurer's Report: *Maggie reported our chapter balance (May 30, 2022) was \$5627.11, including deposits of Miles of Pennies and Raffle proceeds.*

Alzheimer's Report: *Marie noted that we had begun our 39th mile. Maggie announced that NARFE Chapter 682 has raised \$155 towards our Alzheimer's Walk in October with 3 members*

signed up to walk. If you go to www.alz.org and search for NARFE Chapter 682 in the teams, you will locate our page and can sign up or donate directly. NARFE is one of the national sponsors of the walk.

Service Officer Vera noted that we had no recent deaths of members. Shirley announced that we had 10 members and 1 guest present. Raffle results: \$22.00, winners Vera Simmons and Linda Sanders (\$6.00 each) and Alzheimer's Research \$10.00. Meeting adjourned at 11:18am.

Miles of Pennies by Marie Collins 757-880-0649

The 39th Mile continues to have Chapter 682 members dedicate their pennies to our Miles of Pennies project. Just four members donated pennies to pave this mile to within ¼ mile marker! Are you still filling that empty penny jar? If so, how about bringing this donation to our August Summer Luncheon? **Call Sylvia Rumsey at 757-951-3858 to RSVP for the August Luncheon.**

Peninsula Alzheimer's Walk – Our 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 \$255 of our 2022 goal of \$2000 so far and 3 team members have already signed up – Shirley Taylor, Maggie Keator and Yvonne Bailey. Shirley Taylor is our Team Captain, contact: 757-249-1677.

NARFE LEGISLATIVE ALERT – AUGUST IS GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY MONTH

H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act, is close to the "magic" number of cosponsors: To date: 281 cosponsors (203 Democrats; 78 Republicans – in the Virginia Delegation 8 co-sponsors. The Representatives from Hampton Roads are cosponsors (Scott, Wittman, Luria, McEachin) – if you have retired federal employee friends in **these 3 Congressional Districts: 5 (Bob Good), 6 (Ben Cline) and/or 9 (Morgan Griffith)**, urge them to call/write/email their Representatives to cosponsor this bill. When a bill reaches 290 cosponsors, it can be added to the House Consensus Calendar and moves more quickly towards a vote.

If you want to influence NARFE's Advocacy Positions for the next Congress (118th Congress – convenes January 3, 2023), refer to page 11 of your NARFE Magazine, June-July issue, for the process. Proposals require a chapter's endorsement or endorsement by at least 10 other NARFE members to be considered.

Update on State Legislation

The state Budget has been finalized. Two bills we need to follow are **HB 1128 and SB 528 (let's watch as it could help with our CSRS initiative in the future)**. Debbie Fisk is planning a 2023 Legislative Zoom meeting for 20 July. Attached to your email or in this mailing is the Virginia 2023 State Legislative Plan approved by the VFN board. If you want to get more involved in State Legislative action contact Debbie Fisk, Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN), 4th District CDL, State Legislative Chair & ECC Chair, (804) 748-8722, valeg@vanarfe.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER – Chapter Meetings

June 13, July 11, September 12, October 10, November 14 – 10am social, 10:30am program – Brittingham Midtown Community Center

August 8 meeting – location: The Hidenwood Retirement Community, 50 Wellesley Dr, Newport News 23606 – time NOON

Board Meetings: July 6, August 1, September 6, October 3, November 7, and December 5 – Northampton Library, Big Bethel Road – 10-11am (open to all members)

Chapter 682 Officers for 2022:

President – Tom Yager, 757-595-3185 tyager1@cox.net

First-Vice President – Linda Sanders, 757-369-0307 sandersjnl9@gmail.com

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**

Friendly Reminder – Update your Member Profile

Please update your mailing address, phone number and email address with National so we can keep in touch. You can do so through the member portal on www.narfe.org or call 800-456-8410 and press 1 for membership.