



FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS
National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association

Dulles Chapter 1241

Serving Current, Former & Retired Federal Employees,
Spouses and Survivor Annuitants
In the Dulles Area of Northern Virginia.

May-June 2022

PRESIDENT'S GREETING: I'm glad to resume our regular meetings. I've spent time attending the NARFE Quarterly Executive Board and VFN annual meetings. I have heard that federations and chapters continue to close. NARFE is a great organization. They only have 33 staff members and continue to do so much. I plead to our membership to please get involved. We have several opportunities within our own chapter, VFN has several committees that need volunteers. We have so much knowledge within our own chapter please share it with the organization.



Obtaining speakers continue to be a real challenge for chapters. If you know of a speaker that would be interested in presenting at a chapter luncheon meeting please contact me or Pat Wolfe. What does your lunch fee include for \$20.00? Meal, drink, tax, 15% tip and no room charge. If you were to order off the menu, the cost would be \$24.20 so the chapter is getting a really good deal. Dessert & Salad will be served most of the time but not always, i.e., not with salad as the main dish and it routinely does not come with sandwiches.

NARFE national officers are up for election in August. Please read your May NARFE magazine for Candidates & their bios. Note that our Region 10 VP/Fairfax Chapter member Bill Shackelford is one of the candidates for National President. It's also available on the NARFE website www.narfe.org.

The chapter still needs to fill the following positions. Our chapter can succeed better with participation of its members.

1st Vice President

Service Officer

Program Committee Chair or Co-Chairs

Chaplain

Jeff Sargent, President

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LUNCHEON PROGRAM – MAY 23, 2022, 11:30 A.M.



Speaker: Joanna Kuo, Senior Travel Agent, AAA

Topic: Travel Tips in 2022

Luncheon Entrée Choices:

Roast Beef Sandwich

Meat Loaf

Shrimp Salad Sandwich

Served with coffee/tea and dessert

The cost of the luncheon is \$20 which includes tax and a small gratuity. **Additional tips are welcome but not required.** You may also order from the menu but pay the same amount as you enter the restaurant.

☎ Please call your reservation and choice of entree to Shirley Boning at (571) 442-8910 or e-mail Shirley.boning@comcast.net no later than Thursday, May 19, 2022. Reservations are very important so that the appropriate number of meals can be ordered and prepared.

OUR LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD AT AMPHORA DINER, 1151 ELDEN STREET, HERNDON, VIRGINIA AND BEGINS AT 11:30 AM!

Remember!

If Fairfax Co. schools are closed because of inclement weather, Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meetings are also cancelled.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Total Current Chapter Members - 326

Total National Members in Chapter Area - 542

Total Chapter plus National Members - 868

New Members March-April 2022 - 8

Welcome to Mark Jeweler, Keith Dove, Sandra Lobring, Sean O'Hara, Ron Sweker, Elizabeth Korson, Ellen Findley, Mark Schutius

Eight (8) members were dropped for Non-Renewal. If you need assistance with renewing your membership, please contact me as your Membership Committee Chair.

Bill Schmidt

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

On the state front, the Virginia budget negotiators seem to have made little progress thus far. Word is out that members of the General Assembly have been advised not to take any long trips over the next couple of months.

On the national front, we continue to live in exciting times. In addition to his activities working with NATO to improve our national security, Congressman Connolly has held hearings on the IRS, hoping to help the agency in its efforts to better serve the public through measures to increase staffing, improve IT capabilities, and better assist taxpayers. Connolly's bills to improve fair and improved costs of living for federal employees; to prevent a patronage system within the civil service; to strengthen OPM; and to build the next generation of federal employees are still active.

NARFE-PAC has been generous with the Virginia congressional delegation, the majority of which has been very supportive of NARFE goals. Our Northern Virginia delegation (Connolly, Wexton, and Beyer) has shared in this largesse, as well as Representatives Luria, Scott, McEachin, and Spanberger. Regional Vice-President Bill Shackelford and I recently attended a fundraiser for Gerry Connolly at Tysons Corner.

Judy Thorne, Chapter Legislative Chair

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50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JUNE 27, 2022
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Plans are underway for a special 50th Anniversary Celebration for Dulles Chapter at the Amphora Diner Deluxe on June 27, 2022. Quite a milestone and quite a few accomplishments in those 50 years – June 21, 1972 to Present.

Preliminary plans include a special complimentary lunch* for members and one guest; anniversary cake, a souvenir program booklet with brief history, a special edition of newsletter, special table centerpieces, special guests, a celebration cake, a special certificate from NARFE National. Greetings from Congressman Connolly, Congresswoman Wexton, and VA Delegate Delaney and a special fun gift at every place handmade by Kathy Loftin. Kathy and Joyce Skidmore will serve as greeters and State Legislative Chair Deborah Fisk will serve as official photographer.

- Choice of Salmon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or London Broil with sentimental favorite bread pudding

A special reminder notice will be sent in early June. It is absolutely imperative that you make a reservation as we are expecting a large crowd.

Patricia Wolfe, Chair, 50th

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NOTES FROM MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS:

March: Erin Carter, Fairfax County Solid Waste Management, provided many helpful hints about recycling in 2022 and stressed that it might vary with individual providers and that it's important to check the numbers on plastic. She said that most providers take 1 and 2 if not others. She said it was important to have the recycling clean so that it does not contaminate other items but it does not have to be perfect. She said that having wet items often caused a problem on the conveyer belt.



April: Delegate Irene Shin (D-VA 86) updated 18 attendees on the upcoming special legislative session beginning on April 27 and some of the accomplishments despite the divided house. A lively question and answer session followed with most of the questions focusing on the gas tax holiday. She correctly predicted that it would not get out of committee because of the different approaches that Republicans and Democrats have.



NOTES FROM DULLES CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee continued to meet monthly via teleconference. This seems to work well since members do not have to travel. After re-joining the Virginia Federation, several members have participated in all or portions of the VFN Annual Meeting, VFN Board Meeting, VFN Training on NARFE-PAC, Alzheimer's, Membership, etc. Much of the planning has focused on the 50th Anniversary. Dulles Chapter President Sargent decided against attending FEDCON 22 in Arizona as he felt that the cost outweighed the benefit for him. As noted in the President's article, there are several important vacancies that need to be filled.



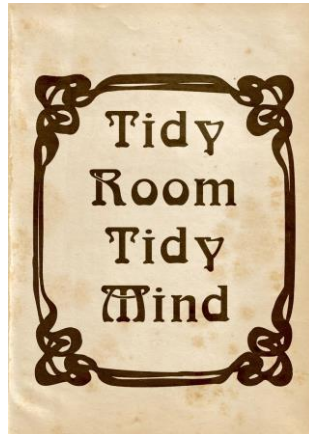
ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH: Since 2022 in-person meetings began in March, Dulles Chapter has donated approximately \$80 including a donation that was made at the Northern Virginia Caucus Luncheon. NARFE National is getting close to its \$15M goal with \$14,345,612.68 as of the end of March. Virginia continues to lead the way. If you are unable to attend luncheon programs but would like to donate to this important research and help reach that \$15M goal, you may send a check made payable to NARFE Alzheimer's Research to me at 5916 Baron Kent Lane, Centreville, VA 20120 or directly to Virginia Alzheimer's Chair Donna Shackelford at 14429 Round Lick Lane, Centreville, VA 20120.



TIPS FOR “TIDYING UP AND STAYING ORGANIZED: This is “preaching to the choir” for many but perhaps a few of us could use a reminder as it gets more difficult to stay organized. According to Washington Post article by Nicole Anzia on April 14, 2022, these tips could help you:

- Keep a To Do List
- Tidy Every Day
- Consume Less, Shop Mindfully
- Empty Bags, Open Mail Daily
- Stick to Routines
- Identify Your Priorities
- Good Enough is Good Enough

The article stressed that your house, closet, etc. do not have to be photo ready but keeping up on a daily basis helps greatly with staying organized.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: In response to the announcement in the January-February Newsletter regarding eliminating print copies and going totally electronic unless special arrangements are made, I received only four (4) responses. The board agreed to go ahead with at least one more print version and we did this for the March-April issue. This edition is electronic only. If you want to make special arrangements, contact me as Editor at wolfepatriciam@aol.com or 5916 Baron Kent Lane, Centreville, VA 20120.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 18 2022 – Area X Meeting, American Legion, Fairfax, VA, Cost \$14

May 23, 2022 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon – Travel Tips from AAA

June 27, 2022 – Dulles Chapter 50th Anniversary Celebration

August 21-23, 2022 – NARFE National Conference, Scottsdale, AZ

