

NARFE Peninsula Chapter 682 – HI-LITES

November 10, 2022

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Monday, November 14, 2022

Brittingham Midtown Community Center

570 McLawhorne Drive, NN 23601

10am social; 10:30am program

SPEAKERS: Maggie Keator and Mike Thurber: FEDCON22

President's Message – Linda Sanders 757-369-0307

Greetings from the President, Chapter 682

November 7, 2022

Change is the only constant we have. My family and I moved from Germany in 2001. Since that time we have retired from Civil Service and as many of you know we are moving to Florida to a house we have owned for a number of years. Since retiring in 2008 I have been deeply involved in NARFE. Since joining Chapter 682 I have been a member, secretary, 1st Vice President, and currently President. This is one of the most fulfilling organizations I have been affiliated with and I have appreciated the opportunity for growth! This Chapter has a wealth of experience and I hope to encourage members to invite prospective new members and identify potential new speakers. My future plans are to join another Chapter in Florida and hopefully return to visit. My best wishes for Chapter 682's continued success and everyone's personal health and happiness.

Linda

December 12, 2022, Meeting – Holiday Luncheon at The Hidenwood Retirement Community at NOON

RSVP (phone or text) to Sylvia Rumsey at 757-951-3858 by 2 December 2022, with your entrée choice (Chicken or Fish). They can host 30 maximum attendees. **No cost, but please take the opportunity to tour the community and bring your Alzheimer's Miles of Pennies for Marie.**

NARFE State Federation Conference – April 2023- Volunteers Needed!

The Conference will be held at the Hampton Roads Conference Center, Embassy Suites, the second week of April 2023. It would be great for a group of Chapter 682 members to attend together and to volunteer since most of us live in the area and can attend daily without having to book a room at the hotel. Could be a lot of fun! More details will follow soon.

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

On October 30, 2022, the account balance was \$4571.12, including 2 deposits totaling \$254 from our Miles of Pennies and 50/50 contributions

NATIONAL NARFE Election results: William "Bill" Shackelford has been elected President and Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn Hensley has been re-elected to her position. The winner for Region X Vice President: Robert Allen. For complete results you may visit www.narfe.org/2022election.



Installation of First Vice President Mike Thurber, October 10, 2022

L to R: Marilyn Riddle, Area 1 Vice President; First Vice President Mike Thurber, President Linda Sanders, and Secretary/Treasurer Maggie Keator

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN SEASON NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 12

Now is the time to review your health insurance plan and rates – the rates will be found in the December NARFE Magazine. You can check out everything on www.narfe.org/open-season after 9 November. The Fall NARFE Webinars will focus on Health Care Plans. See page 13 of your October NARFE Magazine for the specifics.

NARFE MEETING NOTES – October 10, 2022 - Maggie Keator, Secretary/Treasurer

Linda Sanders called the meeting to order at 10:30am. Marie Collins led the invocation and Linda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda introduced our speaker, David J. McCauley, Director, Hampton Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services. Also attending with Mr. McCauley were Susan, Senior Center Director, and Linda, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. He oversees 300 employees and 400 assets. His budget is \$2.5 M - (he needs \$10M). Most recent activities: upgrade of the Air Power Park and the completion of the 2.5 mile Water Walk Trail from the Air Power Park to Blue Bird Gap Farm and the completion of the Aquaplex Center, which will open at the end of October 2022. He provided copies of the Senior Programs Hampton provides and a summary of Hampton P, R & LS programs.

Election of First Vice President: Mike Thurber was elected by acclamation as First Vice President after Linda requested nominations from the floor.

Installation: Marilyn Riddle, Area VP District 1, formally installed Mike Thurber as our new First Vice-President

Secretary's Report – October board meeting notes will be provided at the November chapter meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Maggie noted that our balance as of 30 September was \$4,317.12.

Area VP 1 Marilyn Riddle (Williamsburg Chapter 685) spoke briefly, introducing herself and discussed the future plans of the Virginia Federation. She provided us with copies of our State Legislative Plan for 2023. She announced that the Virginia Federation Conference will be held in Hampton 2-5 April 2023. She will need volunteers from each chapter in Areas 1, 2 and 4 to assist. More information will follow soon.

Miles of Pennies - Marie thanked all the members for their contributions for our Miles of Pennies for Alzheimer's Research.

Shirley Taylor reminded members of our **Peninsula Alzheimer's Walk** – October 15, 2022. We have raised \$1,065 with a goal of \$2,000 and we have 4 Walkers signed up to date.

Legislative News – Maggie noted that we will vote for our member of the House of Representatives and local school boards and city council seats. Vote early or vote in person on Tuesday, November 8th.

New Business:

Vacancies on board: We continue to need additional board members. Contact Linda or Mike if you are interested.

Future speakers: November – Maggie Keator and Michael Thurber – NARFE FedCon22 conference

December – Winter Luncheon at The Hidenwood at NOON. Speaker: Delegate Amanda Batten

Raffle: Shirley announced that we raised \$43.00 – 21 to Alzheimers and 11 ea to two winners Bert Reid and Mildred Woodard, balance to Alzheimer’s Research.

Attendance: 20 members and 4 guests.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am. Respectfully submitted, Maggie Keator, Secretary/Treasurer

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. Five members at our October meeting moved our 39th Mile mark to within 24 feet of the 2/3 mile mark! Joyce Rosser’s \$50.00 check and three others’ \$20.00 helped move us that far. **All our pennies have helped NARFE reach our \$15M Alzheimer’s Research Program goal.** NARFE will continue to support Alzheimer’s Research with an additional \$1 Million Goal by the end of 2025. Are you still filling that empty penny jar? If so, how about bringing this donation to our November Meeting? Let’s complete the 39th mile (adding \$844.80) for Alzheimer’s Research by our Holiday Luncheon 12 December, noon, at The Hidenwood.

NARFE-PAC

Help protect your retirement security by contributing to NARFE-PAC today. Form is in your monthly NARFE Magazine.

NARFE LEGISLATIVE ALERT – 10+ issues that need our attention. Go to narfe.org and complete some (or all) of the actions requested. Congressman Bobby Scott (D3) and Congressman Rob Wittman (D1) were re-elected. Congresswoman Elaine Luria (D2) was defeated by State Senator Jen Kiggins (D2). District 2 has no peninsula voters since redistricting in 2021.

Peninsula Alzheimer’s Walk – Our Walk was 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! **We have surpassed our goal of \$2000 for 2022! We have raised \$2036.53, to date.** Team members Shirley Taylor, Maggie Keator, Yvonne Bailey and Vera Simmons were joined by Joyce Rosser and Alberta Reid on Walk Day. **Vera, Shirley and Yvonne completed the whole walk!** Shirley Taylor is our Team Captain, contact: 757-249-1677, and she reminds us that we have until 31 December to complete our fundraising.



October 2022 Peninsula Alzheimer's Walk

Back row: Yvonne Bailey, Vera Simmons, Joyce Rosser

Front row: Shirley Taylor (and Princess), Bert Reid, Maggie Keator

NARFE DIASTER RELIEF PROGRAM

In the wake of Hurricane Ian's devastation, NARFE reminds affected members that they are eligible for cash grants through the NARFE-Federal Employee Education and Assistance Disaster Fund.

After a declared natural disaster, NARFE members may request a NARFE Disaster Assistance Grant. (The grant maximum is \$500.) Documentation will be required to show loss or destruction of property or how the applicant was injured as a result of a natural disaster. Grant checks are payable directly to the applicant or to a specific creditor.

Members can [apply online](#) for assistance today.

You can help your fellow NARFE members by making a donation to the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund [online](#) or using the donation coupon in every issue of *NARFE Magazine*.

DATES TO REMEMBER – Chapter Meetings

November 14 – 10am social, 10:30am program – Brittingham Midtown Community Center

December 12 meeting/luncheon – location: The Hidenwood Retirement Community, 50 Wellesley Dr, Newport News 23606 – time NOON

Board Meetings: November 7, and December 5– Northampton Library, Big Bethel Road – 10-11am (open to all members)

Chapter 682 Officers for 2022:

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

First-Vice President – Mike Thurber, 803-651-4374, GANDOLFIII@YAHOO.COM

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

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