



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.**

January-February 2023

PRESIDENT'S GREETING: Happy New Year to our members, hoping you had a nice holiday season. I delivered 100 lbs. of food donations to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries from our members who donated at the Christmas luncheon. Many thanks to our Secretary Pat Wolfe for organizing the Christmas party to include the Capitol Carolers. A fun time was had by all!



I'd like to thank Shirley Boning for all her help with luncheon coordination over the last several years, Shirley retiring from the position. Pat Wolfe will be taking luncheon reservations effective January 2023. Further information is provided in this newsletter. It's very important that you RSVP with your lunch choice and not just show up if you plan to eat. We continue to work with the new restaurant management on food choices and prices. Dessert is not included with lunch unless noted. Food cost are very high, we will continue to do our best, but note that the price increased to \$21.

We continue to have a need for chapter officers & committee members. Please contact myself or Pat if you have an interest. See below our immediate needs.

Vice President
Service Officer
Chaplin
Luncheon Coordinator and/or Assistant
Luncheon Greeters
Program Committee Chair or Co-Chair
Alzheimer's Research Committee Chair

Jeff Sargent, President
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LUNCHEON PROGRAM – January 23, 2023, 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Emily Braley

Topic: Senior Services in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties

Luncheon Entrée Choices:

Cobb Salad (customer favorite – crisp greens, grilled chicken, cheddar cheese, avocado, crumbled eggs, bacon)

With ranch dressing

Belgian waffle Deluxe (with bacon and 2 scrambled eggs)

Half Triple Decker Sandwich w/Fries (chicken/bacon club)

Served with +coffee/tea

The cost of the luncheon is \$21 which includes tax and a small gratuity. Additional tips are welcome but not required.

Please call your reservation and choice of entree to **Patricia Wolfe at (703) 449-1582 or e-mail wolfepatriciam@aol.com** no later than **Thursday, January 19, 2023. 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.

February 27, 2023 – Maria Ventouris, Reston Concierge LLC (variety of services to include decluttering, taking donations and collectibles for consignment, estate sales, etc.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS 1241 DULLES

Membership report 12/30/2022

Total Current Chapter Members 312

Total National Members in Chapter Area 518

Total Chapter plus National Members 830

Current Chapter Members Breakdown

1 Year 123 we lost 4-1 year members this past month

2-Year 33

3-Year 83

Dues Withholding 67

Life Members 6

Chapter Activity Report from 11/30/2022 to 12/31/2022

New Chapter Members

Baratta Jim, Ashburn, VA

Greenhill, Barry, Reston, VA

Members Dropped For Non-Renewal

Long, Jerome E., Chantilly, VA

Romano, Catherine, Falls Church, VA

Schmidt, Princess, Reston, VA

America, Richard, Reston, VA

Report Summary

2 New Chapter Members

4 Members Dropped For Non-Renewal

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

And you thought the elections were over. Del. Mark Keam (D-Vienna, Tysons Corner) left office to join the Biden Administration in the fall, and the general election for the likely Democratic seat will be held soon. After a long illness Congressman Don McEachin (D-VA4) died in November, and State Senator Jennifer McClellan (D-Richmond) will face her Republican opponent the middle of February. If she is the winner, this seat too would need to be backfilled.

State Senator Jen Kiggans (R-Virginia Beach) won her election in Virginia's 2nd Congressional District, and her senate seat in the somewhat competitive district will be filled in a special election. Del. Ronnie Campbell (R-Rockbridge) died in December, and will cause a special election in this heavily Republican District.

The number of special elections is somewhat unusual, and while individually these seats are not necessarily of monumental import, the razor thin legislative margins at state and federal level makes these races more significant. The General Assembly meets the beginning of January. It is a short session of six weeks but could be extended.

NARFE's Virginia legislative agenda for the session includes tax equity for CSRS retirees on a par with military and FERS retirees and improvements of nursing home standards. In the House Vivian Watts (D-Annandale) is expected to put forward legislation to improve the care of nursing home patients as she has for many years, and Ken Plum (D-Reston) and other locals are expected to support these efforts. Patrick Hope (D-Arlington) is working on the pension bill. On other tax issues an increase in standard income tax deduction and decrease in top income tax rate are on the table.

On the national scene much of the lame duck session was spent on preventing a crippling railway strike and keeping the government funded. The new Congress will involve a majority in the House that will probably be less empathetic to NARFE goals.

Judy Thorne, Chapter Legislative Chair
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Important Dates:

January 27 – NOVA Caucus Meeting, American Legion, Fairfax

February 27 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

March 27 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

April 2-5 – Virginia Federation NARFE (VFN) Conference, Hampton, VA

April 24 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

May 22 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

June 26 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

DULLES CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee continues to meet via teleconference and this has proven very convenient for chapter leaders. The committee typically meets about 10 days prior to the luncheon meeting and is open to all. If you would like to call in and possibly consider helping us fill one of the vacancies, please contact Secretary Patricia Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com for the call-in information.



ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH: Don't forget to bring your loose change (or dollars) for the Alzheimer's 50/50 drawing at the Luncheon. If you are unable to attend luncheon programs but would like to donate to this important research and help reach the next 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. Just be sure to mark 1241 Dulles Chapter in memo line.

AARP DRIVING CLASS: To possibly qualify for discount on your insurance and to find locations and courses in your area, visit www.aarp.org/driving12. You may also call 866-237-6695. Cost: \$20 AARP Members; \$25 Non-Members.

NEW YEAR/OLD STUFF: Our February speaker is an expert on the subject of de-cluttering, donating, and organizing. Here are a few easy ideas to get us started (from a Facebook post). Toss: Old magazines, burnt out candles, games with missing pieces, expired medication, old coupons, old take-out menus, old restaurant sauce packets, old nail policy, expired food, worn out shoes, old books. The list goes on but it's a start!

NEED FOR SPEAKERS/IDEAS: We try hard to arrange for interesting speakers but we need your help. All of us know someone, have heard at other organizations, see a need, or whatever the case may be. Please contact Patricia Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com.