

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association (NARFE)
Brentwood Newsletter MAY 2023

Editor: June J. Staton, Ph.D.



Brentwood Chapter #1697
Established March 9, 1978
Charter Date: September 1, 1980

MEETING LOCATION:

Deep Creek Community Center
2901 Margaret Booker Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23323
Phone (757) 487-8841

TIME:

Executive Committee Meeting: 12:30 – 1 PM
Regular Meeting: 1PM - 2PM

Second Monday of the Month

(Unless that falls on a Federal Holiday
in which case the meeting will be on the
third Monday of the Month)

CHAPTER OFFICERS

June Staton, Ph.D.
President

Deborah Brown
Vice President

Theressa Rodwell
Secretary

Willie Levenston
Treasurer

Jeff Rau
Service Officer

Vacant
Membership Chair

Deborah Brown
Legislative Officer

Lyle Thoburn
Alzheimer Officer

David Parson
Program Chair

Annette Coleman
Hospitality Chair

Janet Freeman
Chaplain

Dan McGrath
MD Past President

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CHAPTER NEWS

MINUTES – (05/08/23)

Attendees:

Tina Bracy, Deborah Brown, Alonzo Coleman, Annette Coleman, Linda Fletcher, Janet Freeman, Dwight Graham, Melodie Graham, Willie Levenston, Dan McGrath, Penny McGrath, David Parson, Theresa Rodwell, and June Staton

Proceedings:

- The President called the meeting to order. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The President welcomed all members and thanked Tina Bracy for re-instating her membership and attending her first chapter meeting. She also welcomed our guest speaker. David introduced the guest speaker: Ms. Wendy Debnam from the Chesapeake Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- Ms. Debnam delivered her presentation on “Chesapeake Virginia Parks, Recreation and Tourism” (See “Highlights” below.)
- The business meeting resumed at the end of the Chesapeake Tourism presentation.

Officer Reports:

- The Vice President reminded us of the June 20, 2023 Primary Elections.
 - The first day of in-person early voting at your local registrar's office is Friday, May 5, 2023.
 - The deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration is May 30, 2023.
 - The deadline to apply for a mailed ballot is June 9, 2023.
 - Voter registration offices open for early voting on Saturday, June 10, 2023.
 - The last day of in-person early voting at your local voter registration office is Saturday, June 17.
- The treasurer gave the “Treasurer Report.” (see Report below).
- Hospitality Chair: Our June Luncheon will take place on **June 12, 2023 at 12 noon**, Golden Coral 101 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA 23320 (see Upcoming Events below). You may pay at the luncheon if you did not pay at the meeting. Annette wished everyone a Happy Mother’s Day and/or Happy Father’s Day and gave out cupcakes.
- Program Chair: We are developing our 2023-2024 Calendar of Events for our September Meeting.
- Associate Member: Dan attended the NARFE Maryland Federation Annual Conference. The big takeaway was the importance of membership recruitment and retention.

Discussions:

- Membership Committee: Our membership committee consists of the volunteers below, each responsible for contacting eleven of the members in the chapter and keeping them informed of meetings and activities. The following members volunteered:

Member # From Chapter Roster	Committee Member
One thru eleven	Carolyn Collins
Twelve thru twenty-two	Annette Coleman
Twenty-three thru thirty-three	Dan McGrath
Thirty-four thru forty-four	Theresa Rodwell
Forty-five thru fifty-five	David Parson
Fifty-six thru sixty-six	June Staton
Sixty-seven thru seventy-eight	Willie Levenston

- Voting for the offices of President and Secretary and two Bylaws Changes for the Virginia Federation of

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NARFE is currently underway. All current NARFE members with email addresses on file with NARFE have received an email letting them know about the voting, and members without email addresses on file received a mail-in ballot through the United States Postal Service. Voting will end on May 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST. To vote on-line or by paper ballot, go to <https://vanarfe.org/2023-elections/>.

- The President adjourned the meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

5/8/2023

CHK NO	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION DATE	CHECKING
	Beginning Balance 4/01/2023	6220.70
	3/16/2023 ACH Deposit National Act2196 Payment	27.96
	3/31/2023 Interest Credit	0.04
	Outstanding Checks	
1258	2/14/2023 2023 VFN Conference (Ad)	-35.00
1259	2/14/2023 Luther L. Santiful (VFN Supporter List)	-105.00
1960	4/10/2023 Annette Coleman (Hotel Reimbursement)	-344.10
1261	4/10/2023 Daniel McGrath (Hotel Reimbursement)	-344.10
1262	4/10/2023 Deborah Brown (Hotel Reimbursement)	-344.10
1263	4/10/2023 June Staton (Hotel Reimbursement)	-344.10
1264	4/10/2023 Linda Fletcher (Hotel Reimbursement)	344.10
1265	4/10/2023 Theresa Rodwell (Hotel Reimbursement)	344.10
1266	4/10/2023 Willie Levenston (Hotel Reimbursement)	-344.10
1267	4/10/2023 Carolyn Collins (VOID)	344.10
1268	4/10/2023 Annette Coleman (Birthday Cards)	-83.66
	Ending Balance 4/30/2023	4304.54
	Checks Posted 4/1/2023 -4/30/2023.	-1944.16
	Account Balance 5/1/2023	4304.54

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report as of 05/14/2023

- 1 Member reinstated: **Tina Bracy**
- 78 Chapter Members
- 150 National Members in the Chapter Area
- 228 Total



Birthday Shout Out!

Charles Goings!

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HIGHLIGHTS

Chesapeake Virginia Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Chesapeake offers an endless range of outdoor activities, terrific shopping, phenomenal food, and beautiful wildlife. Below is a list of some of the outdoor activities.

- Great Bridge Lock Park
- Historical Services
- Explore Chesapeake Waterways and wildlife by kayak, or paddleboard with the new Paddle the Peake Passport. Download the Chesapeake, VA app on your smartphone and earn rewards when you check-in to start your paddle adventure. Discover all there is to see and do.
- Chesapeake Arboretum – 48-acre with botanical gardens, florals, indigenous trees, and a host of trails including the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail.
- Chesapeake African American Heritage Trail - Trail Site Locations
 - Battlefield Park and the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Museum
 - Unknown & Known Afro-Union Civil War Soldiers Memorial
 - Cornland School
 - Great Dismal Swamp
 - Cuffeytown and Cuffeytown Historic Cemetery

For more information on where to shop, dine and play, stop by the Chesapeake Visitor’s Center on 1224 Progressive Drive or visit the website at www.VisitChesapeake.com for an abundance of informational brochures about area attractions and events.

• UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12, 2023

Summer Luncheon

Time: (12 Noon)

Location:

Golden Corral Buffet & Grill
Golden Corral #721
101 Volvo Parkway
Chesapeake, VA 23320
Price: \$5 for each member & guest.

July- August 2023

Summer Break



I would like to hear what is important to you. Your enthusiasm and contributions to our newsletter are highly valued. Send questions, suggestions, topics, or articles for our newsletter to the Newsletter Editor (j.staton@cox.net).