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The chapter membership meets on the first Tuesday of the month September through May and we have the annual chapter picnic on the first Tuesday in June. **The next meeting is JUNE 6.**

PROGRAM: Come to the Chapter picnic and have your family and friends join us. Bring your own lunch and we will provide chips and beverages. Virginia Delegate David Bulova has agreed to join us for a "meet and greet." No formal speech is planned but it will be nice to say Hello. The picnic will be at Van Dyck Park, Upper Pavilion, in Fairfax City. The address is 3720 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax City. Blenheim was formerly Old Lee Highway, still same location as previous years between Police Dept and St Leo's school. We look forward to seeing everyone there. We do not have a rain alternative, so keep your fingers crossed. For planning send an email to Ted Pasek at tedpasek@verison.net so we can have an estimate of the number of attendees. Donations for Food for Others will be collected at the Picnic.

WHERE: Van Dyck Park in Fairfax City

TIME: Social Hour-11:30 AM, Lunch-12:00PM

CONTACT: Email TedPasek@verizon.net if you plan to attend

September 5 – See you in September, see you when the summer's through. Program to be announced.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members of Chapter 737:

I enjoyed visiting with members of Chapter 737 while I attended the membership meeting on 2 May during my vacation in Fairfax from Milwaukee. Since my move to Milwaukee in the Spring of 2022, I have been a vicarious member of the Chapter by virtue of the Internet. This time, I was actually present at a membership meeting for a change.

The chapter picnic will be held on 6 June at Van Dyck Park in Fairfax City. Details will be published here. I hope that many members of Chapter 737 will attend the picnic.

Sincerely yours,

Charles "Mike" Fleming – Chapter President

CHAPTER WEB SITE

Members are encouraged people to check out the website for information and program schedules. Information useful for chapter members can be submitted for posting. The website link is <https://vanarfe.org/Chapter-737/>.

Ruby Harney – Public Relations Chair

NARFE NEWSLINE

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Participants at the May Membership lunch meeting and Clara Barton presentation

FOOD FOR OTHERS

In March we collected 196n pounds of food for "Food for Others". Needed items include:

Food Items (no more than 3 years expired, unopened, labeled, not homemade):

- Fresh fruits (oranges, apples, bananas, tomatoes, avocados, grapes, berries)
- Fresh vegetables (cucumbers, celery, peppers, lettuce, eggplant)
- Cooking Oil
- Dry goods – cereal, pasta, rice, (16oz packages), dried beans
- Canned vegetables tomatoes (crushed, peeled, diced, etc.), beans, corn, etc.)
- Canned meat (chicken, turkey, or seafood), 2oz – 15oz
- Canned fruit (packed in fruit juice instead of syrup) 11oz – 20oz
- Spaghetti sauce, 14oz – 1 lb (ideally in cans or plastic instead of glass)
- Fruit juice (100% juice) 32oz – 64oz

Perishable Food (Meat and Dairy unexpired, sealed, in original packaging):

Non-Food Items (New or Clean Reusable Grocery Bags 8 ½ x 14 x 15 and can openers)

After the May meeting, Bob Sottile delivered 180 pounds of food for the Chapter.

Ted Pasek – Vice President

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FINANCES

Balance 4/1/2023	\$7,697.80
Income during April	96.18
Expenses during April	161.20
Balance 4/25/2023	\$7,632.78

MEMBERSHIP

VA	4552	Chapter 737	253
	6183		318
Total	10,735		571

During April, 4 members from 737 dropped for non-payment of dues
1 prospective member
6 renewed

ALZHEIMER'S DONATIONS

As of April 30, the chapter has donated \$125 to Alzheimer's,.
Nationally toward our \$16 million goal, we have \$15,692,263.94

Donna Shackelford – Treasurer and Membership

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

NATIONAL LEGISLATION- The Congressional Budget Office said on May 12 that there was a “significant risk” that the federal government could run out of cash sometime in the first two weeks of June, setting the United States up for a default. The warning came as the White House and congressional leaders spent the week in negotiations on how to raise the \$31.4 trillion borrowing cap. The Treasury Department has been using accounting measures known as extraordinary measures to keep paying the country’s bills without breaching the debt ceiling, which was officially reached on Jan. 19. Republicans moved through the House on virtually a party-line vote a bill to raise the federal debt ceiling while squeezing “discretionary” budgets for federal agencies that pay for day-to-day operations including salaries for employees. It had virtually no chance of passage in the Democratic-led Senate and President Biden said he would veto it if it did pass there.

A face-to-face meeting on May 8, between President Biden and the four top congressional leaders, including House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, produced no agreement. A second meeting, originally scheduled for Friday, May 12, was to take place before President Biden’s departure for a May 17 G7 leaders meeting.

While the decision to delay the meeting was viewed as a positive development that could allow both sides to reach a consensus, it remained unclear whether an agreement could be reached in time. Speaker McCarthy has insisted on deep spending cuts and a rollback of President Biden’s clean energy agenda as a prerequisite to raising the debt limit. The President has insisted that Republicans raise the borrowing cap, arguing that it simply allows the United States to pay bills that Congress has already approved.

Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House press secretary, said the scheduled May 12 meeting was delayed so that the administration and congressional staff could continue private discussions. While the White House continued to insist that raising the debt ceiling it is not negotiable, she said the president was willing to discuss other spending and budget matters with Republicans.

The nation’s long-term fiscal outlook continues to be problematic and could only harden the Republican position that the government must rein in spending. In a separate report, the Congressional Budget Office said it projected a federal budget deficit of \$1.5 trillion this year, slightly higher than its forecast in February. Annual deficits are projected to nearly double over the next decade. (NY Times)

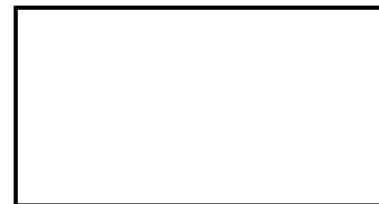
Support for the Social Security Fairness Act (HR 82) has now gained co-sponsorship by a majority of House Republicans. If passed, the legislation would fully repeal both the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). “Now momentum is building to finally do away with them,” said NARFE National President William Shackelford. (My Federal Retirement)

VIRGINIA LEGISLATION- For the eighth time since 2013, Virginia’s General Assembly failed to agree on terms of the state’s government budget by the regular session adjournment deadline.

The 2023 regular session ended in February. Lawmakers have already had their one-day reconvened springtime session to consider gubernatorial amendments and vetoes to the bills they passed. The most consequential legislation of any session, the budget, was not among them. Partisan wrangling or parochial horse-trading by legislative budget negotiators are blamed.

Differences between the House and Senate over tax cuts, mental health reforms and pay raises for teachers have stalled an agreement on amendments to the current two-year, \$167 billion budget that took effect last July 1. If the General Assembly can’t reach a consensus, the existing budget remains in place as a safety net. Governors can’t make new appropriations, but they have authority to move money around to address some needs. (Richmond Times-Dispatch)

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NEWSLETTER

The Fairfax Chapter 737 newsletter is published September through June to provide information on the Chapter membership meetings in those months.

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Articles for the September issue of NARFE Fairfax Chapter 737 newsletter are due to the editor by e-mail at Mays.JL@verizon.net by **August 15**.

James Mays – Newsletter Editor