



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 2024

PRESIDENT'S GREETING: Greetings,



On behalf of the Dulles Chapter Board, I wish you a Happy New Year. Thank you to all who donated food at the holiday party. Over 100 lbs. was donated to Western Fairfax Christian Food Ministries.

The chapter continues needing volunteers for running our chapter. Do you have an extra hour a month you can spare? Our greatest needs are Service Officer, Vice President & Program Coordinator or Assistant. All committee's need assistance as well.

We always are looking for luncheon speakers. Do you have a contact or idea? Please contact Pat Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com.

For the most current information concerning NARFE & membership benefits go to: www.narfe.org and www.vanarfe.org. Look for details and registration information on the VFN Annual Conference soon.

Safety Tip: Place all discarded fire place ashes outside the home in a metal can with a top 10 feet away from the structure.

Jeff Sargent, President
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LUNCHEON PROGRAM – January 22, 2024, 11:30 A.M.

Speaker: President Jeff Sargent

(Retired Centreville Fire Chief/Federal Firefighter)

Topic: Winter Fire Safety Tips

Luncheon Entrée Choices:

French Toast Deluxe w/Bacon & Scrambled Eggs

Philly Beef Steak Sub (Grilled Sirloin, Provolone, Onions) w/Coleslaw & Pickle

Cobb Salad

Served with Coffee/Tea

The cost of the luncheon is \$22 which includes meeting room, beverage (priced - \$3.50 on menu), tax and a small gratuity. Additional tips are welcome but not required. Please note that this is a price increase due to cost of food and labor.

☎ Please contact Patricia Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com or (703) 449-1582 no later than **Wednesday, January 17, 2024. 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.

Mark Your Calendar: Luncheon, February 26, 2024! Speaker To Be Determined; Menu: Eggs Benedict w/Home Fries; Classis Grilled Cheese w/Fries, Coleslaw & Pickle; and Cobb Salad.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS 1241 DULLES

Membership Report

As of 12-30-2023

Total Current Chapter Members 290

Total National Members in Chapter Area 506

Total Chapter plus National Members 796

Current Chapter Members Breakdown

1 Year 121; 2 Year 28; 3 Year 74; Dues Withhold 61; Life Members 6
Report uses dates from 12/1/2023 to 12/31/2023

New Chapter Members

Waters, Margaret 42607 Suny Bay Ct Chantilly, VA 20152-6321
Wider, Camille 43431 Stukely Dr Dulles, VA 20166-2132

Members Dropped For Non-Renewal

Zemke, Arthur E 1318 Dasher Ln Reston, VA 20190-3940
Strachan, John S. 1014 Trinity Gate St Herndon, VA 20170
Hill, Daniel Eric 5175 Forest Oaks Dr Hollywood, SC 29449-8500
Mitchell, Victor 534 Glade Fern Ter SE Leesburg, VA 20175-5422
Lowe, Jeff 3127 Kinross Cir Herndon, VA 20171-3384
Alsup, Theresa 43564 Golden Meadow Cir Ashburn, VA 20147-5422

Members Transferred Out of Chapter

Centner, Christopher M. 10745 Autumn Splendor Dr #51 Columbia, MD 21044-4554

New Prospective Members

Furlano, Donato 1195 Hawling Place Leesburg, VA 20175
Kuhman, Charles 1203 Sunrise Ct Herndon, VA 20170
Eavy, Paul 1648 Bennington Hollow Lane Reston, VA 20194-1616

Members Renewed

Nissen, Lewis A 19385 Cypress Ridge Ter Unit 904 Leesburg, VA 20176-5169
Kennedy, Sharon G 1951 Sagewood Ln Apt 116 Reston, VA 20191
Wright, William G 12375 San Jose Dr Reston, VA 20191-2519
Duwadi, Kiran 13007 Bankfoot Ct Herndon, VA 20171-2300
Latyak, John 2408 Tatnuck Ct Herndon, VA 20171-2703
Wingell, Kerry 2219 Wheelwright Ct Reston, VA 20191-2333
Garabito, Nelson 42859 Oak Post Ct Broadlands, VA 20148-4538
Lambert, Karen 44580 Rubble Ter Ashburn, VA 20147-5693 lamkarcoach@proton.me
Redfern, Julie 11990 Market St Unit 812 Reston, VA 20190-6003
Nirmal, Tony 10900 Hunt Club Rd Reston, VA 20190-3911
Greenhill, Barry 11309 Myrtle Ln Reston, VA 20191-3913

Members Reinstated

Derrick, Bartlett A. 19365 Cypress Ridge Ter Unit 922 Leesburg, VA 20176-8437
Martin, Bernard H. 1598 N Village Rd Reston, VA 20194-1201

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

As the state and federal legislative bodies go into session this month, both face the realities of divided government. Compromise will be necessary to get much done.

On the federal level January 19 will be the deadline for funding the first batch of appropriation bills to keep the government open. Potential impeachment proceedings may complicate things.

In addition the 2024 elections in Virginia will bring heated contests in the 7th and 10th Districts, where Abigail Spanberger and Jennifer Wexton are not running for reelection. A multitude of candidates abound.

The General Assembly will convene on January 10 with a new cast of characters and with significant constitutional amendments coming to the floor. Raising some controversy in Northern Virginia is the possibility of a casino along the Silver Line and a sports stadium in Alexandria.

Judy Thorne, Chapter Legislative Chair
CDL for 11th Congressional District
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Important Dates:

January 21-23, 2024 – Virginia Federation Board Meeting

January 22, 2024 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

February 2, 2024 – NOVA Caucus (to be confirmed)

February 26, 2024 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

March 25, 2024 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

April 7-10, 2024 – Virginia Federation Conference, Harrisonburg, VA

April 22, 2024 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon

May 18, 2024 – Saturday Legislative Brunch

June 24, 2024 – Dulles Chapter Meeting

August 2024 – FEDCON24 (NARFE National Conference, St. Louis, MO)

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH:

Ann Webster is serving as Alzheimer's Research Chair. She is looking forward to continuing the 50/50 drawings at our luncheon and putting those "little piggy banks" on the table for your loose change. Our collection goes into the Virginia Federation's contribution to NARFE's Alzheimer's Research Fund. Virginia is leading the nation in donations. If you would like to contribute but are unable to attend, you can send a check payable to NARFE Alzheimer's Research and mail to: 21022 Rocky Knoll Square, Apt. 205, Ashburn, VA 20147. For additional information or fundraising ideas, contact Ann at angelw3@verizon.net.

FOR INFORMATION:

New Virginia Laws: Most new laws take effect in July but this one took effect January 1 and could impact you. This new law requires health insurers to give patients 6 months notice before dropping their doctors from their insurance plan. It also requires insurers to continue covering visits to doctors after they have been dropped from the plan in certain circumstances such as life-threatening circumstances or pregnancy. (WA Post)

In addition to learning more about fire safety tips during the winter, here are a few car safety tips for emergencies. Suggest having an Emergency Kit that includes: Jumper cables, tools, flashlights, flares, ice scraper, phone charger, blanket, cat litter or sand for traction, first-aid kit, batteries, air tire gauge. (Fairfax County Mailer)

If you have vision challenges or know someone who does, The Library of Congress, National Library Service offers audio, large-print and Braille reading materials through a nationwide network of libraries the Postal Service and via download. One of the more popular publications is cookbooks.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you have announcements or items of interest, please contact Newsletter Editor Patricia Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com. A **partial** list of Virginia General Assembly Delegates and Senators is attached to this newsletter. It will be updated as more information becomes available but we wanted to share what we had since there were so many changes and new legislators. A big thank-you to Bill Schmidt for this information.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

