

National Active and Retired Federal Employees
Association (NARFE)

Brentwood Newsletter February 12, 2024

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

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Vice President

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Annette Coleman
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Public Relations

Janet Freeman
Chaplain

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MD Past President

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CHAPTER NEWS

MINUTES

Attendees:

Tina Bracy, Deborah Brown, Annette Coleman, Bryan Collins, Carolyn Collins, Bubba Jenson, Willie Levenston, Dan McGrath, Penny McGrath, David Parson, Marion Robinson, June Staton, GrayL'n Taylor, Lois Vance, and Ronald Vance.

Proceedings:

- The President called the meeting to order. Annette Coleman gave the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The President welcomed Area IV VP, GrayL'n Taylor, new visitor, Bubba Jenson, and our guest speaker.

The President introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Cynthia Ballard, H & R Block Income Tax Specialist. Ms. Ballard provided a thorough, interactive, and highly informative presentation on the important tax changes that took effect in 2023. Topics discussed can be found in the 2023 Publication 17 <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf>. She also provided handouts on tax issues discussed and answered questions from the group. The President presented a NARFE thank you mug to Ms. Ballard following her presentation. The business meeting resumed at the end of the presentation.

Officer Reports/Discussions:

- The Virginia Federation of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (VFN) Conference will be held, April 7-10, 2024, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The direct Link to the Conference 2024 Page: <https://vanarfe.org/conference-2024/>.
 - Hotel rates are \$107/night plus tax and include Free Parking.
 - Registration fee includes Conference, Workshops, Welcome Reception, Banquet, and two lunches.
 - "Early Bird Special" of \$75 if you register by February 15, 2024, the fee is \$90 after the 15th.
 - Final registration deadline is March 15, 2024.
 - An online registration form may be completed and paid for by credit card, or you may print and mail your registration with payment.
 - The membership chair collected money for the Supporter's Donations for the Conference Program Booklet and submitted it to the treasurer.
 - The chapter submitted a quarter-page advertisement for \$35 for the Conference Booklet.
- The treasurer submitted the "Treasurer Report." (see Report below).
- Hospitality Chair: Valentine's candy was presented to each member.
- Program Chair: When holidays fall on the 2nd Monday, we will meet on the third Monday. The program chair will update the calendar to reflect those dates for October and November.
- Area IV Regional VP installed Officers.
- Bubba Jenson shared information on BCBS Medicare Part D and the impact it has on co-pay cards for prescriptions. The President invited Bubba to join our chapter.
- The President adjourned the meeting.

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TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Report

01/108/2024

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

CHK NO DATE

CHECKING

Beginning Balance 12/1/2023 3302.21

01/09/2024	Membership	20.00
01/09/2024	ACH Deposit National Act2196 Payment	49.84
12/31/2023	Interest Credit	0.03
01/09/2024	Alzheimer's CK # 1274	41.00
Ending Balance 01/31/2023		3413.08

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership report as of 11/1222023

- 77 Chapter Members
- 151 National Members in the Chapter Area
- 228 Total Membership

HIGHLIGHTS



"TOGETHER WE WILL SUCCEED"

Serving Current, Former and Retired Federal Civilian Employees -Spouses and Survivor Annuitants

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2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

March	Chesapeake Parks & Recreation
April	TBD
May	Alzheimer's Research
June	Golden Corral Luncheon (Noon), 101 Volvo Pkwy Chesapeake VA
July – August	No Meeting
September	Welcome – Business Meeting
October	BCBS Presentation
November	GEHA Presentation
December	Golden Corral Luncheon (Noon), 101 Volvo Pkwy Chesapeake, VA



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