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I am honored and excited to be the president of NARFE 893 and look forward to serving you. Officers were installed during the Holiday Party at the December meeting, including our new secretary Debra Pumphrey, at the Greenspring Senior Living facility. I would like to thank the Immediate Past President, Marcy Stennes, for serving as president for 2 years.

Thanks to the help of members of the Executive Committee, we have an interesting list of guest speakers planned for this year. We also welcome suggestions from our members for guest speakers and/or topics. This organization is run by members willing to volunteer to serve our Chapter. We are always in need of volunteers. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in serving in some capacity.

The Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN) Conference will be held on April 7-10, 2024, in Harrisonburg, VA. The theme of the conference is "Together We Will Succeed." All chapter members are invited to attend. Early bird registration ends February 15, 2024.

Our next Chapter meeting is February 14, 2024, at La Fiamma Italian Restaurant, 6124 Franconia Rd, Alexandria VA.

Naomi Faunterloy,
President

ALZHEIMER'S

Thank you Chapter 893 for Supporting Alzheimer's Research in 2023!!

Happy 2024 Chapter 893 Members! And thank you for your support for Alzheimer's Research this year. The Holiday Luncheon 50/50 drawing and the Raffle Basket brought in a total of \$170.00, which included the 50/50 drawing winner generously donating the winnings back. In addition, a member turned in an Alzheimer's Piggy Bank which added another \$15.00 to our total, bringing in a grand total for the luncheon of \$185.00.

While we didn't quite meet the goal of \$4,000 for the year, we closed out with a total of \$3,780.00. I appreciate the continued support of all our members, especially with our membership dropping, with several donations coming from out of the Chapter area.

I would like to keep our **goal for 2024 at \$4,000** and hope we can meet it this year. YOU can be the first to donate in 2024!!

Would "YOU" be willing to take over as Alzheimer's Chair this year? It is not a difficult job at all, and I'll work with you to get started. I am especially looking for someone who might take on the luncheon fund raisers - maybe some new creative/fun ideas to try. Please contact me if this is something you might consider!!

Again, thank you for your loyal support and encouragement. To send a check in for 2024, it should be written to: NARFE / ALZHEIMER'S Research, with Chapter 893 in memo line. Please mail to me at Margaret Yowell, 5822 Fitzhugh Street, Burke, VA 22015. This helps me keep the records! Please contact me with any questions, suggestions, etc., at Fitzhughlady@aol.com or 703-451-3287.

Hoping you will have a Healthy and Happy 2024!! See you at the next Chapter Meeting.

Margaret Yowell, *Alzheimer's Chair*



THE LITTLE THEATRE OF ALEXANDRIA (LTA)

Leapin' Lizards! The irrepressible comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals. Based on the popular comic strip, "**Annie**" has become a worldwide phenomenon and was the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Annie, the down-on-her-luck orphan, fights her way out of the Depression and into the heart of Daddy Warbucks while singing of her "Hard Knock Life" and her eternal anthem of optimism, "Tomorrow." Join your fellow NARFE members at our preview on Thursday, February 8, at 8pm, at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

It's 1934, just after midnight, and a snowstorm has stopped the opulent sleeper train in its tracks. A wealthy American businessman is discovered dead, and the brilliant and beautifully mustachioed Hercule Poirot must solve the mystery before the murderer strikes again. Christie's plot-twisting masterpiece takes audiences on a suspenseful thrill ride that Broadway World calls "Everything you could want – broadly drawn characters, exotic settings, and a spectacular murder." Murder on the Orient Express will be presented in late March. An email will be sent when the date of our free preview becomes available.

Please email Joanie at joanapella@yahoo.com (preferred) or call and leave a voicemail at 571-213-9056, to reserve a free ticket. Reminder that these shows are for seniors only.

Joanie Capella, *Theatre Community Liaison*

SUNSHINE

If you know of a Chapter member who has lost a loved one, or a member who is sick or injured, please let Debbie Pumphrey know at debbiepdc@gmail.com or 703-337-4548, so she can send out an appropriate card.

MEMBERSHIP

We celebrate the life of the following members who passed since our last newsletter:

Dureta J. Wiecjorek Clara Begay
Paul Twohig John F. Schultz

Please update our membership chair if you have any email/address changes.

Gerry Frazier, *Membership Chair*



CALENDAR EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE – ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE IN PERSON AT LA FIAMMA RESTAURANT, 6124 FRANCONIA ROAD, ALEXANDRIA, VA

February 7, 2024, NARFE Chapter 893 Board Meeting, 1:00 pm.

February 14, 2024, NARFE Chapter 893 General Meeting, 12:00 pm.

Please order your food between 12:00-12:15 so that the meeting can begin promptly at 1pm. Our speaker for February is AARP Tax Representative Wes Gewehr. Bring your tax questions for the 2023 tax season.

Wes, a Washington-area native, grew up in Bethesda, Maryland. Married to his wife, Sharon (also a Washington-area native), for 51 years, he has one daughter and two granddaughters. He has lived in Arlington, VA, for almost 50 years. He graduated from Lehigh University with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering ('69) and a Master of Science in Management Information Systems ('72). After graduating, he served with the Air Force at the Department of Defense Computer Institute until 1976. His career then took him to the Department of Commerce, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where he retired as the Deputy Chief Information Officer in 2004. He then moved to the private sector as a consultant with Robbins-Gioia, where he served as the R-G executive site lead supporting the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's large scale information technology modernization program. He retired again in 2011.

Wes began volunteer tax preparation service with the IRS Tax-Aide and VITA programs in 2010. He was a site manager for a Tax-Aide tax preparation team in Arlington for several years and now serves as the Virginia state training specialist. In addition, he has worked for George N. Woglom, CPA, as a Registered Tax Preparer since 2010. Wes is a member of the National Association of Tax Professionals.

March 6, 2024, NARFE Chapter 893 Board Meeting, 1:00 pm.

March 13, 2024, NARFE Chapter 893 General Meeting, 12:00 pm.

Please order your food between 12:00-12:15 so that the meeting can begin promptly at 1pm

Our speaker for March is Jerrold Epstein, former (now retired) Volunteer Coordinator for the Honor Flights into DC. In addition to providing info on how it all works from the start of their trip to DC to arrival at the airport and on to their sightseeing "adventure," he'll provide info on volunteer opportunities available to you. If you are not familiar with the Honor Flights, we hope you'll join us and take this opportunity to learn more. Mr. Epstein will be happy to answer any questions.

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