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President's Letter: June 2024

Dear Members of Colonial Beach Chapter 595,

Is the rain finally gone? As I write to you today, it looks like we will finally have a sunny weekend and maybe summer is also finally here!

Thanks to all of you who came out to the May meeting that we held at Wilkerson's Restaurant. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Once again, we will be back to our regular meeting place, the Hunan Diner in Colonial Beach where we have been meeting for twenty years. The owner, Alan, had death in the family so the restaurant was closed for about six weeks. If you want to send Alan a card, please send it to the Hunan Diner, 422 Washington St, Colonial Beach, VA 22443.

As you know, the Virginia Federation of NARFE (VFN) conducted its annual election with voting taking place from May 16 to May 31st. Stan Palen did such a great job of making it easy to vote electronically. You know I always say, if I can do it, anyone can do it on the computer. I hope you were able to vote. We are anxiously awaiting the results as the Ballots and Tellers Committee gets together to count the votes. You will receive an email from the VFN giving you the results and you will then find out who will lead the organization in the position of 1st Vice President from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025. The VFN president, Frances Boatman, has already been elected.

This is also the year for the National NARFE election. There are five candidates running for National President. Their candidate statements are in your NARFE magazine. Also in August, your magazine will have all the voting information for the NARFE National election.

On Monday, May 27, 2024 the American Legion in Colonial Beach held the annual Memorial Day event. It was held indoors due to possible bad weather. I was proud to present our wreath in honor of the chapter members of 595 who passed away during the year.

MEETING NOTICE

June 11, 2024

12 PM at Hunan

Our speaker this month is Lisa Biever, the Executive Director of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy

On the agenda for June is the discussion about our Annual August Picnic. I call it annual as this will be our 5th year to hold this event. We started in the middle of the pandemic in August of 2020 with just a few members who wanted to get together and now we have a tradition. The picnic will be held on the second Tuesday of August (August 13). So please come out to the June meeting as it will be the last time to give input on the planning of the picnic. As most of you remember, we do not meet in July.

Please continue your generous support of our food bank program. Even though some things are getting better the price of food is still going up. Food insecurity is still a problem. This month's donations go to **King George Dept of Social Services**.

Hope you can come out on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 to the Hunan Diner for our NARFE meeting.

Leslie Ravenell, President Colonial Beach Chapter 595

Our speaker this month is Lisa Biever, the Executive Director of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy. The Conservancy was founded in 2004 with the mission of preserving the rural heritage of the Northern Neck.

Lisa has served as Northern Neck Land Conservancy's Executive Director role since 2021. She is responsible for leading a small but mighty team of staff and volunteers to enact

the organization's mission to preserve the rural character of the Northern Neck by conserving lands, waters, economies and cultures for future generations.

Prior to the Land Conservancy, Lisa worked for 10 years at the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region, most recently as its Communications Director.

Lisa moved to King George with her husband Jason Gallant in 2001. They chose to protect their with a conservation easement in 2012. They are currently raising goats, chickens, bees and teenagers.

Please help us welcome Lisa to our meeting!

Hope to see everyone there! (and I'm sorry I had to miss the May meeting).

Jim Lynch, VP

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June 11
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