



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.

September - October 2024

PRESIDENT'S GREETING:



Hope everyone had a good summer. We've had enough of those 100 degree days, the most on record in the DMV.

We have a great fall lineup of speakers scheduled. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our September 23rd luncheon with U.S. Representative Gerry Connolly (D-11) and NARFE Virginia Federation National Legislative Committee Chair Gaston Giani as speakers. Details are in this newsletter.

I also want to encourage you to attend the Joint Membership Meeting hosted by Areas IX and X on September 14th at the Vienna Community Center. Congressman Connolly and NARFE National President Bill Shackelford will serve as speakers. See article in this newsletter for details and to register.

It is time to appoint a nominating committee to find members to serve as 2025 elected chapter officers. We need candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is significant to note that the current officers have served for many years and have not indicated their willingness to continue to serve as of this writing. Please contact me if you're willing to serve on the Nominating Committee or if you would like more information about any of the elected officer positions.

We continue to need a Service Officer, Public Relations/Publicity Chair, and assistance with membership (contacting members who are dropped for non-renewal, prospective members, etc.) and programs committee assistant.

Jeff Sargent
President
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LUNCHEON PROGRAM – Monday, September 23, 2024, 11:30 A.M.

Speakers: U.S. Representative Gerry Connolly (D-11) and
VFN National Legislative Chair Gaston Giani

Topic: Legislative Issues Impacting You

Lunch Entrée Choices:

Pancakes Deluxe w/Bacon & Scrambled Eggs

**½ Triple Decker Chicken Salad Sandwich w/Cup of Tomato Soup
(w/bacon, lettuce, mayo, tomato, coleslaw and pickle)**

Maple Avenue Grilled Cheese w/pulled chicken & bacon on wheat)

Served with Coffee/Tea

The cost of the lunch is \$23 which includes meeting room, beverage (priced - \$3.75 on menu), tax and gratuity. Additional tips are welcome but not required.

☎ Please contact Patricia Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com or (703) 449-1582 no later than **Tuesday, September 17, 2024. Reservations are very important so that the appropriate number of meals can be ordered and prepared.**

OUR LUNCH 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, October 28, 2024! Speaker – Kathy Bass, BCBS/Anthem; Topic- Changes for 2025; Menu: Build-Your-Burger w/Cheddar, Fries, Coleslaw, Pickle & BBQ Sauce on side; Bananas Foster French Toast w/bananas, walnuts & caramel drizzle; and ½ Triple Decker Sandwich (Chicken Breast Club w/bacon, lettuce, tomato) w/cup of soup.

*FREE
LUNCH
ANY ONE?*

A drawing for free lunch every month! Don't miss it!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS 1241 DULLES
Membership Report

As of August 16, 2024

263 Current Chapter Members
503 National Members in Chapter Area
Total Members 766

Current Chapter Members Breakdown

1-Year 105; 2-Year: 25; 3-Year 67

Dues Withhold 60: Life Members 6

6/1/2024 to 8/17/2024 we gained 2 New Chapter Members

Kirby, Martha, Herndon, makirby@nih.gov

Brackenbury, Lisa, Leesburg, Lisa.L.Brackenbury@gmail.com

We lost 8 Members who were dropped for Non-Renewal

Banks, Arthur, Reston

Danzer, George, Reston

Hamill, Ronald V., Herndon

Hudson, Sally, Ashburn

Hall, Barry C., Ashburn

Hall, Georgeianna R., Ashburn

Kava, Stanley, Fairfax

Kroll, Gretchen, Fairfax

Payment Status Change

Harrison, Barbara L., Centreville

Bill Schmidt

Membership Chair

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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTERS JOINT MEMBERSHIP EVENT,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

ATTN: ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL and POSTAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES: Want to hear how NARFE works every day to protect your earned benefits? Then come to a special event hosted by Northern Virginia NARFE chapters on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna, VA. Join us from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. for refreshments, networking and a great opportunity to meet national, state and chapter leaders to learn more about NARFE and how its programs benefit you. We are especially pleased that U.S. Representative Gerry Connolly (D-11) and NARFE President William Shackelford will be

speaking to attendees. Both are strong advocates for federal employees and annuitants. Reservations are requested but not required. To register, contact Nancy Palmerino at nancyolive0110@yahoo.com by September 9. We look forward to seeing you there.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

We have had an exciting election season, and early voting begins on September 20 and ends November 2. To verify early voting locations and hours of operation, visit www.elections.virginia.gov. You can also find information on absentee ballots.

Never since the beginning of the civil service merit system in the late 19th century has it been so threatened and jobs of federal employees been so much at risk and retirees' benefits are on the line.

NARFE-PAC endeavors to ensure the election of candidates who appreciate the efforts of hardworking federal employees and who are committed to protecting the earned benefits of retired federal workers.

One of the congressmen receiving much NARFE-PAC support over the years has been Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11). The congressman has introduced significant legislation that has improved the lives of federal employees and retirees, and has sought to improve the efficiency and fairness of the civil service system. We are honored to have him as our guest speaker at our September 23rd Luncheon Program and at the special membership event on September 14 (details on both above).

As we prepare to vote, we should examine the records of all of the candidates and especially those who appreciate our service to the country and who will continue to provide us with a secure retirement. Most in our chapter will be voting in the 10th or 11th Congressional Districts. Candidates are as follows:

10th Congressional District: Suhas Subramanyan (D) and Mike Clancy (R)

11th Congressional District: Gerry Connolly (D) and Mike Van Meter (R)

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

- September 10 – Dulles Chapter Board Meeting
- September 14 – Joint Membership Event, Vienna (details above)
- September 23 – Dulles Chapter Luncheon (details above)
- September 30 – NARFE National Election Voting Ends (Please Vote)
- October 6-8 – Virginia Federation Board Meeting
- October 15 – Dulles Chapter Board Meeting (Nominations for Chapter Officers Due)
- October 25 – NOVA Caucus Meeting, Fairfax
- October 28 – Dulles Luncheon Program (details above)
- November 2 – Early Voting Ends
- November 5 – Election Day (Please Vote)

- November 12- Dulles Chapter Board Meeting
- November 25 - Dulles Luncheon & Election of 2025 Officers
- December 9 – Holiday Party & Installation of Officers (Capitol Carollers)

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH:

Ann Webster, Alzheimer's Research Chair, is continuing the 50/50 drawings at our luncheon programs. 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: Ann Webster, 21022 Rocky Knoll Square, Apt. 205, Ashburn, VA 20147. For additional information or fundraising ideas, contact Ann at angelw3@verizon.net.

Join us for: "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on October 19th in Manassas at the Harris Pavilion. Help me and NARFE Fairfax Chapter 737 along with the Manassas Chapter to gather donations for Alzheimer's. I signed up as a Team Leader for "Fairfax Chapter 737" team and encourage you to join me in Manassas for this walk. I believe it is listed as Theodore Pasek. Be sure to mark any donations from NARFE. We/NARFE also will have a table at the Pavilion to encourage NARFE membership. Do not worry about walking far or at all. Just show up to encourage other members.

October 19th, Saturday

Harris Pavilion, Manassas

8:30 Registration/9:30 Ceremony/10:00 Walk

Details at "Alzheimer's Walk Manassas" You can register and donate. You may also contact Team Leader Ted Pasek at tedpasek@verizon.net.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:

Kathy Loftin is serving as Sunshine Committee Chair and enjoys sending cards to members who are ill, suffering a loss, or just needs a little cheering up. We don't always know of these needs, so please let Kathy know if you learn of someone we should remember. Email:

425tree@gmail.com.

NARFE NATIONAL ELECTION:

The August 21st e-mail from Election Services Co. announced the election opening with link and PIN to electronic ballot. There's also a ballot in the September issue of NARFE magazine (pages 4-5) if you prefer a paper ballot. The election closes September 30.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you have suggestions, announcements or items of interest, please contact Newsletter Editor Patricia Wolfe at wolfepatriciam@aol.com.



