



Next meeting is on Tuesday, October 12

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President's Message (Elinor Abrell • 301-831-8753)

What a pleasure it was to be part of the first "restart" meeting of Chapter 409 in September! This seemed to be what was felt by the 24 members who were there, expressing satisfaction with the venue, as well as the food. There are some procedural changes to know about. While the restaurant opens early, our use of the meeting room begins at 11:00 AM. You may arrive at a time convenient for you and visit the buffet stations as you wish. The period from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM allows for both socializing with other members and having lunch. During this time be sure to purchase raffle tickets that support Alzheimer's and a local charity. Doors to the main dining room will close at 12:30 PM, when we will begin our meeting, followed by a speaker or presentation. Please know that current COVID requirements are followed; a mask is not required but suggested. In the interest of safety for all, if you are not fully vaccinated or not feeling well the day of the luncheon, please do not attend!

Mark your calendar for the November meeting, which will take place on **Tuesday, November 9**, and which will feature David Hurka from Blue Cross / Blue Shield speaking about updates to Federal employee health benefits. In past years this has always been a very informative meeting for chapter members, as the Open Season for making any health plan changes begins in December.

Each fall, NARFE sponsors a Membership Drive, when current members can earn rewards by recruiting active and retired Federal employees to join NARFE. Recruiters will receive \$10 for each new member who joins between September 1 and December 31. On top of National's recruitment drive, an incentive comes from MD Federation, who will provide an **additional \$10** for each new member recruited during this time. (Applications must be postmarked and website joins must be received no later than December 31). All September – December recruiters will be entered into a drawing, once for each new member they have recruited. The GRAND PRIZE, a **Kindle Fire**, will be awarded to a recruiter randomly selected from this pool. MONTHLY PRIZES will also be awarded.

Financial Report (Kathy O'Connor • 301-845-7964)

Balance available to Chapter 409 as of July 31, 2021 .. \$6,331.51
• Income (dues) \$ 159.66
Balance available to Chapter 409 as of Aug 31, 2021 .. \$6,491.17

Legislative Report (David Carmack • 240-578-4965)

President Biden has proposed a 2.7% average pay raise for Federal employees in 2022. He has also issued an Executive Order requiring COVID-19 vaccines for all Federal employees, who must be fully vaccinated by November 22, 2021. NARFE opposes the newly introduced postal reform legislation, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021 (H.R. 3076 / S. 1720), because it risks increasing premiums for Federal employees and retirees enrolled in Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) program plans.

Alzheimer's Report (Kathy Siggins • 301-829-2462)

The NARFE Alzheimer's National Committee Training Virtual Meeting was held on September 15-16, 2021 to review NARFE-Alzheimer's Research funding for FY-21. The 10 Region Coordinators presented their report highlighting fundraising efforts and totals from their respective Federations. As the Region II Coordinator representing Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, I was amazed that \$21,542.00 was contributed by Region II members during this pandemic. In total, \$278,126.78 was raised in support of NARFE-Alzheimer's Research, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, for FY-21. The committee voted to award two additional research grants, one fully funded and the other fully funded with the help of the Alzheimer's Association, bringing NARFE's total to 85 research projects funded through the generosity of NARFE members since 1985. Full details will be published in the December NARFE Magazine along with a great announcement. As a reminder, **Sunday, October 10** is the date for the **Walk to End Alzheimer's** in Frederick. There is still time to join Team HOPE or donate to a walker at the following link:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=14526&pg=personal&px=1592650

All donations to the Alzheimer's Association are tax-deductible as charitable contributions, and are greatly appreciated. Please know that every dollar counts and that no amount is too small. If you prefer, please make your check payable to **Alzheimer's Association** and mail to my attention at **13001 Purdum Ct, Mount Airy, MD 21771**. Thank you everyone for your generosity and support of the Alzheimer's cause.

50/50 Charity Fund (Linda Adams • 301-831-5355)

The 50/50 raffle drawing at chapter luncheons is the source of funds used to support a local charity. Each year the Charity Committee, chaired by Earle Browning, considers several local worthy organizations and then makes a recommendation for the charity to receive the chapter contribution. The amount of this contribution closely follows a chapter set budgeted amount, but does rely on income from the 50/50 raffle for the funding. Chapter members: please keep this in mind and be as generous as you can in purchasing raffle tickets, knowing that you are helping to support the charity fund – you may even be a winner yourself! ☺

Chaplain's Report (Earle Browning • 301-831-5355)

Chapter-409 related deaths

John Crawford, Jr., age 82 – August 7, 2021
Dorothy "Dot" Jean DeGrange, age 93 – August 22, 2021

Chapter 409 members and relatives sick and/or shut-ins needing our prayers and concerns

Ruth Davis, Betty Potts, Tom Wiley

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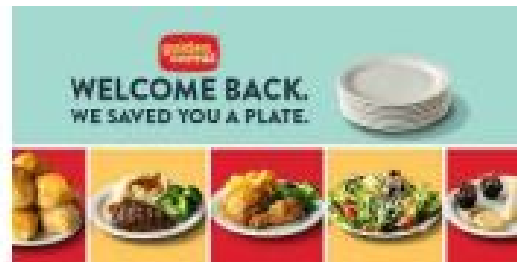


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☺ NARFE CHAPTER 409 IN PERSON LUNCHEON LOCATION ☺

**Golden Corral Buffet & Grill
5621 Spectrum Drive
Frederick, MD 21703
301-662-5922**



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