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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Have you ever listened to your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or even cousins tell stories about life in another time and place that caught your imagination? I have and I have also wished the stories had been written down for me to pass on to my children. Well, at our **April 15 luncheon** Shirley Sandage will speak to us on "Tales for the Grandchildren: Writing Your Life Story". She will give us some hints on why and how to go about writing your own family's history for future generations. By preserving both personal and family stories, you can provide a good sense of belonging to those who come after you. As part of FCC's Institute of Learning in Retirement, Shirley teaches a course on this subject, which is ILR's longest running course and one which fills up immediately each session. So join us for the **next luncheon** on April 15th and remember we need your check in hand by April 8th.

We are all aware that "times are tough" and that college costs keep going up at rates greater than inflation. So is there something you can do to help your family members with college costs? Perhaps because of your membership in NARFE you can: through the **NARFE-FEEA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM**. In 1987, the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) established a scholarship program for children and grandchildren of federal employees. NARFE became a member of FEEA's board of directors in 1997, and the following year NARFE's National Executive Board authorized the creation of a scholarship fund open to the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and stepchildren of NARFE members. The NARFE-FEEA Scholarship Awards Program is supported by NARFE members and administered by FEEA. As of 2010, a total of \$666,000 has been awarded to the children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and stepchildren of NARFE members. In 2010, \$60,000 in scholarships was awarded to 60 students, 6 winners in each of our

10 regions. The 2011 program began on February 1, 2011 and applications must be postmarked no later than April 30. More information on the program and an application form appears each month in the NARFE magazine. Pictures of the 2010 winners were on page 62 of the December issue. For additional information, contact the Office of the National Vice President or go to the NARFE website (www.narfe.org) and look on the left-hand side for the Scholarship Program link.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerie O'Connor (301-845-7964)

FEBRUARY 2011 REPORT

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2011	\$3,035.32
Receipts	2,085.13
Expenditures	1,881.39
(Includes Alzheimer's Funds: \$690.50)	
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011	3,239.06
CD BALANCE	5,003.66
TOTAL FUNDS AVAIL. AS OF FEB. 28, 2011	\$8,242.72

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Margaret Hawker (301-874-8409)



The Chapter Executive Committee met on March 15 at the American Legion Home. The secretary's minutes and the treasurer's reports were approved. Legislative, Membership, and Chaplain's reports were given. The MD convention was discussed.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Kathy Siggins (301-829-2462)



The "On Tuesday, March 8th, nearly 300 NARFE officers and activists descended on Capitol Hill to meet with their elected officials as part of NARFE's biennial Legislative Training Conference. Our message was very clear. Federal workers and retirees have already sacrificed pay and benefits and should

not be singled out by making more cuts to the retirement and health benefits we earned through years of serving the public. The conference was well attended by 25 members of the MD delegation and 14 of those members attended the meeting with Senator Barbara A Mikulski (D-MD) to express those concerns. Seated, left to right, Bill Ferguson, Kathy



Siggins, Sudha Haley, Denise Love, Bernie Goldsborough, Gloria Simon. Back row, Stuart Sklamm, Jim Cowie,

Louise Woods, Evelyn Kirby, Senator Mikulski, Ted Cocca, Cel Aguigui and Dan McGrath. Not pictured, Doug Huberschmidt. I also met with Colleen Willard from Representative Roscoe Bartlett's (R-MD) office who stated that Representative Bartlett was against federal employees being singled out unfairly. I gave her a thank you letter from the MD Federation to present to Representative Bartlett for "crossing the aisle" and voting "no" on the amendment which banned step increases.

The conference opened with a Plenary Session that launched a new campaign designed to educate the public and Members of Congress about the important role that government employees serve in protecting our country and administering to our citizens. "Protect America's Heartbeat," is one of several messages we delivered to the Hill. The sessions were designed to show us how Congress works, the different committees, creating relationships with staff and making appointments. We were fortunate to have several speakers some of which were House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Former Representative Tom Davis (R-VA) and Representative Chris Van Hollen (D-MD). A one hour "Protecting America's Heartbeat Briefing" was held at the Rayburn House Office Building the day of our visits with statements made by Representatives, James Moran (D-VA), Frank Wolf (R-VA), Donna Edwards (D-MA) and John Sarbanes (D-MD) sharing some personal stories about family, government service and the importance of sharing our own story.

CHARITIES

*50/50, Chapter Charities: Ruth Davis (301-874-1997)
Alzheimer's Fund: Sandy Stephens (301-829-5409)*

February 50/50 \$ 98.00
YTD 50/50 320.50

February Alzheimer's Raffle & Cont. \$ 77.00
YTD Alzheimer's Raffle & Contributions 453.00

Welcome to the new members who joined our chapter during February~

This month two new annuitants joined our chapter. They are Catherine Keller and Emily Moler. We welcome you both to our chapter and look forward to meeting you at our monthly luncheon meetings. Four members were reinstated this month. Two deceased members were removed and, unfortunately, 13 members were dropped for non-renewal of membership. Membership applications will be available at all of our meetings (see Bill Elsen) and we seek your help in recruiting new members.

We are saddened to report the deaths of the following members and relatives ~

Members:

*Dorothea P Cross, 94 years old, February 7, 2011
Grayson E. Rippeon, 83 Years old, Died March 4, 2011
Mary Ann M Bragg, 79 Years old, Died March 6, 2011
Nancy Lou M DeLisi, 73 Years old, died March 12, 2011*

Relatives of Members:

Doris V. Combs, 85 years, Died March 9, 2011 wife of George Combs

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

Don Dupreie, Geraldine Fagen, Sally Frey, Gladys Friel, Ellis Mullinix, Mary Grace Mullinix

Bill Elsen, Membership (301-663-4027)

Gil Monck, Chaplain (1-717-762-7484)

From National Headquarters: It is with deep regret we announce that National Treasurer Charles Saylor has passed away. The NEB has installed Richard Thissen, Region V RVP, to become the new Treasurer effective April 3, 2011. In the interim, Vice President Carew will be Acting Treasurer.

Luncheon:
Date: April 15, 2011
Location: American Legion, 1450 Taney Ave., Frederick, MD.
Time: Doors will open at 11 am. Lunch served at 12 noon.
 Program starts promptly at 1 pm.
Menu: Salmon Cakes
Program: "Tales for the Grandchildren: Writing Your Life Story", Shirley Sandage
NO PAYING AT THE DOOR – RESERVATIONS A MUST .
 We must receive your mail reservation no later than April 8 and also the last day to cancel; call Georgia Wells 301-865-9693.
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 823, NEW MARKET, MD 21774-0823.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Henry Walter (301-644-4273)



At the February luncheon, the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year. Subsequently, there were two changes. Richard Long wishes to continue as Assistant Service Officer; it was my misunderstanding that led to his not being on the February slate. Betty Lind found a replacement for herself, Charles Caloia who recently transferred from the Laurel chapter. Charles has agreed to become Service Officer.

The membership had the opportunity to nominate additional persons for each office. After a roll-call, there were no additional nominations. The chair entertained a motion to elect the slate by acclamation, which passed unanimously. Congratulations, new officers! They will be installed at the May meeting, to serve from May 2011-May 2012. Your officers are:

NEWS AND INFORMATION



Community Services Locator

The Maryland Community Services Locator website (www.mdcs.org) is a statewide interactive online directory developed to assist community members in locating community services, including senior citizen resources, substance abuse treatment, food assistance, job readiness/employment programs and many others. The locator includes a wide range of criminal justice, social service and health programs. It allows users to get organizational contact information and other details, map resources by location, and get instant directions to local programs. Since its launch in 2008, this website has expanded to include approximately 9,000 services and programs that are verified annually for accuracy by MDCSL staff. ... M.L. Blessing

REMINDER..."Tell Us About Your Service". NARFE wants to hear your story about your position in the federal government and how American would be different if you did not serve. You can enter your message to Congress at www.ProtectAmericansHeartbeat.org; your help is needed to rally members to take action to protect your benefits...and it should be fun completing the form. ...L. Adams

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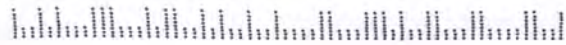
RESERVATIONS FOR APRIL 15, 2011 LUNCHEON MEETING: Please complete this form and a check payable to NARFE Chapter 409) in the amount of \$12.00 per person. Mail both to NARFE #409 Luncheon, P.O. Box 823, New Market, MD 21774-0823 (to be received by the Friday, April 8, 2011 so please MAIL PROMPTLY!).

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