



FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS

DOVER, DE  
CHAPTER 1174

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## OFFICERS

**President:** Elizabeth Kramarck

**Vice President:** Vinnie Warr

**Secretary:** Donna Lamos

**Treasurer:** Phyllis Meyers

## CHAIRPERSONS

**Legislation:** John Kramarck

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**Membership:** Nancy Story

**Sunshine:** Ilona Gechter

**Chaplain:** Jean Miller

**Luncheon/Sunshine:** Ilona Gechter

***NOTICE: THE MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORVID -19 VIRUS. Your executive officers felt this action is needed due to the severity of the virus. We want to ensure you; we will return to our regular meetings as soon as it is safe to do so.***

### **Little Bit of Information to keep you informed**

Dear Chapter 1174 Members

I, along with the entire Board, wish you well during these trying times. We share everyone's concern for keeping our families safe and healthy during this Covid crisis. The majority of our members are in the high-risk group and because of this, the Board has decided to cancel our meetings until further notice. We do not feel we can safely continue to meet until the virus is better contained.

Although we cannot meet, we can still remain true to our mission. Please continue to read your NARFE magazine and the NEWSLINE messages in your email. We will be putting out a short Chapter Newsletter to keep you up to date on chapter news and items of interest to our members.

With all of the uncertainty these past few months we recognize it's challenging to stay positive and hopeful but working together and following the medical guidelines, we will get through this.

Wear your mask and stay safe,

*Elizabeth*

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**August:** Pat Palmisano,  
Mary Newnom, Horace  
Stanton

**September:** Angela  
Pizzi, Angela Stanton  
Alice Potter, Rita  
Klepner

**October:** Ursula  
Thomas, Lani Lowe,  
Elizabeth Kramarck, Jean Hayes, Penelope Pierce,  
Marlene Lake

**ANNIVERSARY:**

**August:** Vinnie & Rod Warr

**September:** None

**October:** Al & Anna Pizzi,  
Elizabeth & John Kramarck



**Report from Federation:** Delaware President Vinnie Warr discussed the Region II conference which was supposed to be held in York, PA on 1-2 June 2020 and then rescheduled for 23-24 September has been cancelled until May 2021. More information in the future.

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:**

*Note: per Roberts Rule of Order reports such as those given by the Secretary and Treasurer do not need a motion.*

**SECRETARY:** A short informational Newsletter with was mailed & emailed to all members in April/May.

**TREASURER:** Since Phyllis is currently in Polaris. If you would like to talk to her since no visitors are allowed. Her contact information is (302) 503-7650 rm 207. So, the current balance is \$4,053.96.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Voting for NARFE National officers and Bylaw changes is going on now. Ballots are in your August NARFE magazine. You may vote by mail or email. Mail-in ballots must be **received** by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Make your voice heard, be sure to get your ballot in as soon as possible.

Vinnie has cancelled all guest speakers until further notice. Once we return to normal meetings at Grottos, she will schedule them again.

**PRESIDENT:** The status of the 2021 State Conference next June is uncertain but we'd still like to keep as eye out for possible vendors for this event. If you see someone or a business you think might be of interest to our members get their business card and pass it onto one of the officers. This is the best way to cover our costs for this event by selling table space to vendors.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**LEGISLATION:** Voting is the best way to show our preferences on how government is run. Yes, writing and calling our Representatives and Senators both state and federal informs them on our opinions of certain proposals, but voting shows our preferences of one party's candidate, platform, priorities and vision of how the government should be run. You may call and write them about a proposal, but if it is the parties and candidates' main position that you are opposed to, it is very unlikely that they will change their position.

This is why voting is so important. You must choose a candidate that aligns closest with your values and concerns. It is much easier to convince an official to support your position if they are already leaning that way or are at least open minded about it than to change the mind of an official who has stated their intense opposition to it.

But to do this you must vote, and to vote you must be registered to vote. Go to the Delaware Department of Elections (or the Department of Elections for your state) for info on registering and voting absentee. The deadline for registering to vote in Delaware in the 2020 presidential election is 10/10 20. There are other deadlines for primary voting, but as the candidates are both all but officially chosen, the concern is the general election.

Finally, due to the coronavirus, absentee ballots will probably be the way to go for our members. Once again, go to the DE. (or your state) Dept. of Elections for specific instructions and read and follow them to the letter. There seems to be no deadline for requesting an absentee ballot but in Delaware they must be RECEIVED by the Dept. of Election office for YOUR COUNTY by 8PM on ELECTION DAY. With the current USPS crisis, I strongly suggest you make your absentee ballot request as soon as possible, and return it properly filled out the day

you receive it. Time is of the essence here, to hesitate is to risk having your ballot not counted.

So, make sure you are registered, request your absentee ballot if desired, and carefully, properly fill it out and return it promptly. And if voting in person, arrive early if possible, allow much more time to vote than usual due to less poll workers and increased turnout, wear your facemask and practice social distancing while waiting. Our jobs, retirement and social support programs are on the line. Your vote could mean the difference between keeping valuable programs and services or losing them. If you don't vote, you have no right to complain if you lose your job, retirement benefits, Postal Service, Social Security, Medicare or any other programs or social services or programs you have come to rely on.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Dover Chapter currently has 116 members. Sadly, one of our members, Patrina Spiezio, passed away in June. Patrina had been a member for almost 20 years.

NARFE's Annual Membership Drive is from September 1 through December 31, 2020. Members can receive a \$10 incentive payment for each new member they recruit during this period. New members will receive FREE one-year chapter membership and a \$10 Grotto's gift card. If you have questions or would like informational pamphlets to pass on to prospective members, please contact Nancy Story.

**BOARD MEETINGS:** Cancelled until further notice.

I decided to add a new little section called "Getting to Know you"; since we are not having meetings. I thought it would be fun to learn a little bit about our members.

I would like to be have everyone's date of birth and anniversary so we can do a shout out to wish you a happy celebration. Please email me at [somaldonn@comcast.net](mailto:somaldonn@comcast.net); if you have any other questions or corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna M Lamos*

Secretary



**Name:** Elizabeth Kramarck

**Where did you work:** USPS

**Where were you stationed:** DE Processing & Distribution Center near Hares Corner in New Castle DE

**How long in position:** Worked at the same facility for 32 years. Held many different jobs- Letter Sorting Machine Operator-Primary & Secondary schemes, Flat Sorter Operator, Bulk Mail Technician, Timekeeper & Statistical Clerk, Quality Control Clerk, Secretary to the Manager of In-Plant Support. I also had several detail and acting assignments- Procurement Clerk, Training Technician, Supervisor of Mail Operations, Quality Improvement Analyst, Address Information Analyst, and Operations Support Specialist.

**What is Best memory:** While working in In-Plant Support I was selected for a 2-year detail as an Operations Support Specialist assigned to create and program sort plans for the mail sorting machines.

**Least thing you liked about your job:** Working opposite shifts and having different days off from my husband for the first eight years of my service.

**Family:** Older sister. Parents, in-laws and brother deceased.

**Where were you originally from:** I've lived in Delaware since I was 3 months old so before that doesn't count as far as I'm concerned.