

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER 1174 - DOVER, DELAWARE

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

The Holidays are a time for celebrating the wonders of the season and spending time with family and friends. It is also a time that we remember those less fortunate. It is with this in mind that I want to thank everyone for contributing to our collection for the DE Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Smyrna. This facility cares for 115 patients who have nothing and no one to spend the holidays with. Your donation contributed to our collection of \$215. The hospital staff were **very** appreciative and send their thanks to each and every one of you. Our donation will help bring smiles to many faces this Christmas. I am proud to belong to a group of such thoughtful and caring people. I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Elizabeth

6 December 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Kramarck at 11:41 am with 22 members and guests in attendance. Chaplain Jean Miller gave the Invocation and President Elizabeth Kramarck led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Rita Flynn' absence, Elizabeth reported the following: December Birthdays – Louise Warren, Della Watkinson, Kenneth Shouldis, Rose Bell, John Young and Alan Lamos. The December Anniversaries are: Fred and Kathy Adams. Please contact Ilona Gechter at 335-4885 with your special dates!!



PROGRAM: The program was a holiday celebration with singer Alan Kessel. Alan Kessel was a member of the Honeycombs (played Elvis and lead singer). The music was holiday themed with songs as White Christmas, Blue Christmas, The Christmas song (Chestnuts roasting on open fire and many others. The program was approximately half hour long. Everyone was able to sing-along. Believe everyone enjoyed themselves.





SECRETARY'S REPORT: - SECRETARY: Donna Lamos sent all members copy of November Newsletter with minutes. Any corrections or additions? Hearing none motion to accept the minutes was made by Nell Halada; 2nd by Vinnie Warr. Motion carried.

TREASURER: A balance of \$3,445.71. The report will be filed for review. Full report will be placed in minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT: Vinnie informed the members; the January luncheon will be our Memorial Service and the February meeting will be our charity speakers from KSI and Viet Vets Chapter 850. T. If anyone has any suggestions for speakers or particular topics, please let her (Vinnie) know. The January will be the first meeting at Grottos in Dover (between Boston Market and Best Buy). You will be ordering off the menu (al carte').

PRESIDENT: Nov 12-Chapter Board Meeting. Main discussion topics-

- Speakers for next year
- Voted to discontinue the drawing for free lunches as of Dec. meeting. The original

idea was to encourage more members to come to meetings and then come back but it has not had desired result. However, if you recruit a new member to the chapter, you and the new member will still receive a free lunch once the new member shows up on our rolls.

- No-Bake Bake Sale will resume in January benefiting our charities
- May consider cutting down to one local charity in the future

Nov 13-State Federation Board meeting. Main discussion topics-

- June 2019 State Conference at Maple Dale Country Club sponsored by Chapter 1690
- Updating state and chapter bylaws again in the coming year to match changes made in July to Nat'l Bylaws.

Nov 19- Rod & Vinnie, Nancy and John and I attended Wilmington chapter's meeting with speaker Senator Tom Carper. He gave a good talk but didn't allow much time for Q & A.

Christmas Donation to DE Hospital to Chronically Ill in Smyrna in place of gift exchange; the total donation amount was \$215.00. Money donated/collected will allow the staff at the facility to pick out gifts the patients will need and enjoy.

Elizabeth thanked Vinnie for the table covers and Fred and Kathy for the purchase of Poinsettias.

January 3, 2019, **GROTTOS RESTAURANT**, Luncheon Information - 11:30 am start time

Please contact Ilona Gechter at 302-335-4885 or 302- 359-9129 if you plan to attend so we will have an accurate head count.



TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance at the end of October is \$3,253.01. Below is the full report.

NARFE Chapter 1174 Treasurer's Report	
6 December 2018	
Previous Balance August 2018	3,329.51
INCOME (September)	381.00
Chapter Dues	54.00
Luncheon Money	197.00
50/50	25.00
Boscov's	105.0
Expenses (September)	264.80
Mission BBQ	264.80
TOTAL BALANCE (EOM Oct 2018)	3,445.71
Respectfully Submitted,	
<i>Fred Adams</i>	
Treasurer	

REPORTS:

ALZHEIMER'S FUND: For 2018 the goal is \$13 million. As of November, \$12.8 million has been collected. NARFE is a member of the Alzheimer's Association's Zenith Society, a group of about 50 donors representing the highest level of giving. NARFE is one of only four organizations belonging to the Zenith Society; and, of the four organizations, NARFE is the "number one" contributor.

LEGISLATION: Lame Duck session right now. Several proposals regarding federal employees presented by this administration have not been actively pursued by this Congress and have little chance for action this year. CSRS retirees will be receiving a 2.8% increase, FERS 2% next year.

NARFE-PAC: \$1.1million were distributed during this collection cycle. Thank you all for your support.

LUNCHEON: Ilona Gechter, mentioned the January NARFE luncheon meetings will be held at Grottos in Dover. Everyone will be ordering off menu; however, she will still need headcount for seating. The room the meeting is located in the back of the restaurant. Also, Grottos does not accept checks so it is cash or card only. There will be no meetings in July or August. It was decided the meal part of the luncheon meeting is from 11:30-12:30 and meeting (information) will start at 12:30. The restaurant opens at 11 a.m. if you want to arrive early to order.

SUNSHINE: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Story

- Report: We lost one member, Virginia Taylor who passed away and lost one member for non-payment of membership dues.
- Nancy and Elizabeth participated at the Postal Health Fair 11/13 in New Castle. They received 42 completed postcards and possible members; the postcards were forwarded to NARFE headquarters. The board voted to raffle a 1-year membership at the event. The winner of the 1-year membership is Jesse Hatten.
- Lastly, the annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by Delaware Hospice, is located at Nobles Pond (Nancy's community). Attached is a photo of the wreath, decorated by NARFE #1174. Last day of the event was Thursday, 6 Dec.

Remember-January's meeting is at Grottos
<https://www.grottopizza.com/menu/>



Remember when renewing annual National membership dues, include your \$6-chapter dues. Otherwise you will no longer be listed as a Chapter member.

WAYS & MEANS: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

With our Federation President Kathy Adams moving up to Regional VP in November, nominations for all Federation officers are now being accepted. These are two-year terms. June 2019 - June 2021. Installation will take place at the June 2019 Federation Conference in Dover. If you or someone you know wants to take a leadership role, contact our current Federation VP Larry Trombello (302-430-7689) or Legislative/Advocacy Chairperson Tom Sutor (302-354-4654).

NEW BUSINESS:

Our own Vinnie Warr has officially put forth her nomination for President of the Federation.

The end of Year Raffle Drawing was held with the following winners:

\$25 winner – Marlene Lake

\$50 winner – Philip Cavins

\$100 winner – Ilona Gretcher

The centerpiece poinsettias were raffled off to our members and one was given to our singer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – Will be held at Luther Village, building 3, as follows. Everyone is welcome to attend.

State Federation, January 8, 2019 at 10 am

Chapter 1174, February 11, 2019 at 10 am

50/50 Raffle – \$22.00 Raymond Schilling

BENEDICTION AND AJOURNMENT:

Chaplain Jean Miller gave the Benediction. President Elizabeth Kramarck adjourned the meeting at 1:10pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:37 pm.

Happy Holidays and healthy New Year. Hope to see you at the new meeting location in January.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M Lamos

Acting Secretary

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