



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

Public Relations: Phyllis Meyers

Membership: Nancy Story

Sunshine: Iona Gechter

Chaplain: Jean Miller

Luncheon: Iona Gechter

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

September will soon be here and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone after our summer break. This year we will be electing new officers at our annual meeting in November. We'd love to hear from you if you want to take a more active role in the chapter. Please let the nominating committee of Iona Gechter and Nancy Story know of your interest.

As always, we encourage you to bring in new members to NARFE. Please see the following special message from our membership Chairperson, Nancy Story.

Elizabeth

Recruiting Incentive starts September 1

Note from Nancy Story:

NARFE's annual membership drive runs from September 1 through December 31. Recruiters will receive \$10 from National for each new member they recruit and be eligible to win monthly prizes. New members of our Chapter will receive a \$10 Grotto's gift card once they show up on our roster and have attended a chapter meeting.

Remember that members pay \$40 yearly National dues (less if they elect dues withholding) and \$6 Chapter dues... this is only \$3.83 per month for the many reasons to join NARFE!

Contest rules are online at www.NARFE.org/recruit and brochures and materials are available to support your recruiting efforts. If you have any questions, please ask me, your Membership Chairperson.

6 June 2019 Minutes

Our meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth at 11:30am with 25 members and guests in attendance. A moment of silence was observed to remember the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The invocation was given by Chaplain Jean Miller and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by our President.

Elizabeth welcomed our newest member to her first official meeting, Karen Kaufman. Elizabeth also welcomed returning members Susan Pereira and Ann Lansu.

President Elizabeth informed us of the upcoming monthly birthdays and anniversaries for June, July and August since there are no scheduled meeting during the summer season:

Birthdays for June:

Margot Ostruska
Marge Bodner

Birthdays for July:

Nancy Story
Nell Halada
Naomi Henderson
Anne Lansu

Birthdays for August:

Pat Palmisano
Mary Newnom
Horace Stanton

Anniversaries for June:

Simon & Lani Lowe
Mr & Mrs Robert Spragg
Jim & Wendy Schilling
Tish & Leroy Thornton

Anniversaries for July:

Charles & Louise Warren
Jean & Martin Miller Sr (Martin deceased)
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Shouldis
Angela & Horace Stanton
Mr & Mrs Klepner



Anniversaries for August:

Vinnie & Rod Warr

After wishing everyone “best wishes” on their special occasions, we adjourned for lunch. After lunch the business part of the monthly meeting was started at 12:30.

PROGRAM: Vinnie introduced the representative from Dover Federal Credit Union, Trust and Investment Services section, Steven Pierce. He discussed one part of their services, the Estate Planning for each individual. He feels Estate Planning is necessary and important to all people to ensure their personal and financial affairs are handled as they wish in case of incapacity or death. He discussed various topics such as; Health Care directive options, Property Management tools including Joint Ownership and Durable Power of Attorney (this is the most important one). If you would like to learn more and talk with Steve, you can contact him directly through Dover Federal Credit Union, whether you are a credit union member or not. His presentation was very informative.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

SECRETARY: In Donna’s absence, Phyllis volunteered to take the minutes for her. The May Newsletter with minutes and attachments were mailed & emailed to all members. After hearing no additions or corrections were noted., newsletter was accepted as presented.

I would like to thank Phyllis for taking the minutes for the June meeting and May board meeting. I had family events I needed to attend. Thank you again, Phyllis.

TREASURER: A balance of \$3,222.76 as of May 31, 2019. Any questions on the report? After

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hearing none the report will be filed for review. Full report located below.

NARFE Chapter 1174 Treasurer's Report 30 April 2019		
Starting Balance		\$3,319.76
INCOME		
50/50 raffle	41.00	
NARFE	42.00	
Income Total		\$83.00
EXPENSES		
Insurance	100.00	
Federation Conference	80.00	
Total Expenditures		(\$180.00)
TOTAL BALANCE (EOM 31 May 19)		\$3,222.76
Respectfully Submitted, <i>Phyllis Meyers</i> Treasurer		

NARFE Chapter 1174 Treasurer's Report 31 June 2019		
Starting Balance		\$3,222.76
INCOME		
50/50 raffle	30.00	
NARFE	45.33	
No Bake Sale	313.00	
Boscov's	25.00	
Membership Dues	6.00	
From Chapter 1690	5.00	
Income Total		\$424.33
EXPENSES		
Patron for Conference	5.00	
Federation Conference	54.88	
Total Expenditures		(\$59.88)
TOTAL BALANCE (EOM 31 July 19)		\$3,587.21
Respectfully Submitted, <i>Phyllis Meyers</i> Treasurer		

VICE PRESIDENT: Vinnie discussed her plans for upcoming speakers: for September, Dover Mayor Christiansen; for October - a plastics recycling person; for November - Health Care representatives and because it is also our annual meeting, we will have officer elections and other voting matters; and for December - the Stepping Seniors from the Modern Maturity Center as entertainment for our holiday luncheon.

Vinnie is always looking for interesting topics for our guest speaker. Please let her know what type of topics you are interested in to come to meeting.

PRESIDENT:

- Twelve of our members attended the Delaware Federation Conference on Jun 5th at Maple Dale Country Club: President Elizabeth & John Kramarck, Vinnie & Rod Warr, Kathy & Fred Adams, Phyllis Meyers, Ilona Gechter, Nancy Story, Connie Reichardt, Clement Nettles and Karen Kaufman.
- **Discussion of Conference Happenings**
 - National President Ken Thomas spoke about he wanted to see updated in NARFE: such things as the website to make it more user friendly, the rebranding of NARFE starting with our emblem, a more efficient phone app, and improvements to our magazine.
- **Five committees are working on the following**
 - **Centennial Committee** - NARFE will be 100 years old in 2021, Kathy Adams is Chair for this.
 - **Building Committee** - HQ building bought in the 90's is too big for our use now but would cost \$1.2-\$1.5 million to bring it up to code. They are debating various options such as; sell and move departments elsewhere, etc.
 - **Membership Committee** - is working on ways to increase membership and stop chapter losses.

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- **Non-Revenue Committee** - is looking for other avenues of income other than dues. He mentioned advertising in the magazine - a full page costs \$7500 a month, back page costs \$50,000 just for the option to advertise there.
- They are working on the getting the budget in line. They expect to be \$700,000 in debt this year.
 - He stated he was a chapter guy and encouraged chapters to have more interesting speakers to attract and keep members.
- Senator Carper's Kent Country Regional Director Lauren Mincey read a brief statement mostly about how the Senator supports NARFE and works to preserve the benefits of federal employees. She also handed out some information about the TSP changes taking effect September 15, 2019.
- Regional VP Kathy Adams spoke about the Centennial Committee - If you have any ideas let her know. There will be a training session in York again this year if you have topics you'd like to be discussed also let her know.
- The new Federation Officers were installed and our own Vinnie is now the Delaware Federation President and Phyllis is the Federation Secretary. Congratulations. In addition, Elizabeth has agreed to become the Federation Membership chair.
- There was a very boring PowerPoint presentation given via the Internet from HQ on Advocacy because Jessica Klement was unable to attend.
- Our chapter will be hosting the 2021 Federation Conference.

REPORTS:

LEGISLATION:

John spoke about his conversation with Lauren Mincey about concerns on reducing retirement

benefits, privatization of government jobs, and COLAs reductions.

NARFE-PAC established ambitious goals for the 2019-2020 cycle. So far from 1/1/19 – 3/31/19. Link to website: <https://www.narfe.org/legislation/?fa=viewArticle&id=3175>

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Story in unable to attend today. Elizabeth reported that we have 120 members and that Nancy continues to contact potential new members and those of you who have received 2nd renewal notices. As always, please remember when renewing include your \$6-chapter dues with the \$40 National membership. Otherwise you will no longer be listed as a Chapter member

SUNSHINE:

Ilona reported that she sent a Get-Well card to Phyllis Meyers due to auto accident. Please contact her if know of anyone who needs some sunshine.

OLD BUSINESS:

This will be the last collection for our NO-Bake Bake Sale to benefit our charities. Put in the cost of baking an item or donate whatever you want. At the end of the meeting, the contents of the collection box were counted and our no-baked bake sale collected a total of \$313. Thank you everyone who contributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Raffle Tickets for our December Raffle are available to give out to friend and family over the summer at get-togethers and other events.

Ilona has the Boscov's tickets available.

Reminder at our annual meeting in November, chapter officer elections, any bylaw changes, and which charities we will support in 2020 will be voted

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on. Please think about all these issues, your input is wanted and welcomed.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Luther Village, Building 3 in the activity room at 10 am. Everyone is always welcome to attend.

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Delaware Federation - September 10, 2019

50/50 Raffle – A total of \$60 was collected for the 50/50. The winner was Dennis Mills, who received \$30.

***May 2019**, 50/50 winner, Rita Flynn, donated *ALL* of her winnings to our No Bake Sale collection. Thank you, Rita!

BENEDICTION AND AJOURNMENT:

Chaplain Jean Miller provided the Benediction. President Elizabeth Kramarck adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer. Hope to see you at our next meeting on September 5, 2019 at Grottos Restaurant in Dover. Remember to contact Ilona if you are planning to attend.

I have attached the proposed budget for the upcoming year. If there are any issues with the budget, please contact one of the officers or even better come join us at a meeting.

The fall fundraiser is tickets are also included.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M Lamos

Secretary