

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

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Well the elections are finally over and we don't have to look at those annoying campaign ads for another two years. Now let's hope our politicians get back to work and get something done. I look forward to seeing you all at our December meeting as we celebrate the season with singer Alan Kessel. Don't forget we will be drawing for our end of year raffle. Tickets will be available at the meeting. If you haven't gotten yours in yet, tickets will be available at the meeting.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy Holiday Season.

Elizabeth

1 November 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Kramarck at 11:33am 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: November Birthdays – Rod Warr. The November Anniversaries are: Mr. & Mrs. Clement Nettles and Mr. & Mrs. Barbour. Please contact Ilona



Gechter at 335-4885 with your special dates!!

PROGRAM: Since OPM Open Season is starting on 12 November to 10 December, our program this month was several insurance representatives. FHBP Rep's: Aetna-Candance Sanchez, BC/BS - Mary Ann Gagliardino, GEHA- Carol Weber. Each representative provided pamphlets and others useful information about their programs.

BC/BS stated there is no change in their programs.

GEHA discussed the dental program within the network. If you choose the dental program, the vision is also available with no extra charge.

Aetna offered a plan called Direct if you carry Medicare Parts A & B as primary. It is \$139 for single and \$305 for self plus one. They provide dental and vision. Their website is Aetnafeds.com.

The November NARFE magazine had a great list of available medical plans for comparisons.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: - SECRETARY: Phyllis sent all members copy of October Newsletter with minutes. Any corrections or additions? Hearing none motion to accept the minutes was made by Jean Miller; 2nd by Ilona Gechter. Motion carried.

Phyllis will be out for the several months and Donna Lamos volunteered to step in for this short period.

TREASURER: A balance of \$3,329.51. The report will be filed for review. Full report will be placed in minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT: Vinnie informed the members; the December luncheon will be our Christmas luncheon with singer Alan Kessel who will be providing music for a listening pleasure. December will be the last meeting at Mission BBQ.

PRESIDENT: Christmas Donation to DE Hospital to Chronically Ill in Smyrna in place of gift exchange. Money donated/collected will allow the staff at the facility to pick out gifts the patients will need and enjoy.

Also note there was a Webinar on the NARFE website *11/08 Health Plans: What's New & How to Choose* and a *Virtual Health Fair* will continue to run 11/12 thru 12/10 through open season.

VOTING

- Proposed Bylaw change:

Article 5 Section 4 Presently reads: *Quorum for an executive committee meeting shall consist of 5 members.* Change to read: *Quorum for an executive committee meeting shall consist of 3 members.*

Motion to accept the stated by-law change was made by Phyllis Meyers; 2nd by Ron Warr. All members present approved. Motion carried.

2019 Charities: Suggestions so far include

Mom's House - Mom's Houses® are God-centered, nonprofit, licensed childcare centers.

KSI- (Kent-Sussex Industries, Inc.) a private, not for profit vocational rehabilitation organization which serves the residents of Kent and Sussex Counties. The mission of

NARFE Disaster Fund- disaster funds in the form of cash grants (\$500 maximum per grant per household) are available to all NARFE members in good standing.

Viet Vet Chapter 850 Dog Training-same group as this past year.

Delaware Food Bank, Milford.

There were no other suggestions from the floor. **Hand vote-was completed with all members present.**

Along with Alzheimer National, we voted for the following this year. 1. Viet Vet and 2. KSI

December 6, 2018 Luncheon Buffet Information - 11:30 am start time

The meats will be Brisket and Pulled Chicken. The sides will be Cole Slaw and Baked Beans, seasonal dessert, and rolls and corn bread. Ice tea and Soda are also included. Cost is \$14 per person. 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	
1 NOVEMBER 2018	
Previous Balance August 2018	3,253.01
INCOME (September)	426.00
Chapter Dues	72.00
Luncheon Money	20.00
50/50	19.00
Boscov's	40.00
Raffle	15.00
Expenses (September)	349.50
Mission BBQ	349.50
TOTAL BALANCE (EOM SEPT 2018)	3,329.51
Respectfully Submitted,	
<i>Fred Adams</i>	
Treasurer	

REPORTS:

LEGISLATION: On Oct. 19th State Legislative Chairman Tom Sutor and Elizabeth along with her husband, John met with the staff of Senators Carper and Coons at their Dover offices to discuss the top three NARFE concerns: 2019 Pay Freeze, Postal Reform and Federal Benefit Cuts in the President's proposed 2019 Budget. They were very interested in what we had to say and concurred with most of our issues. Postal Reform however was one we couldn't agree on. They did point out several features about it of which we were unaware such as provisions for folks that couldn't afford the additional expense of Medicare and a statement would not affect other federal agencies in the future.

Senator Carper will be speaking at the Wilmington chapter's Nov 19th meeting at Rockland Place, Wilm. Members are encouraged to arrive by 10:15am; meeting starts at 10:30am. Continental Breakfast available for \$8 with advance notice. Parking

limited; carpooling suggested. See me for more info

NARFE-PAC: We continue to exceed the goal of \$1.5 million, collecting an astounding \$1.8 million through the end of September 2018. 146 DE contributors gave \$8,105. Coastal Sussex gave the most with \$3,548. Our chapter came in 2nd with 25 members giving a total of \$1,470. Thank you all for your dedication and support!

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Meeting info was not published this month.

LUNCHEON: Ilona Gechter, mentioned December will be last luncheon at Mission BBQ. In January the NARFE luncheon meetings will be held at Grottos in Dover. Everyone will be ordering off menu; however, she will still need headcount for seating.

SUNSHINE: Ilona Gechter reported she sent a Sympathy cards to Phyllis Meyers cards and Rita Flynn for their loss.

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Story

- Report: We loss one member, Daniel Flynn, who passed away. We also gained one member, John Kramarck.
- Nancy and Elizabeth will participate at the Postal Health Fair 11/13 in New Castle
- 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: Ensure Raffle Tickets are returned by the December meeting. Give out to friends and family. This raffle benefits our charities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boscov's discount cards were sold. Received \$145 in profits.

NEW 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).

Jean Miller let everyone know the DE Hospital for Chronically Ill accepts lap blankets, either crocheted, knitted or quilted. All are welcome.

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

Chapter 1174 November 12, 2018 9 am
State Federation November 13, 2018 10 am

50/50 Raffle – \$27.50 Sharon Gooch
Free Lunch Raffle – Alan Lamos

BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M Lamos

Acting Secretary

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