

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

**Officers**

President – Elizabeth Kramarck 378-2088  
 Vice President - Vinnie Warr 335-4862  
 Secretary – Phyllis Meyers 724-5437  
 Treasurer - Fred Adams 697-4660



**Chairs**

Public Relations - Phyllis Meyers 724-5437  
 Membership – Nancy Story 674-1857  
 Sunshine – Ilona Gechter 335-4885  
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 Luncheon - Ilona Gechter 335-4885 or 359-9129 (cell)

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**NOVEMBER IS OUR ANNUAL MEETING -  
 VOTING on BYLAWS CHANGE and CHARITIES  
 to SUPPORT for 2019. PLEASE ATTEND!**

**PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS**

I want to thank our members who are very generous all year long. It is thanks to your donations via our monthly raffle, Boscov discount cards, the Holiday raffle tickets and other donations that each February we are able to give \$200 each to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research and two local charities of the members' choosing. At the upcoming November meeting we will be voting on which local charities to give to next year. We need your suggestions. If you know of a worthy cause we should be donating to, please let one of the officers know or nominate it at the November meeting.

**04 October 2018 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Kramarck at 11:30am with 16 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: October Birthdays - Ursula Thomas, Lani Lowe, Elizabeth Kramarck, Jean Hayes, Penelope Pierce, and Marlene Lake. The October Anniversaries are: Al & Anna Pizzi and Elizabeth & John Kramarck. Please contact Rita Flynn at 335-3824 with your special dates!!



**PROGRAM:** Our speaker was Trey Paradee (D) running for the 17th district state Senate seat. Trey, elected to the state House of Representatives in 2012, discussed the legislative and community outreach parts of the job. He also told us about his background - born and raised in the Dover area and he is a licensed

financial advisor. He also discussed a problem that he sees in Kent County - the lack of high quality, high paying jobs that is leading to young leaving the area. He also answered questions for our members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** - Phyllis reported that September newsletter with minutes was mailed and emailed to all members. Hearing no corrections or changes, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Ilona Gechter and seconded by Fred Adams. The motion carried.  
 - Phyllis read the Proposed Bylaw change (that will be voted on at the November meeting):  
 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.*  
 - A volunteer needed to fill in temporarily as secretary from Nov through Jan. Typing & familiarity with computers & email needed. Please see Elizabeth or Phyllis if interested. Donna Lamos did volunteer and we appreciate it very much.



**TREASURER'S REPORT:**  
 The balance at the end of August is \$3,253.01. Below is the full report.

NARFE Chapter 1174 Treasurer's Report	
4 OCTOBER 2018	
Previous Balance JUNE 2018	6,449.96
Income (JULY/AUGUST)	42.00
Chapter Dues 42.00	
Expenses (JULY/AUGUST)	3,238.95
Vinnie Warr 1,000.00	
Roderick Warr 1,000.00	
Fred Adams 1,000.00	
NARFE/PAC 50.00	
Business Checks 188.95	
<b>TOTAL BALANCE (JULY/AUGUST)</b>	<b>\$3,253.01</b>
Respectfully Submitted,	
<i>Fred Adams</i> Fred Adams, Treasurer	

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** In Vinnie's absence, Elizabeth reported that at our November meeting we will have FEHP benefit speakers from GEHA and Aetna. We are still trying for BC/BS. Please also note that there will be two health plan related Webinars on the NARFE website: Oct 11 *FEHP & Medicare: Understand Your Choices* and November 08 *Health Plans: What's New & How to Choose*.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Elizabeth reported: The second round of National Elections has closed. Hope you got your vote in, and on Monday, 9/24/2018 several members heard Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester speak at the Wilmington Chapter's meeting. She was unable to go. Fred Adams said she was an excellent and very knowledgeable speaker.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislation:** Elizabeth reported the following:

- The fate of a 1.9% federal pay raise for calendar year 2019 will be delayed until after the start of fiscal year 2019 (FY 2019) and possibly until December. The president's proposed pay freeze will take effect if Congress fails to take action prior to the beginning of 2019. Please **contact** your representatives now and urge them to support a much-deserved federal pay raise.
- During August which was Grassroots Advocacy Month, our Region sent the most messages to our Legislators regarding NARFE's top 3 issues, a total of 4,767.
- FEHB premiums will increase by only 1.3 percent on average in 2019 – the lowest increase since 1996.

**Public Relations:** No report.

**NARFE-PAC:** Elizabeth reported: A goal of \$1.5M, collected as of the end of August \$1.77M, \$758,500 has been dispersed including \$1,000 to Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester.

**Membership:** Nancy reported that we have 121 chapter members. Please remember when renewing your membership to include the \$6 chapter dues with your \$40 National dues, otherwise you will no longer be a chapter member.

**Sunshine:** Ilona reported that she sent a Sympathy card to Phyllis Meyers and Thinking of You cards to Bob Spragg and Dan Flynn. (After the meeting, we learned that Dan Flynn passed away. Our sympathies to Rita and his family).

**Luncheon:** Ilona reported that starting in January our meetings will be held at Grotto's in Dover and it will be individual self pay for your lunch.

**Ways and Means:** Raffle tickets for our December raffle are available at the meeting. Sell to family and friends or buy some for yourself. The money raised benefits our charities. Raffle tickets will also be included with the October newsletter: and Boscov's shopping coupons are available from Ilona.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Reminder - we will be giving a Christmas donation to the DE Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Smyrna in place of having a gift exchange.

- We need charity suggestions for next year. So far, the suggestions are Mom's Place in Dover, a shelter, and KSI, a training and job placement service for the mentally challenged. Please bring your suggestions to our next meeting.

**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).



**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The next Exec Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018. The next Federation meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Both meetings are held at Luther Village, Bldg. 3 at 10 am. Everyone is always welcome at either meeting.

50/50 Raffle - \$50 collected - Nancy Story  
Lunch Raffle - Clement Nettles

### **BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Phyllis Meyers*  
Phyllis Meyers, Secretary

### **November 1, 2018 Luncheon Buffet Information - 11:30 am start time**

The meats will be Turkey and Sausages. The sides will be Green Beans, Mac N Cheese, 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..