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Federal & State Tax Withholding Changes, OPM: 1-888-767-6738 or 1-202-606-1234		Medicare Part B Dayton: 1-800-282-0530
Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield 1-888-258-3432	Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIPP)- Answers questions on Medicare. Help Line 1-800-686-1578 Direct Line 1-614-752-0740	Social Security-Xenia: 1-866-755-5372
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National Active and Retired Federal Employees "Protecting Our Future"
Chapter 2217, Beavercreek OH Meetings held at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center), 3868 Dayton Xenia Road (see map above), on the second Thursday of odd numbered months i.e., Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov @1:00PM. Current officers are shown below.

----- CHAPTER OFFICERS -----

President: James Mills 937-426-#### 1st Vice Pres. & Legislative Chair: Michael Jacobs 937-479-####, 2nd Vice Pres. & Newsletter Editor: Tom Valdes 937-671-####, Secretary/Treasurer: Patricia Mills, Newsletter Publisher: James Mills. NARFE is the only association dedicated solely to protecting and enhancing the health care and retirement benefits of federal employees and survivors.

Receiving this mail by Parcel Post does not mean you're dropped from our Email List. A bulk mailing requires at least 200 copies to be sent, close to our current membership. If you should have received an Email copy and did not, please let Jim Mills know so our lists can be updated.

***** **Chapter Meeting*******

The 13 Jan 2022 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker for this meeting is Theresa Busher at about 1:30 PM. She will be on the Large Screen TV using the Microsoft Team System. She is a Social Security Affairs Specialist, Central/Southern Ohio (Area VI, Chicago Region), with an office located in the Dayton Second Street Federal Building. She will discuss Social Security Updates for 2022; also, Cost of Living Updates, reminders for filing for benefits, and Medicare A/B enrollment. For all those preferring dialing in by phone instead of attending in person, please dial 1-443-840-7262,,ID 808458850# at meeting time. The Link-in address will be provided in a separate message for those of you with internet access and an Email address.

***** **Following Chapter Meeting*******

The 10 Mar 2022 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM will be James K Klein a member of the Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) organization. He will be with us in-person at the Senior Center and his material will appear on the large screen TV; also, he will be able to answer questions. He will present 2021 Income Tax information helpful in filing federal and state Income Tax returns.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 4 Feb: The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. The speaker at about Noon is still in planning. An announcement will be in the Chapter website www.NARFE.ORG/site/chapter1927.

The NARFE Bill Tracker is in the Jan/Feb Magazine: The NARFE Bill Tracker is found on page 10 & 12 of the NARFE Magazine. 20 new bills have been introduced, 18 having NARFE's approval. Communications with your Legislatures on bills of interest to you is convenient by going to the NARFE Legislative Action Center at <https://new.narfe.org/advocacy/legislative-action-center/>.

The COLA Increase for 2022 has been Announced: The COLA for CSRS retirees is 5.9%; however, for FERS retirees it is 4.9%. H.R. 304, Equal COLA Act, would correct this disparity if enacted. The increase in Medicare B coverage has increased by 14.5 percent. If you paid \$148.50 per month in 2021 you will pay \$170.10 in 2022. The amount you pay is based on your modified adjusted gross income as reported to the IRS in a previous year. If your modified adjusted gross income exceeded \$91,000 for a single reported income or \$182,000 for a joint return your Medicare cost is greater. NARFE is urging us to support legislation to provide seniors with more accurate COLAs. H.R. 4315 should accomplish this. It would incorporate the use of the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E).

Minutes of the 11 Nov 2021 Chapter Meeting: The 11 Nov 2021 meeting was held at the Lofino Plaza Meeting Room starting at 1:00 PM. The meeting was conducted in accord with a printed agenda provided at the meeting. The Treasurer's report showed a current balance on hand of \$3446.27. With this meeting being our annual meeting and a quorum present, the New Chapter Bylaws were approved by those present and are now in effect. Our Chapter is now the NARFE Greene County Chapter 2217. The officers elected were as follows: James L Mills President, Michael Jacobs, 1st Vice President, Thomas Valdes 2nd Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer Patricia J Mills. Committee Chair Persons remain as currently listed, except Thomas Valdes is now Newsletter Editor, not Newsletter Reviewer. There were 19 members present including 3 from Chapter 1927 plus the speaker. The speaker at 1:30 PM was Wava J. Iker, a Field Service Account Consultant from the Anthem Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BC/BS) Insurance Company. She was present in person. She presented BC/BS policy arrangements for the 2022 Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Program with handouts. Also, she discussed some additional benefits their program includes, plus Vision and Dental plans. She answered many questions and was really appreciated.

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$14,101,695.14 of 31 Oct 2021. The new goal for 2022 is \$15 Million. More is needed to defeat this disease. Please make a donation to this fund if you can. You can make donations using instructions on page 41 of the Jan/Feb NARFE Magazine; please show your Chapter number on the form and on your check. 100 percent of all contributions to this fund go to Alzheimer's research.

A Large List of Webinars Is Now Available: On the Home Page at www.narfe.org see Federal Benefits Institute and Click on Webinar Archive. There are three on Medicare which may be of interest.

Family Roots: The Jan/Feb NARFE Magazine has a very interesting article on finding your Family's Roots starting on page 22. It mentions The National Genealogical society which has a webpage listing a number of free websites that can aid in your research. Go to www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/websites. This article provides a great way to get started.

Getting Your Affairs in Order: Completing this NARFE Form F-100 will provide your spouse, relatives, and loved ones the information they need to close out your affairs when you pass on. The PDF form is available at the www.narfe.org website. If you don't have access to the internet, contact Jim Mills for a copy. It includes a lot of information which takes time, but can be typed out if you access it at the NARFE website.

Have a Happy New Year, Better than 2021