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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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Greene County Council on Aging: 937-376-5486 Area Agency on Aging: 937-341-3000		Social Security-National: 1-800-772-1213
		Federal Retiree Hotline: 1-888-767-6738
		Beavercreek Senior Adult Ctr.: 937-426-6166 Greene County VA Benefits: 937-562-6020 Dept. of Veterans Affairs: 800-827-1000



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.

FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS

----- 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 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.

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

The 12 May 2022 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at 1:30 PM will be Kim Farrell, Parks Superintendent for the City of Beavercreek Parks, Recreation & Culture Division, will discuss upcoming projects for 2022. She will have pictures and timelines to share with us. She will be available to answer after the presentation.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 1 Apr 2022: The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. The speaker at about noon will be Christer Reeves. He was to talk 4 Feb but the meeting was cancelled because of the snow storm. Program follows:

Sinclair Community College's new Coordinator of the College for Lifelong Learning (CLL) Christopher Reeves is our guest speaker at the April 1st Chapter meeting. He will review the many courses, workshops, and seminars Sinclair's CLL offers the community. Most workshops and seminars are free, and seniors 60 and over can audit almost all college credit classes without paying tuition, only paying for lab fees and books. Sinclair also offers 6000-level non-credit 10-week courses in art, history, music, and physical education. The fee for 6000 level classes is \$20, which covers all classes for the term. CLL classes, workshops and seminars are offered at 56 locations in the region. A Q&A session will follow Chris's presentation.

NARFE Bill Tracker is in the Mar Magazine: The NARFE Bill Tracker is found on page 12--14 of the NARFE Magazine. 24 bills are presented all 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 Countdown to COLA for 2023: The Consumer Price Index for Workers (CPI-W) has increased by 2.93% since Sept of 2021 to Jan of 2022. This does not appear to be tracking inflation very well; but, indicates a trend that will lead to a substantial COLA increase for 2023. Using the CPI-E for Elderly would be an improvement if enacted i.e. H.R.4315. The COLA for CSRS retirees in 2022 was 5.9% and for FERS retirees it is was 4.9%. H.R. 304, Equal COLA Act, would correct this disparity if enacted. NARFE is urging us to support this legislation with communications to our Legislatures.

Minutes of the 13 Jan 2022 Chapter Meeting: The 13 Jan 2022 meeting was held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) 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 \$4259.09. Minutes of the 11 Nov 2021 meeting were reviewed. At about 1:30 PM, the speaker, Theresa Busher began her presentation. Her image and charts were 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 discussed Social Security Updates for 2022; also, Cost of Living Updates, reminders for filing for benefits, and requirements for Medicare A/B enrollment. The meeting was not recorded. Her Email address is Theresa.Busher@ssa.gov, which is the best way to contact her. Numerous questions were answered and her presentation was appreciated by those present.

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$14,190,763.99 as of 31 Dec 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 Mar 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. There is an update of research findings on page 38 of the Mar NARFE Magazine.

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 is one on "Post-Retirement Tax planning for Federal Employees" which you may find helpful.

Safe Guarding your Benefits with NARFE-PAC: The Mar NARFE Magazine, pages 24-28, has a very complete article on how contributing to NARFE-PAC can help to safe guard your benefits and how to contribute. Mar has been designated by NARFE as NARFE-PAC month. Please consider making a contribution. Note in this article that Ohio has lost one representative in Congress with the 2020 Census count.

Continued Threat of Government Shutdown: The government is continuing to operate with Continued Resolutions instead of passing a FY 2022 budget. The current CR will expire 11 March 2022.

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.

Again we want to welcome our new Chapter Members transferred from Hillsboro, OH Chapter 2230