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Other important phone numbers:

Federal & State Tax Withholding Changes, OPM: 1-888-767-6738 or 1-202-606-1234		Medicare Part B Dayton: 1-800-282-0530
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Greene County Council on Aging: 937-376-5486 Area Agency on Aging: 937-341-3000		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.

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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 14 July 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 Jill Kocher from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Office of Public Affairs. She will focus on energy conservation and energy choice. She will provide information on the recent AES rate hikes and how we can get better rates from other suppliers. Also, how we can watch our natural gas rates and select the best supplier rates for natural gas. This information should be very helpful to all of us with the current increases in energy costs. The plan to have a representative from the Dayton Outpatient Care, physical therapy team did not work out for 14 July.

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

The 8 Sept 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 still in planning.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 5 Aug 2022: The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. The speaker for this meeting at about 12:00 PM will be Montgomery County Sheriff Rob Streck. His presentation is titled: "Scams and Fraud Impacting Older Adults"..

NARFE Bill Tracker is in the June/July Magazine: The NARFE Bill Tracker is found on page 14--16 of the NARFE Magazine. 27 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/>.

WEP/GPO Repeal Bills and Social Security Fairness Acts, H.R. 82/S.1302 Needs Immediate Attention: NARFE is calling on its members to help force a House Floor vote on the H.R. 82. This bill now has 279 bipartisan cosponsors, and only 290 are required to force a House Floor vote, per recently added House Rules.

The Countdown to COLA for 2023: The Consumer Price Index for Workers (CPI-W) has increased by 7.30% since Sept of 2021 through May 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. 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 12 May 2022 Chapter Meeting: The 12 May 2022 meeting was held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beavercreek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. There were 6 attendees plus the speaker in attendance. The treasurers report showed a balance of \$4136.68 on hand. The speaker at 1:30 PM was Kim Farrell, Parks Superintendent for the City of Beavercreek Parks, Recreation & Culture Division. She discussed upcoming projects for 2022. She had pictures and timelines to share with us. She answered numerous questions and her talk was very much appreciated by those in attendance.

NARFE's National Conference "FEDCON22" to be held Aug 21-23 Aug 2022: This Conference will be held in Scottsdale, AZ. If you could attend, we want to hear from you. Information on the programs and instructions for registering are shown on pages 44-45 of the June/July NARFE Magazine. Registration is required by Aug 7, 2022 to avoid paying onsite registration fees.

NARFE National Officers and Regional Vice Presidents elected for two-year terms will be announced after the FEDCON Conference: Statements of candidates for these offices received by 15 Feb are shown on page 44—52 of the May NARFE Magazine. Additional statements can be found at www.narfe.org/2022election. Instructions for voting online or by mail will be given in the Aug NARFE Magazine. All NARFE members at that time will be eligible to vote for the National Officers and appropriate Regional Vice Presidents.

Two Articles in June/July Magazine of Special Interest: Pages 26-34 article is titled "JUNETEENTH and the Establishment of Federal Holidays". Pages 36-40 article is titled "Under the Radar: Lesser-Known Government Ventures".

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$14,345,612.68 as of 31 Mar 2022. The present 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 49 of the June/July 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.

Getting Your Affairs in Order: Completing this NARFE Form F-100 (24 pages) 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. Under "For Members" find "Federal Benefits Institute" and click on "Be Prepared for Life's Events". 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. A shorter White Paper (12 pages) has been issued by NARFE with the basic information needed. It can be accessed by logging in at www.narfe.org, under "Federal Benefits Institute", go to "Resources and Information" and click on "Affairs in Order: Benefits Guidance for Survivors of Federal Annuitants".

Please be sure to vote in the August Primary Election.