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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
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
Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio 1-888-534-1432		Social Security-Dayton: 937-886-0687
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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.

*******Next Chapter Meeting*******

The 8 Sept. meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at 1:30 PM will be Steve Popp, Director of Training for the Better Business Bureau serving Dayton / Miami Valley. He will discuss BBB services and Health Care Scams and how to recognize them. Please plan to attend.

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

The 10 Nov 2022 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM, will be Wava J. Iker, Account Executive for Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BC/BS) Anthem, Inc. She will present BC/BS policy arrangements for the 2023 Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Program. Also, she will discuss some additional benefits their program includes. She will answer any questions you may have.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 7 Oct 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 former congressman Tony Hall or his representative. Tony was a congressman between 1979 and 2002 and afterward appointed UN Ambassador for Food and Agriculture.

NARFE Bill Tracker is in the Sept Magazine: The NARFE Bill Tracker is found on page 14--18 of the NARFE Magazine. 30 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: H.R.82, Social Security Fairness Act, now has 295 cosponsors and a full house vote is expected in September. The Senate Version S.1302, introduced by Sherrod Brown, has 40 cosponsors. We also need Senator Portman as a cosponsor.

The Countdown to COLA for 2023: The Consumer Price Index for Workers (CPI-W) has increased by 8.87% 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 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 14 July 2022 Chapter Meeting: The 14 July meeting was held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. There were 13 attendees plus the speaker and an assistant in attendance. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4190.32.68 on hand. The speaker at about 1:30 PM was Jill Kocher from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), Office of Public Affairs. She focused on energy conservation and energy choice. She provided 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 was very helpful to all present.

One Chapter Member Presented Information About New AES Charges: He questioned why PUCO would allow charges for not installing new RF Electric Smart Meters in customer residences. Each would be charged \$98.89 to OPT OUT of receiving Smart Meters and \$36.47 each month for having a meter reader come to their residence to read their meter. The Smart Meters could result in an invasion of privacy as AES could keep a continuous record of power usage to determine activities at residences. Go to <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-4901:1-10-05> Subparagraph (J), ADVANCED METER OPT-OUT SERVICE for this information. To file a complaint with PUCO, go to <https://puco.ohio.gov/help-center/file-a-complaint>.

Election for NARFE National Officers, Regional Vice Presidents and Bylaws are in Process: 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. Ballots and instructions for voting online or by mail are given in the Aug NARFE Magazine. Your Region and a unique PIN number are shown on the mail-in ballot, page 9. All current NARFE members are eligible to vote for the National Officers, Bylaw Proposals, and appropriate Regional Vice Presidents. Ballots must be received by 11:59 PM ET on Aug 31, 2022 to be counted.

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$14,619,699.08 as of 31 June 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 56 of the Sept 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".