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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.

FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS

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President: James Mills 937-426-####, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. & Legislative Chair: Michael Jacobs 937-479-####, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## NOV 2022 Issue

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\*\*\*\*\***Next 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.

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

The 12 Jan 2023 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 1:15 PM, will be Nancy Roberson, from the Roberson Law Office in Kettering. She will speak on the topic "Are You Prepared?", with handouts. Briefly: Are you wondering how death and disability issues will affect you? Do you have a will, health care directives, powers of attorney, and other important estate planning documents in order? How will you pay for nursing home care? Will your estate have to go through probate? Nancy Roberson, an estate planning attorney, will present her "Are Your Prepared?" presentation discussing these issues.

**Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have a Special Meeting Thursday, 17 Nov 2022:** Lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. The speaker for this meeting at about 11:45 will be Bud Jones from the AETNA Insurance Company. He will discuss their arrangements for the FEHB program for 2023. Our Chapter is invited.

**Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 2 Dec 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 also be Wava J. Iker, from BC/BS as presented to our chapter in Nov. If you can't catch her at our chapter meeting, you can hear her at this meeting.

**NARFE Bill Tracker is in the Oct NARFE Magazine:** The NARFE Bill Tracker is found on page 14--18 of this NARFE Magazine. 31 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 sufficient to result in a full house vote; however, the H.R.82 Bill was reviewed by the House Committee on Ways and Means without a recommendation. The Senate Version S.1302, introduced by Sherrod Brown, has 40 cosponsors. We also need Senator Portman as a cosponsor. Please communicate with your Congressman and Senator Portman in support of these Bills. Your communications with Legislatures may have better results during the Lame Duck session of Congress.

**The COLA Increase for 2023:** The COLA for 2023 has been set at 8.7% for CSRS retirees and 7.7% for FERS retirees. H.R. 304/S.4221 "The Equal COLA Act" would make the increase the same for CSRS and FERS retirees, if enacted. NARFE is urging us to support this legislation with communications to our Legislatures. The 2023 Standard Medicare Part B premiums will decrease by \$5.20 to \$164.90 and the Part B deductible was also lowered from \$233 to \$226.

**Minutes of the 8 Sept 2022 Chapter Meeting:** The 8 Sept meeting was held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. There were 5 attendees plus the speaker in attendance. The treasurers report showed a balance of \$4088.65 on hand. The speaker at about 1:30 PM was Steve Popp, Director of Training for the Better Business Bureau serving the Dayton / Miami Valley. He discussed BBB services and Health Care Scams, and other Scams and how to recognize them. He included a description of when the Bureau would turn over reported Scams to the Ohio Attorney General. His talk was appreciated by all in attendance.

**Record of Congress Members Votes in 117<sup>th</sup> Congress in Oct NARFE Magazine:** The record is shown on pages 47-58 for NARFE important Bills. You might take these votes into account when casting your vote this present election.

**Open Season (Nov 7—Dec 12) Report Available in Oct Magazine:** This report is on pages 60—62. It contains important information on FEHB programs for 2023. Also, several answers provided to questions you might have. See also Benefits Brief: "Are You Taking Full Advantage of Insurance Options?", page 26 of the Nov NARFE Magazine.

**Article on "Ensure Good Health with the Right Insurance" Provides Useful Information:** Tammy Flanagan offers tips on choosing the best coverage for your situation on pages 28—36 of the Oct Magazine. Tammy is a featured presenter for NARFE webinars as found at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). These include "Which FEHB Plan is Right for You? For Active Employees", "Understanding Medicare Advantage Options", and "To B or Not to B: Is Medicare Part B Right for You?". Also coming 17 Nov is "So Many Choices: Which FEHB Plans Work Best with Medicare Parts A & B?". These webinars are free to NARFE members. The monthly premiums for all participating insurance companies will be shown in the Nov NARFE Magazine.

**Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed:** The contributions by NARFE Members has reached the current goal of \$15 Million; however, 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 67 of the Oct 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.