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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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**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.

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**Note: If you are a NARFE member but not receiving the National Magazine; also, please let Jim Mills know so the HQ address list can be updated.**

\*\*\*\*\***Next 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 1:05 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 a talk on "Are You Prepared?" discussing these issues. Please arrive before 1:00 PM as she has a tight schedule and will give her talk very soon after 1:00 PM. Chapter Officers will be elected after the speaker's presentation.

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

The 9 Mar 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 1:30 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 2022 Income Tax information helpful in filing federal and state Income Tax returns including recent revisions.

**Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 3 Feb 2023:** The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. Our chapter members have been invited; however, a speaker for this meeting is still in planning. Please go to the Chapter 1927 website, <http://www.narfe.org/site/chapter> for information on this meeting.

**NARFE Bill Tracker is not included the Jan/Feb 2023 NARFE Magazine:** The bills introduced in the 117 Congress must be reintroduced in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress before they can be passed: i.e., the process has to be started all over again. We need to again communicate our needs for bills desired with our Congressman and Senators. The Jan/Feb magazine does include an article, "NARFE'S ADVOCACY POSITIONS FOR THE 118<sup>th</sup> Congress (2023-2024)" on pages 32—35. 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/>.

**US Senator Rob Portman Replaced by James D. Vance:** Senator Portman has recently retired and was replaced in the 2022 Election by James David Vance. Unfortunately, I do not yet have all the contact information for J. D. Vance.

**The 2023 COLA is the Highest in Decades but Shortchanges Many Retirees:** The COLA for 2023 has been set at 8.7% for CSRS retirees and 7.7% for FERS retirees. Please see the article on pages 8—9 of the Jan/Feb NARFE Magazine to see details and information on what is needed to remedy the situation. 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 for most retirees.

**Benefit Deductions Have Changed in 2023:** You should have received a statement from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) by now. This statement shows your Annuity monthly amounts and deductions. Be sure your Federal and State Income Tax Deductions are adequate. See article on page 20 of the Jan/Feb NARFE Magazine for more details.

**Minutes of the 10 Nov 2022 Chapter Meeting:** The 10 Nov 2022 meeting was held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. There were 16 members in attendance plus the speaker and assistant. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$4080.92. The speaker at about 1:30 PM, was Wava J. Iker, Account Executive for Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BC/BS) Anthem, Inc. She presented BC/BS policy arrangements for the 2023 Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Program and had an assistant with her to help pass out supportive literature. Also, she discussed some additional benefits their program includes. She answered many questions and was very much appreciated.

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**Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed:** The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$15,429,798.64 as of 30 Sept 2022; however, more is needed to defeat this disease. A new goal of \$16 million has been set. Please make a donation to this fund if you can. You can make donations using instructions on page 31 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.

**Have a very happy and good New Year.**