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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, 7 APRIL, 2023

**PLACE: MCL CAFETERIA
4485 FAR HILLS `AVE
KETTERING, OHIO**

TIME: SOCIAL LUNCHEON STARTS AT 11:00

MCL provides the private dining room for free since most members buy lunch. After paying for lunch, proceed to the private dining room. Cafeteria personnel will help those needing assistance. **The business meeting will start at 11:30.**

WELCOME HUBER HEIGHTS CHAPTER 2238

Huber Heights NARFE Chapter 2238 President Gordan Quinn accepted a proposal from Miami Valley Chapter 1927 President Michael Webb to issue this joint newsletter to the memberships of both chapters. The Huber Heights Chapter hold chapter meetings at noon on the third Friday of every month except for July and August at the Studebaker's Country Restaurant, 416 N. Main Street, New Carlisle, Ohio in its party room. The June meeting is their chapter's annual picnic at a local park. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 21st. All NARFE members, federal employees and retirees are welcome to attend. Contact Huber Heights Chapter President Gordan

Quinn at 937-813-#### for more information.

THIRD PARTY IN OHIO

The April 7th Chapter 1927 meeting will feature a representative from [Forward Ohio](http://www.forwardparty.com/), an all-volunteer group working to get the [Forward Party](http://www.forwardparty.com/) recognized as a minor political party in Ohio. As always, all NARFE members, federal employees, retirees, and guests are welcome.(see: <https://www.forwardparty.com/>)

GREENE COUNTY CHAPTER

Greene County Chapter 2217 invites all NARFE members, federal employees and retirees to its May 11, 2023 meeting at 1:00 pm. Chapter 2217 meetings are held at the Lofino

Plaza meeting Room, next to the Beavercreek Senior Center, 3368 Dayton Xenia Road. Guest speaker TBD.

OHIO NARFE FEDERATION CONFERENCE

The 2023 Ohio Federation of NARFE State Conference will be held at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Bellville, Ohio (north of Columbus) on April 22, 2023 from 9:00 am to 4:00. This conference is open to all Ohio NARFE members. The agenda for this conference will include educational workshops on leadership development, legislative advocacy, FEDHub, and NARFE Benefits and Services. The Registration Fee is \$25.00 which covers a continental breakfast and buffet lunch. Chapter 1927 members can register with Treasurer Scott Graham at 937-657-####. The chapter will cover the fee for the first 10 members who call. Chapter 2238 members can register with Chapter 2238 President Gordan Quinn at 937-813-####. Go to www.narfe.net/site/oh for more information.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

The following bills benefiting federal employees and retirees have been introduced in the 118th Congress. Urge your legislators to support these bills through NARFE's legislative Action Center at www.NARFE.org. Go to the advocacy link and click on Take Action to send a pre-written letter. You can add your stories to the letters.

Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82/S597: Legislation will repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) provisions, so public servants get full benefits

Saving the Civil Service Act (H.R. 1002/S. 399): This legislation marks the latest attempt by lawmakers to prevent the return of Schedule F, a statutory loophole created by the Trump administration that would have decimated the tenets of the merit-based civil service.

Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866: Would provide Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) retirees with full cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs).

Fair COLA for Seniors Act, H.R. 716. The bill will provide more accurate COLAs for federal retirees by calculating COLAs using the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E).

Federal Adjustment of Income Rates (FAIR) Act, H.R. 536/S. 124: Would provide a 2024 pay raise to federal workers. The bill will provide an 8.7 percent average federal pay raise for 2024 through a 4.7 percent across-the-board increase and a 4.0 average increase in locality pay rates, in an attempt to keep up with inflation and bridge the

gap between federal and private-sector pay. Reintroduced as H.R. 536/S. 124 on January 9 by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), the bill will improve cross-agency hiring by allowing agencies to share assessments with other agencies.

FEB MEETING MINUTES

1. Vice President/Membership Chair Mike Madges called the meeting to order. An estimated 30 or more members were in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for our troops recognizing especially those who gave their lives in service to our country. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

2. Mike mentioned that the XVI Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified on this date in 1913 which allowed Congress to levy an income tax without apportioning it among the states on the basis of population.

3. Announcements:

Chapter 1927 President Mike Webb welcomed guests, and conducted the swearing in of Mike Madges as VP/Membership Chair, and Jeanie Lynch as Secretary. Other officers and Board members were sworn in at the January 19th Board meeting. The January Board Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

President Mike Webb mentioned that he will not always be available to chair our meetings, so when he is not available Vice President Mike Madges will chair. If Vice President Madges will not be available, President Webb requested that board members and officers consider volunteering to chair meetings on a contingent basis. Those who stepped up to volunteer included our Legislative Chair, Al Griggs and our Treasurer, Scott Graham.

4. Officer Reports:

Mike shared the Treasurer's Report which reflects receipts of \$299.72 and disbursements of \$421.05 since December 31 leaving a balance of \$3,203.54.

Public Relations Officer Sue Garcia was recognized for her timely request to the Dayton Daily News to publish an announcement for today's NARFE business meeting.

Legislative Chair Al Griggs reported that Congress passed the Chance to Compete Act which allows employees to use past skills to qualify for a job rather than just a college degree. Al stressed the importance of voicing our opinion on legislative matters that affect federal pay and benefits.

Mike Ryan Internet Coordinator and Editor introduced the guest speaker Ruth Anne Atalla from the Washington Centerville Public Library. Ruth Anne gave an informative and enjoyable presentation on Alfred Hitchcock and his films.

Meeting Adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 7 April 2023; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 18 May 2023

Chapter meetings are open to everyone. Board meetings are open to all Chapter members.

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