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**CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING**

**DATE: FRIDAY, 2 February 2024**

**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.**

**FEBRUARY 2 GUEST SPEAKER JIM CHARTERS,  
DAYTON HISTORY**

Topic: *The Story of Dayton: From its Founding to its Inventions.* Soon after the Treaty of Greenville was signed, hardworking individuals started moving to Dayton in pursuit of the American dream. A unique blend of entrepreneurs, innovators, and inventors filled with unmistakable optimism contributed their energy and talents that eventually turned a wilderness with a few log cabins into a city of a thousand factories. Mr. Charters volunteers as an interpretive guide at Carillon Park and Hawthorn Hill. Prior to COVID-19, he volunteered as a tutor at Centerville High School and Magsig Middle School. All NARFE members and guests are invited.

**LEGISLATIVE INPUT**

**By Al Griggs, Legislative Chair**

The 118th Congress begins its second session this month (January 2024). This is the last session for this Congress. A new Congress will gavel in, in January 2025, with a new set of priorities. The 118th Congress faces a daunting amount of legislation in its final session. This legislation includes NARFE supported bills which have been referred to various House and Senate Committees. Most bills die in committee. This underscores the need and important of every NARFE member to contact their Congressman/woman, and Senators often to let them know that you strongly support NARFE supported legislation.

There are presently 14 NARFE supported bills in House, and Senate Committees. Supported bills includes: The Equal COLA Act (H.R.866/S.3194). This bill seeks to rectify the unfair policy that limits cost-of-living adjustment for FERS employees. There is also one bill NARFE is totally against: The Civil Service Reform Act (H.R.3115/S.1496). This bill if passed will make all federal employees at-will employees, and abolish the Merit System Protection Board, effectively enabling workers to be removed for good cause, bad cause, or no cause at all. The January/February 2024 NARFE Magazine pages 6-7 provide a discussion on the Equal COLA Act, and how to message your Congressman/woman, and Senators. The "Bill Tracker" can be found on pages 11-13 in the magazine.

### **THIS YEAR'S COLA**

The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for this year is 3.2% as opposed to last year's 8.7%. This is actually good news in that the amount of the 2024 COLA reflects lower inflation and lower inflation preserves the purchasing power of retirees which is not totally made up by the annual COLA. Unfortunately, the 3.2% increase applies only to Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) retirees and not to Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) retirees.

The formula under FERS dictates that if the consumer price index (CPI) increase is more than 3 percent, the adjustment is 1% less than the CPI increase (which was 3.2% for this year). This has resulted in this year's 2.2% increase for FERS retirees. If the CPI increase is more than 2% but no more than 3%, the COLA is 2%. If the CPI increase is 2% or less, the COLA is equal to the CPI increase.

### **OPM Online Services**

You may find it beneficial to receive your 1099Rs and annual annuity statements online. Below is part of an OPM communication dated 11-14-2023 regarding how to obtain them online. A YouTube tutorial and online PDF instructions follow the OPM information.

### **Electronic Annual Notice and 1099R**

Start off 2024 by electing to receive your annual mailer and 1099R electronically from your Services Online account. The annual notice will be available for viewing in mid-December and the 1099R in mid-

late January. You will receive an email from OPM when these documents are available.

To opt into electronic delivery, simply log into [www.servicesonline.opm.gov](http://www.servicesonline.opm.gov) and update your communication preferences in your profile. We have recently added the requirement that you enroll in Login.gov and link your account to Services Online. Tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nkzWRw3OoY>

PDF: <https://www.opm.gov/support/retirement/fag/sol-login-linking-guide.pdf>

### **GIFT MEMBERSHIP POSTSCRIPT**

Many thanks to our nine Chapter members who gifted fifteen one-year NARFE memberships during our fall Chapter Recruitment Initiative outlined in our Oct/Nov newsletter. Help support the growth of NARFE by inviting other active and retired feds to join us!

### **BEAVERCREEK CHAPTER**

Beavercreek Chapter 2217 meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of odd numbered months in the Lofino Plaza Meeting Room, 3868 Dayton Xenia Road. Their March 14th speaker is James K Klein, a member of the Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) organization, who will cover 2023 Income Tax information.

### **HUBER HEIGHTS CHAPTER**

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. Contact Huber Heights Chapter President Gordan Quinn at 937-813-####, or at #####@aol.com for more information.

### **NARFE CHAPTER MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2023**

Board Members Present: Mike Webb, Mike Madges, Sue Garcia, Mike Ryan, Brian Normile, Nick Steiner  
Chapter Members Present: We had an estimated 60 Chapter members and guests in attendance to include Jim Mills, President of the Greene County Chapter 2217. Complete meeting minutes can be found at:

<https://www.narfe.net/site/chapter1927/files/fu!!Name44955.pdf>

**Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 2 February; Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 21 March 2024**

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

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