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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 Social Security-Dayton: 937-886-0687 Social Security-National: 1-800-772-1213 Federal Retiree Hotline: 1-888-767-6738
Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio 1-888-534-1432		
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.

----- CHAPTER OFFICERS----- President:
 James Mills 937-426-####, (Leave message if you get answering machine), 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. Membership Chairman, John Shoemaker 937-760-####. 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.

***** **Nov Chapter Meeting** *****

The 14 Nov 2024 Chapter Meeting will be held in the Lofino plaza Meeting Room at 1: PM. The speaker at about 1:30 PM will be Cheryl Thomas, a representative from Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BC/BS) Anthem, Inc and a retired Federal Employee.. She will present BC/BS policy arrangements for the 2025 Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Program. Also, she will discuss some additional benefits their program includes. She will answer any questions you may have. Open season is from 11 Nov to 9 Dec 2024.

***** **Jan Chapter Meeting** *****

The 9 Jan 2025 chapter Meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. The speaker is still in planning.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 6 Dec 2024: The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. Our chapter members have been invited. The speaker for this meeting is Wava Iker, from BC/BS Anthem.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have a Special Meeting Thursday 21 Nov 2024: The meeting will be at the MCL cafeteria in Kettering with lunch at 11:00 AM followed by the speaker, Bud Jones at about 11:30 AM. Bud is a representative from Aetna Federal Plans. He will discuss their FEHB plans for 2025. Aetna plans are generally less expensive than other FEHB plans. If you have an Aetna plan, I recommend you attend this meeting as I am unable to determine the premium rates from the Nov NARFE Magazine. Our Chapter Members are invited to attend this meeting. There is a flier between pages 6 and 8 on Aetna plans in the November NARFE Magazine. If you want to check Aetna Premium rates go to Opm Gov health insurance open season and find 2025 FEHB Premium Rates Now Available, then to HMO.

Additional Open Season Information: The Oct & Nov NARFE magazines include considerable information for your Open Season consideration. See the Open Season Reports starting on page 48 of the Oct Magazine and page 48 of the Nov Magazine. Also, see Open Season Webinars on page 61 of the Nov Magazine.

NARFE Bill Tracker for the Current Congressional Session (118) Now available: See pages 14—18 of the Oct 2024 NARFE Magazine. 30 Bills are presented, 4 of which NARFE disapproves. H.R.3115/S.1496 Public Service Reform Act, would allow Federal Workers to be removed without reason. H.R. 5779/ S. 3262 would establish a commission on fiscal stability and reform. Please review this Tracker before communicating with Congressmen and Senators. Numbers of Cosponsors are shown for each Bill. More action is urged by NARFE members on the Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/S.3194 for fair retirement security especially for FERS employees and retirees. Go to www.narfe.org for an assist in communicating with legislatures. To see how you're your congressman or senators voted on a particular bill in the past, go to <https://www.govtrackus/congress/votes> . Communications to Lame Duck members may also be effective.

The H.R. 82/S. 597 Bills Social Security Fairness Acts Very Important Now: These would eliminate the GPO and WPO Acts. Numbers of cosponsors have reached significant levels.

Bill Introduced to Extend Identity Theft Protection in OPM Breach: In 2015 OPM experienced a data breach that compromised the information of millions of current, former and prospective federal employees and contractors. This bill would reduce the effects of Cyberattack on OPM Victims. Act H.R. 7236 is now referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

12 Sep 2024 Chapter Meeting Minutes: The 12 Sept 2024 Chapter Meeting was 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 was Allen Nelson, a leader in the emerging industry of transitions for seniors. The subject is "Downsizing for Seniors". After a lifetime of accumulating "stuff", seniors are often faced with the dilemma of choosing between what to keep and what to leave behind. Our guest speaker, Mr. Allen Nelson at our [September 12th](#) meeting, is the owner of a company, Next Steps Senior Transitions, that specializes in helping seniors downsize and move to smaller homes, retirement communities or assisted living facilities. Mr. Nelson took us from DIY downsizing options through practical tips to full-service solutions.

Good News for GCSED Customers: The Green County Sanitary Engineering Department (GCSED) has announced that their soft water treatment plan is progressing. Transition will begin in early September with a gradual decrease in hardness level during a 12-week period, culminating in a notice-able decrease by the end of November.

COLA for 2025 Has Been Determined: The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for CSRS is 2.5 percent and for FERS retirees is 2.0 percent.

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$16,308,607.89 as of 31 Aug 2024. Please make a donation to this fund if you can. You can make donations using instructions on page 55 of the Nov 2024 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.

Be sure to Vote on or Before Nov 5, 2024.