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National Active and Retired Federal Employees “Protecting Our Future” Chapter 2217, Beaver Creek OH Meetings held at the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek 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.

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

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

The 9 Jan 2025 Chapter 2217 Meeting has been canceled.

*******Mar Chapter Meeting*******

The 13 Mar 2025 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. We currently plan to have James K Klein as the speaker at about 1:30 PM. James K Klein is a member of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) organization. We expect he will be with us in-person at the Plaza Room and his material will be projected to a screen; also, he will be able to answer questions. He will present 2024 Income Tax information helpful in filing federal and state Income Tax returns.

Some Information on VITA: VITA is a free Volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) program conducted by IRS Certified volunteers to assist low to moderate income taxpayers and seniors with non-complicated filings. Tax preparation and electronic filing is offered. Ohio tax returns are also prepared and e-filed. There are 11 VITA locations in the Greater Dayton and surrounding areas.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 7 Feb 2025: 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 Amanda Arrington from the Dayton Metro Libraries.

Delayed Delivery of Nov Newsletter: Somehow the postal system delayed delivery of the Nov newsletter for 9 days resulting in delivery the day after the Chapter Meeting. Notification to members was made by telephone and other means. A complaint to the postal system has resulted in a refund of their charges for that mailing.

NARFE Bill Tracker for the Current Congressional Session (118) Now Expired: The 119 Congress begins 3 January 2025. All bills previously introduced must be reintroduced before they can be acted upon. We must start over in communicating with Congressmen and Senators for this new session. Go to www.narfe.org for assistance.

The H.R. 82/S. 597 Bills Social Security Fairness Acts: These acts would eliminate GPO and WPO legislation now in effect. Both bills were passed by Congress and the Senate. According to the Texas Retired Teachers Assoc. President Biden will sign these bills into law 6 Jan 2025. This will be a major victory for NARFE and all NARFE members communications are very much appreciated.

14 Nov 2024 Chapter Meeting Minutes: The 14 Nov 2024 Chapter Meeting was held in the Lofino plaza Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. There were 16 members in attendance. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$3564.69. The speaker at about 1:30 PM was Cheryl Thomas, a representative from Blue Cross / Blue Shield (BC/BS) Anthem, Inc and a retired Federal Employee. She presented BC/BS policy arrangements for the 2025 Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) Program. She provided handouts to those present.

GCSED Customers: The Green County Sanitary Engineering Department (GCSED) has announced that their soft water treatment plan is currently on hold.

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. The cost for Medicare Part B has increased from \$174.70 to \$185.00 for 2025 (depending on your income).

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$16,369,408.90 as of 31 Oct 2024. Please make a donation to this fund if you can. You can make donations using instructions on page 31 of the Jan/Feb 2025 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.