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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

----- CHAPTER OFFICERS -----

President: James Mills 937-426-1012, (Leave message if you get answering machine), 1st Vice Pres. & Legislative Chair: Michael Jacobs 937-479-3763, 2nd Vice Pres. & Newsletter Editor: Tom Valdes 937-671-0088, Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Mills, Newsletter Publisher: James Mills. Membership Chairman, John Shoemaker 937-760-6579. 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.

*******May Chapter Meeting*******

The 8 May 2025 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 Theresa Busher. She is a Social Security Affairs Specialist, Central/Southern Ohio (Area VI, Chicago Region), with an office located in the Dayton Second Street Federal Building. She will discuss Social Security Updates for 2025 and the repeal of WEP/GPO.

*******July Chapter Meeting*******

The 10 July 2025 meeting will be held in the Lofino Plaza at 1:00 PM. The speaker for this meeting is in planning.

Miami Valley Chapter 1927 Will Have Their Regular Scheduled Chapter Meeting Friday, 6 June 2025: The lunch will start at 11:00 AM in the MCL cafeteria in Kettering. Our chapter members have been invited. The guest speaker for this meeting is Dr. Lee Hannah from Wright State University. His topic will be: The Electoral College: How we elect the President and why it matters. His talk will begin around Noon. Attendees having lunch can go through the MCL cafeteria line beginning at 11 AM. A Chapter meeting will begin about 11:30 AM before the speaker.

NARFE Bill Tracker for the Current Congressional Session (119) Is Now Available: The 119 Congress began 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. Very close attention needs to be paid to all new bills as Congress is looking for ways to cut expenses. The current Bill Tracker is found on page 16 of the May NARFE Magazine. Go to www.narfe.org for assistance in communicating. Subscribe to our Daily News Clips to receive updates Monday thru Friday. Note that H.Con.Res.14 was passed by the House of Representatives, which allows reductions in Federal Benefits to reduce Budget Deficits. Five additional Bills have been introduced which are approved by NARFE.

The Bill for The Social Security Fairness Act: This Bill was for the elimination GPO and WPO legislation previously in effect. This Bill was passed 5 Jan 2025 with Pres Joseph Biden's signature. There are 3.5 million cases of federal retirees to receive increases in Social Security payments as a result. You should have received by now a retroactive payment from January 2024 thru Mar 2025. This is a major accomplishment achieved by NARFE and members. Point this out to any persons you are trying to convince to join NARFE. This is a major victory for NARFE and all NARFE members communications are very much appreciated.

13 Mar 2025 Chapter Meeting Minutes: The 13 Mar 2025 meeting was held in the Lofino Plaza (adjacent to the Beaver Creek Senior Center) Meeting Room at 1:00 PM. There were seven attendees present. The Treasurer's report showed a Balance on hand of \$3652.50. The speaker at about 1:30 PM will be James K Klein. James K Klein is a member of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) organization. He was with us in-person at the Plaza Meeting Room and his material was projected to a screen. He presented 2024 Income Tax information helpful in filing federal and state Income Tax returns and answered questions. His presentation was appreciated by all in attendance.

Registration for NARFE's Virtual LEGcon25 Still Available: See page 10 and 38-39 of the May NARFE Magazine for instructions and information to be presented. You can attend using your computer thus avoiding hotel expenses. The conference will be June 9-11 in the Washington D.C. Area. There is a "Know Before You Go" session Tuesday 3 June. Registration fee is \$160.00.

GCSED Customers: The Green County Sanitary Engineering Department (GCSED) has announced that their soft water treatment plan is now completed. Your water is currently being softened to 8 grains per gallon. It was 27 grains per gallon before this program began. You need to make adjustments to your water softener. You may choose to by-pass your softener for a short period of time to determine if it's needed at all.

Support for Alzheimer's Research Needed: The contributions by NARFE Members reached \$16,597,594.16 as of 28 Feb 2025. Please make a donation to this fund if you can. Our State Federation is asking that you send check contributions to Diana Iuliano-Chan, 1055 Canyon St. NW, Uniontown, OH 44685-8534. Please show your Chapter number on the on your check. This is so the State Federation can keep track of contributions from NARFE members. 100 percent of all contributions to this fund go to Alzheimer's research.