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CHAPTER LUNCHEON MEETING

DATE: FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2025
SPEAKER'S TOPIC: Electoral College
PLACE: MCL CAFETERIA
4485 FAR HILLS `AVE
KETTERING, OHIO
TIME: SOCIAL LUNCHEON STARTS AT 11:00

MCL provides a 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.**

WE Will NOT HAVE A CHAPTER MEETING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 (or a Board Meeting in July). OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL OCCUR ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD. WISHING ALL A PLEASANT AND SAFE SUMMER SEASON.

NARFE Ohio Federation Conference Postscript

Our biennial State Conference was held on Saturday, May 3rd in Bellville, Ohio. Forty-four Ohio NARFE members attended which included Chapter 1927 leaders, Joyce Skinner, Sue Garcia, Nick Steiner, Scott Graham, Mike Ryan and Mike Madges. The theme of the Conference was **"To Survive, NARFE Must Thrive"**. In-person presentations were given by Nora MacDonald, National Member Engagement Director;

and Region IV Vice President, Ed Konys. (NOTE: Ed serves on the National Executive Board representing NARFE members across Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin and is a Chapter 1927 member.)

Remote presentations were given by John Hatton, National Vice President, Plans and Programs.

Nora informed the Conference about a brisk increase in NARFE membership almost exclusively among active

employees. Working with marketing vendor, Street Level Studio, Nora introduced both an Open House and an Ambassador Program as possible means to engage and retain currently working NARFE members. John reviewed with attendees the Congressional journey in getting the Social Security Fairness Act passed, thus eliminating the Windfall Elimination and Government Pension Offset provisions that previously restricted Social Security benefits for federal employees and others. John also briefed us on the current status of Republican efforts to achieve a budget bill and its implications for the federal community (see ***Benefit Threats and the Budget*** article below). Ed Konys reviewed NARFE's declining membership over time and the criticality of growing and retaining membership if NARFE is to survive. Ed emphasized the challenge before us and the need to engage and retain especially those active NARFE members we are gaining in this confusing and threatening environment. Joyce Skinner accepted a certificate recognizing our Chapter as the second most generous in the state for NARFE-Alzheimer's Research.

Benefit Threats and the Budget

As the Congress works on a budget bill to include extending the 2017 tax cuts, **the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has adopted a series of proposals detrimental to federal employees.** The Committee proposals would require all FERS employees to pay 4.4% of their salary toward retirement benefits. (Currently FERS employees hired through 2012 pay .8 per cent of salary and those hired in 2013 pay 3.1% of salary.) Another proposal would eliminate the FERS special retirement supplement for FERS employees who retire before 62. The supplement replicates the value of Social Security benefits until age 62 (Mandatory Retirement FERS employees would be exempted.) Retirement benefits would be based on one's High Five instead of the current High Three beginning in calendar year 2027. New employees would be required to pay an additional 5% of salary unless they become "at-will" employees within a year of hiring. Employees would be required to pay a fee for filing an MSPB appeal (current estimate \$350). While these proposals are the work of one Committee and likely will be altered as work on a budget bill continues in the House and Senate, **the reality is apparent that federal benefits will be impacted.** While not in the above proposals, replacing our Federal Health Benefits with a voucher system and possible annuity COLA

Upcoming Meetings – Chapter Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friday, 6 June; July Board Meeting is cancelled for summer vacations

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

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reductions could be other areas impacted. We strongly encourage all NARFE members to use the Legislative Action Center on the www.narfe.org website to personalize your views on this and other matters of interest. Upon opening the website, click on "Advocacy" and then "Take Action" to reach the Action Center. It should be noted that the above Committee proposals were adopted on a strict-party-line vote with one exception – that being our Congressman Mike Turner who opposed the proposed package.

Guest Speaker subject: The Electoral College

Join us at our June 6th luncheon meeting and welcome Dr. Lee Hannah from Wright State University. Dr Hannah's presentation will address the subject of our Electoral College: How we elect the President and why it matters. Dr. Hanna teaches courses in American politics and public administration and has published several articles on marijuana policy, education policy and the political parties.

Calling All Emails: Please Add or Update

Email is now a staple of communication in today's world. And there are times when it may be the best way for us to communicate with you. **Please add or update your email on your NARFE portal.** Doing so is as easy as opening the NARFE website (www.narfe.org) and clicking on the "Profile" icon. Please note that NARFE does not provide your email to parties outside our Association.

Other Area Chapters

Greene County Chapter 2217 meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the 2nd Thursday of odd-numbered months at the Lofino Plaza Meeting Room, 3868 Dayton-Xenia Road. Their next meeting will be held Thursday, July 10th. The Chapter 2217 newsletters are available on the Miami Valley Chapter 1927 website at <https://www.narfe.org/chapter1927/>.

The Huber Heights Chapter 2238 meetings are held on the third Friday of every month at various locations. Contact Chapter President Gordon Quinn at gordyq@aol.com - 937-813-2266 for locations.

All NARFE members and guests are welcome to attend area chapter meetings.