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Chapter 1130 Meeting

Wednesday March 18, 2020
11:30 A.M.

Guest Speaker:

Larry Palecek,
1st Vice President/Membership Chair

Larry will be giving a presentation on “AMS and You”.

He will show members how to access the website, get into their records, and make changes, and view important articles.

Larry will also show members how to access the webinars.

To receive this newsletter electronically (as well as in hardcopy), please email
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Note from the President

Welcome back! We're ready for a new and exciting year of events with our Johnstown NARFE Chapter. We plan to have interesting speakers, updated legislative information and critical news that affect y our Federal benefits. We hope to see more of you at chapter meetings and other events. Your participation in our chapter activities is critical to our success.

You may have noticed that we have updated the newsletter graphics to reflect the current NARFE logo. I would like to thank Sue New, newsletter editor, for doing such a nice job on that.

We had an excellent time at our annual Christmas party in December. It is always a good time to get together for good food, delicious home baked goodies and exchange fun white elephant gifts with friends. If you weren't able to make it, we hope you will join us this year!



Deepest Sympathy
To the Family of:

Gaylord "Pete" Peters
Federation Past President
2002-2006

From Larry Palecek, 1st Vice President/Membership Chair

The Ground Hog better be right, and spring starts early. I'm not even sure winter has really come and gone. The clocks are even back on Daylight Savings; that is if you read this after March 8th. Many NARFE events will take place in the upcoming months.

Federation: It is an even number year again and all PA Federation officer positions are up for election. **March 31 – Deadline for Nominations** for PA Federation Officer Positions. Volunteer yourself or nominate a willing member. **May – Vote in the PA Federation Elections.** You will be able to vote online at Survey Monkey or request a paper ballot by phone. Details will be announced in upcoming newsletters and on the PA Federation Website <https://www.narfe.org/site/PA/>

The even year Federation General Membership Meeting (GMM), the first ever will take place at the Wyndham Garden York, immediately followed by the Region II Training Academy. The GMM event is 9:00am – 12:00pm on June 1, 2020. If you arrive the evening before be sure your registration includes the following evening for the training academy. The Federation is asking chapters to assist members attending by funding the first night hotel and or travel expenses. The National Secretary/Treasurer, Kathryn Hensley, will be speaking at the meeting. More details to follow.

Region II: Region II will be holding the bi-annual Training Academy in York, PA, at the Wyndham Garden York, June 1-2, 2020. Members who attended this event in the past have found it very informative and enjoyable. Registration will begin at 9:30 on 1 June 2020. A delicious buffet luncheon will begin at noon, followed by speakers from NARFE Headquarters who will speak on NARFE changes and Advocacy. We have requested our President Ken Thomas and the Executive Director Barbara Sido to be speakers. Please have questions ready for them. In the evening there will be an hour of "meet and greet" followed by a delicious Tuscan Buffet. Entertainment will follow. Tuesday morning will begin with a Grand Buffet Breakfast followed by multiple round table discussions such as: service officer, president, treasurer, membership and a few others. Make your reservations for the hotel by calling 717-846-9500. Rooms are \$90.00 plus tax and academy registration is \$99.00. Registration forms will be available at our luncheon meetings.

From Larry Palecek, 1st Vice President/Membership Chair

Reimbursement Note: The Federation will be reimbursing up to \$200 for each Pennsylvania member attending the training academy.

National: This year's One Member One Vote will include voting for National officers and bylaw change proposals. Most National officers are running unopposed. There are two candidates for the National/Secretary position. The candidate statements are in the current March issue of *narfe* magazine. There are several bylaw proposals including raising dues to \$48 annually and, cutting funds to the federations by 50%. The June/July *narfe* magazine will have the bylaw information. These are changes that effect the members directly so be sure to vote this year.

FEDcon20: The event will take place August 30 - September 1, 2020 in the Westin Kierland Resort, Scottsdale, AZ. It will be a lively two-and-a-half days of thought-provoking speakers, leadership training, intensive education on federal benefits and opportunities to connect with fellow NARFE members and federal colleagues. FEDcon20 will offer several inspirational keynote speakers as well as 20 breakout sessions specifically focused on federal benefits, legislative issues, membership recruitment, chapter and leadership development and technology. There are numerous opportunities for federation and chapter leaders to meet and share best practices. The program dedicates sessions for chapter officers to expand their leadership skills and come away with practical knowledge to share with members of your chapter. Register for FEDcon20 on Narfe.org.

From Bill Rozier, PAC Coordinator

March is NARFE-PAC month. NARFE-PAC is your tool to fight back against attempts to weaken our retirement security and that we should consider making a contribution. Please read the NARFE-PAC article in the March edition of *NARFE Magazine* and wear your NARFE-PAC pins to the next chapter meeting. Links to PAC and PAC donations can be found on NARFE.org.



Photo: 1 Yummy baked goods at the Christmas Party

Happy Birthday to You



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS		FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS		MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
Jean Walker	1/3	Judy Palecek	2/5	William Patterson	3/17
Colleen Brady	1/17	Carol Burns	2/6	William Parrish	3/19
Edward Milavec	1/24	Lowell Hillegass	2/7	Mary Herman	3/22
		Carla Zimmer	2/21	Jo Ann Hall	2/30
		Mark Patterson	2/25		
		Eileen Stahl	2/27		

If your birthday is missing, please contact Linda Kapustka, so she can add you to the list!



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2020 CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

MEETING DATE	PROGRAM	NEWSLETTER
March 18	Luncheon Meeting – Program - weather permitting	Publish
April 15	Luncheon Meeting – Program	Publish
May 13	Luncheon Meeting – Local Author, Dane Kramer	Publish
June 17	Luncheon Meeting – Program	Publish
August 19	Summer Picnic – Lichtenfels Nursery	Publish
September 16	Luncheon Meeting – Program	Publish
October 21	Luncheon Meeting – Program	Publish
November 18	Luncheon Meeting – Open Season, Chapter Elections	Publish
December 16	Christmas Luncheon Meeting – Place TBD	Publish

Once you're done reading this newsletter, please pass it along to a new potential member!

We are NARFE Johnstown Chapter 1130. Your Close- to- Home Membership - \$40*.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association is the **only** membership organization solely dedicated to **protecting and preserving the benefits of all federal workers and retirees**. NARFE is your legislative voice and your information resource. Receive *narfe* magazine each month; attend meetings, often with invited speakers; network and get involved in grass-roots lobbying efforts.

*** First-year dues. Subsequent years \$40 plus local chapter dues. Contact the Membership Chairperson, Larry Palecek, at larry1130@verizon.net or (814) 472-9065 for more information or to obtain a membership application. We hope to see you at the next meeting!**