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“Chapter Chatter”

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MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the Hickory Ridge Restaurant, 1400 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA (former Bob Evans Restaurant). Arrive by 11:30 AM, so all lunches can be delivered in time for the speaker to begin at 12:30 PM. To respect the speaker, no meals will be delivered until after the speech ends. The business meeting will follow the speaker. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled if the Carlisle Area School District is closed. (Larrie Smith)

SPEAKER: Jeffrey Cohick, a lifelong resident of Newville, will be our guest speaker at our NARFE March meeting. He is a graduate of Big Spring High School, Drexel University with a degree in Business Administration majoring in accounting, Enrolled Agent who passed the Enrolled Agents 2-day exam administered by IRS, and National Tax Practice Institute which is a 3-year post-graduate education program for Enrolled Agents. He is president of Jeffrey S. Cohick Inc., Cohick & Associates Bookkeeping, Accounting and Tax Practice, on Alexander Spring Road, and will celebrate 36 years in business on June 1, 2020. Jeff will update our members on the current tax laws so have your questions ready. He holds memberships in National Association of Tax Professionals, National Association of Enrolled Agents, and respective state organizations. He was past president and also served as treasurer of Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals where he is also a charter member.

I would like to share some personal information on Jeff's background which I found interesting. His mother was raised along the Big Spring and was the youngest of a family of six, who all lived contiguously to each other. When Jeff was growing up, he had 22 cousins with whom to play on four farms and two residential houses on 450 acres. In 1986, he was able to purchase his grandparents' farm along the Big Spring, built in 1827, and remodeled it in 1989 and has constantly done improvements each year. His mother's side of the family has been in Newville since the Revolutionary War and his father's side of the family has resided in the Newville area since the Civil War.

Jeff is married to Luann Marpoe and they have three children, three grandsons, and two dogs, Gabby and a 10-year-old Springer Spaniel. His family raises Buelingo Cattle on their farm, a breed of beef cattle. (Virginia Giordano)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next Board meeting will be April 20, 2020 at Members 1st Credit Union, located on the Walnut Bottom Road, beginning at 1:00 p.m. No food will be available at the Board Meeting so plan to eat your lunch either prior to or after the meeting. All members may attend; only elected officers/committee heads may vote on motions raised. (Larrie Smith)

BYLAW COMMITTEE: The Bylaw Committee has drafted the new Bylaws and Standing Rules. The executive board has reviewed and accepted the drafts. Now the next step is

for the chapter to approve the documents, after which National must approve the Bylaws before they take effect. Most will have received a copy via e-mail, but if you haven't seen the documents, several copies will be available for your review at the regular chapter meeting on March 26. The bylaws are pretty much the same as the previous (old) bylaws with a few exceptions. A vote will be taken to accept or reject the drafts. If you have a reason to NOT accept the drafts, then please be prepared to give a reason and a possible solution so this process can proceed. If changes are to be made, the committee will have to reconvene and redraft the document(s), represent them to the board for approval then bring them back before the chapter for reconsideration. It's a rather involved process but that is the way it must be done. It might seem to be a trivial item, but a lot hinges on acceptance or rejection of these documents.

I would encourage all members to be in attendance for this meeting, as it is very important to you and to the chapter as a whole. The bylaws when approved by national will be set in concrete, while the standing rules can be changed by a chapter vote. (Bylaws Committee: Ray Hain, chairman; Lee Fischbach, member; Virginia Giordano, member; Larrie Smith, member)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: I apologize for the lateness of bringing our chapter's membership information up to date. I am not the only one with this complaint, as I see reports in other chapters' newsletters having the same issues. I hope to have appropriate information available to be given orally at our March meeting. I expect that National will have its act together by now. Thanks for your patience. (Virginia Giordano)

SECRETARY: The Minutes of the Board of Directors and the Regular Chapter Meetings are available to any member to review by requesting to read them at any meeting. The Secretary will have them at each meeting. (Virginia Giordano)

SUNSHINE: A sympathy card was sent to Teresa and Larry Smith for the death of Teresa's mother, Maxine Bowman. (Patti Langley)

SERVICE OFFICER: For questions on federal employee matters contact me or call NARFE Service Center in Chambersburg at (717)264-6183 Thursdays, 1-5 PM. Also you may contact OPM by calling the Retirement Information Office at 888-767-6738 between 7:30 AM and 7:45 PM where you have the option of speaking with a live person. (Lee Fischbach)

WAYS AND MEANS: There were 18 members and One guest at the January Meeting. The 50/50 raffle earned the chapter \$11 with \$5 prizes awarded to Pat Wickard and Lee Fischbach. Thanks to all for your support. Faye L. Hain

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Hi guys and gals it's your new/old president coming to you to expound upon the need to be aware of the goings on within the NARFE family. There has been much consternation the past year with the change over to a new corporate structure, but things seem to be slowly congealing into a workable system. At least we are now able to see who are members of our chapter. I'm not sure we can rely on information concerning dues yet but I'm sure sooner or later that also will be fixed. Currently, you will see an article about the bylaws and the procedure needed to get over this hurdle. Be sure to read that item and if you have any questions, call any of the members on the committee for clarification. Right now that is the major item facing our chapter. I understand a few chapters have actually received Nationals blessing and now are fully functional. Hurrah for them. I implore each member to attend this meeting

and be a part of the organization of these important documents; our existence depends upon getting things right. Remember the old Smoky the Bear admonishment "Only you can prevent forest fires"? Well only you can help make these documents worthwhile and workable. Read the documents and be prepared to vote.

Remember to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. You can sing Happy Birthday to yourself twice and you have reached the required time. Neat, Huh? See you there, Larrie Smith.

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2020 CHAPTER EVENTS AT A GLANCE				
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	23 JAN	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Wednesday	19 FEB	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	26 MAR	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	20 APR	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	28 MAY	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	15 JUN	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Monday	17 AUG	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	24 SEP	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	19 OCT	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union
Thursday	19 NOV	11:30 AM	Regular Meeting	Hickory Ridge Rest.
Monday	21 DEC	1:00 PM	Board Meeting	Members 1 st Credit Union

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