

## **MAY 2020 NARFE Chapter 1816 Newsletter**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Wow, I am starting to feel like 2020 will become the year that wasn't. I hope this finds you all staying in, staying safe, and staying healthy. We will not be meeting until we feel very safe about getting together again and we find out what the new normal may be. But, I hope you are staying in touch with each other, your friends, and your families.

Also, please stay informed about NARFE by reading our monthly newsletters and the NARFE National Magazines. We will still be asked by the PA Federation to vote for our PA Leaders and Congressional District Vice Presidents. Since NARFE has One Member, One Vote each member will be asked to cast a vote. Ray Hain, our current Congressional District Vice President and member of the Carlisle Chapter, has asked for your vote. If you would like his biography, please contact me and I will send it to you.

I have also been pulling information from the Member Database at NARFE Headquarters for your contact information. Since we have been cancelling meetings and trying to keep in touch via email and phone calls, I have found some of the information NARFE has for you may not be the current information needed. Please log on to NARFE.ORG by using your NARFE ID Number and Last Name (your ID number is on your monthly magazine label). It is the 8 digit Number above your name. Verify that your address, telephone number, and email address are correct. If you do not want NARFE HQ to have your email, but are ok with our local chapter having it feel free to email me your information and I will keep it private. I have also tried to publish cancellations on the major networks, but since they are not scrolling this information across the screen I may stop putting it on their websites. Just know we will not be meeting until life becomes more normal and safe. Until then, please take care of yourselves.

Wanda Galbraith, President

## **MAY MEETINGS**

**The meetings - board and membership are canceled for this month because of the coronavirus pandemic.**

As of now the, **June Picnic is on hold.** We are hoping that perhaps we will be able to reschedule it for later this summer. We'll keep you posted.

For further program information, contact Jean or Gary at 717-795-1988.

Jean and Gary Getz, Program Committee

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

A shout out to Yvonne Whisenant, who has got the process underway for three new members for our chapter. Watch this space for those names in a future newsletter.

Keep talking up the many benefits our organization provides even in these difficult times. HQ is still gathering and putting out information to us about our benefits and how they are being affected by what's going on in the nation's capital.

Remember to let us know if you have address/phone/email changes. We will try to keep you informed as we all deal with the many challenges of day-to-day life.

Barb Pearce, Membership Chair

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the first quarter of 2020, we had a lot of financial activity. First, we had lots of receipts for the proposed trip to Massachusetts, as well as the day trips. Then, we had to cancel the Massachusetts trip due to lack of participants, and COVID-19 kept Sight & Sound from opening on schedule, so our trip to see Queen Esther had to be re-scheduled for the fall.

We started the year with a balance of \$12,202.71 in the credit union and gift cards worth \$168.15. We had no outstanding 2019 obligations – hooray! In January, our total receipts were \$13,496.65 and our total expenses were \$494.20, resulting in an ending balance of \$25,205.16. Our expenses in January consisted of paying our annual mailing permit fee for

the newsletter, printing the newsletter and buying some stamps. \$13,004.00 of our receipts were for trip payments; \$9,385.00 of which were refunded when the Massachusetts trip was cancelled.

In February, we received \$4,996.11 and spent \$12,057.00. We spent \$11,845.00 for trip expenses – most of it to refund payments for the cancelled trip. We ended February with a balance of \$18,144.27. Again, most of our receipts came from people sending in trip payments.

March's receipts were \$780.76 and the expenses were \$6,346.19, resulting in an ending balance of \$12,578.84 for the quarter. In March, we received a few more trip payments for our day trips. Our March expenses included the newsletter, postage for the newsletter and trip expenses (including the final \$2,870.00 in refund checks that folks didn't cash in February). We also finally "spent" our Sight & Sound gift cards on the Queen Esther trip.

Next quarter, I anticipate that we will have mostly "regular" expenses.

FYI – the chapter has been selling \$10.00 gift cards for Hoss's/Marzoni's since last September. So far, we have purchased 300 cards and sold more than 200 of them. The chapter "makes" a \$2.00 profit on each card sold. Thank you to everyone who has supported the chapter by purchasing cards; thank you, Wanda, for suggesting the idea and for keeping track of the cards; and thank you, Judy Capello and Harriet Yaccino, for acting as Wanda's helpers in this effort! If anyone is interested in purchasing any cards to use in the post-quarantine world, please contact Wanda or me.

Barb Baughman, Treasurer

## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

Get Well cards were sent to Marian Soutner and Judy Capello. A Sympathy Card to the family of Evelyn Punda.

Velma Mumper, chair

## **ALZHEIMER'S REPORT**

There was no April meeting due to the coronavirus.

Mary O'Donnell, chair

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### **JUNE 2, 2020 IS THE NEW DATE FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY.**

Hopefully everyone has received a postcard from the PA Department of State giving us information about voting by mail. If not, here's the info.

All voters can now vote by mail. Learn more at: [VotesPA.com](https://VotesPA.com)

To safeguard your vote and your health, the PA primary will now be held on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020**. The new deadlines are:

**May 18:** Last day to update your voter registration

**May 26:** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot

**June 2 @ 8 pm:** Deadline to return your voted mail-in ballot

Learn more at: [VotesPA.com](https://VotesPA.com)

ALL Pennsylvanians can now apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot and vote from the comfort of home. Visit [VotesPA.com/MailBallot](https://VotesPA.com/MailBallot) - it's fast and easy and also mobile friendly! Enter your email address when you apply and you will receive updates on your ballot status.

**If you want to be mailed a paper application**, need help or have questions, call **1-877-VOTESPA (Option 3)**. You can also contact your county election office for more information. The Cumberland County Bureau of Election office phone number is (717) 240-6385.

You now have the option to request to be added to an annual mail-in ballot request list where you'll receive an application to renew your mail-in ballot request each year. Once your application is approved, you will automatically receive ballots for the remainder of the year, and you **do not** need to submit an application for each election.

It is also important before you vote, to do your homework and vote for the candidate that will look out for **YOUR** best interest.

Randall Jackson, Legislative

## SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

A month later and we all know that the COVID-19 virus got worse and we are all under the stay at home order. We don't know when that will be lifted. We do know that we live in very uncertain times. We are all missing seeing friends and family members, going places and doing our normal activities. For the rest of our lives we will remember the year 2020.

Hopefully we will just remember it for staying at home and not because we lost a loved one to the virus. Do watch out for scams as those responsible are not taking a break during this pandemic. One person I know got a pop-up message when he was trying to download the Zoom app. He entered his credit card number as requested and had to get a new card. The Zoom app is free for use with 10 or less people, but it does have some security issues.

In a positive vein, as federal workers and retirees, we are getting paid unlike some of our neighbors. We can be glad that we have health care insurance. The experts tell us that we should try to have a schedule for our days while we stay home. If you are having trouble remembering what day of the week it is, perhaps you can pick a different chore to assign to each day, like laundry on Monday. Just for fun you can also check out "my self-isolation diary" below. It's not my original and I can't give credit to who originally wrote it as I don't know. Hope it makes you chuckle.

### My Self-Isolation Quarantine Diary

Day 1 – I Can Do This!! Got enough food and wine to last a month!

Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of wine. I fear wine supplies might not last!

Day 3 – Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds; some have 235 seeds. Who knew??

Day 4 – 8:00pm. Removed my Day Pajamas and put on my Night Pajamas.

Day 5 – Today, I tried to make Hand Sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!

Day 6 – I get to take the Garbage out. I'm So excited, I can't decide what to wear.

Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes!!

Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen".

You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have No clue how this place is still in business.

Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going Bar hopping.

Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a Spider today. Seems nice. He’s a Web Designer.

Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, “What the hell do you want now?”

Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can’t accidentally touch your face.

Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1

Connie Kuntz, Service Officer

## **ENVIRONMENTAL / RECYCLING NEWS**

April 22nd was the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! Even though we weren’t able to gather at the various earth day celebrations, we can still do something to take care of Mother Earth. I’m presently collecting all brands of empty writing instruments - pens, markers and highlighters, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging from pens, that I’ll send to TerraCycle for recycling. Please don’t throw these items in the trash, Recycle them. I’ll have a box for them at our membership meeting in the near future.

Also as you are cleaning out, if you have old eyeglasses and hearing aids, John and Connie Kuntz will take them, giving them to the local Lions chapter. Please recycle these as well.

Tina Marie Simington, Editor

## **WAYS & MEANS**

### **TRIPS FOR 2020**

If you’re interested in signing up for a trip, **Call me to confirm the TRIP IS STILL SCHEDULED BEFORE SENDING MONEY!** This will save us time and effort if we need to send refund checks. Thank you.

**Make checks payable to: NARFE 1816. PLEASE- One check for each trip.** Contact information listed below. If you call me to schedule a trip and I don't return your call within 48 hours, please call Kristin Mock.

**DT** - Departure Time from BJ's in Mechanicsburg. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Departure time. **PDD** - Payment Due Date.

### **#3 Totem Pole Playhouse - Wednesday, July 15 - CANCELLED**

To see "**Beehive - The 60's Musical**".

Due to COVID-19, The Totem Pole Playhouse has cancelled their entire 2020 season. **Those individuals who had already paid for this trip will be receiving a refund check in the mail.**

### **#4 American Music Theatre - Thursday, September 24**

To see "**Britain's Best**". A family style meal will be served before the show at Hershey Farm Restaurant. **Cost - \$101.** DT - 11:00 am. PPD - Monday, August 24.

### **#1 Sight & Sound - "Queen Esther" has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 28.**

This trip date fell victim to the COVID-19 epidemic. The show has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, October 28.** We will see the early show for "Queen Esther", followed by a Family style dinner (Chicken, Roast Beef & Ham Balls) at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. **Cost - \$110.** DT - 8:45 AM.

We sincerely hope that everyone who was originally signed up to go on March 24 will be able to attend on October 28. However, if you can't go on the new date, please contact me to request a refund. If you were not originally planning to go in March, but you can go in October, please contact me to sign up for the new date. If I receive more new requests than cancellations, I will establish a Stand-By list. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during these difficult times!

### **#5 Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre - Thursday, November 19**

To see "**ELF, The Musical**". **Cost - \$97.** DT - 10:30 am. PDD - Monday, October 19.

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