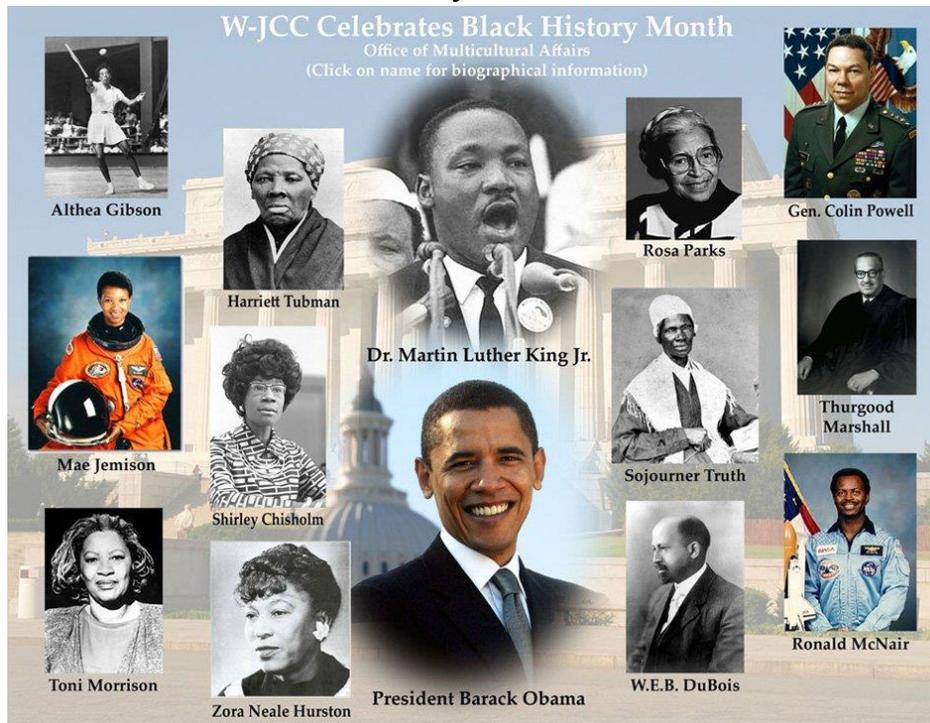


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**Mae Carol Jemison**, Just another federal employee, by the way (born October 17, 1956) is an American [engineer](#), [physician](#), and former [NASA](#) astronaut. She became the first [black](#) woman to travel into space when she served as a [mission specialist](#) aboard the [Space Shuttle Endeavour](#). Jemison joined NASA's [astronaut corps in 1987](#) and was selected to serve for the [STS-47](#) mission, during which she orbited the Earth for nearly eight days on September 12–20, 1992.

Born in Alabama and raised in Chicago, Jemison graduated from [Stanford University](#) with degrees in [chemical engineering](#) as well as [African](#) and [African-American studies](#). She then earned her medical degree from [Cornell University](#). Jemison was a doctor for the [Peace Corps](#) in [Liberia](#) and [Sierra Leone](#) from 1983 until 1985 and worked as a [general practitioner](#). In pursuit of becoming an astronaut, she applied to NASA.

Jemison left NASA in 1993 and founded a technology research company. She later formed a non-profit educational foundation and through the foundation is the principal of the [100 Year Starship](#) project funded by [DARPA](#). Jemison also wrote several books for children and appeared on television several times, including in [a 1993 episode](#) of [Star Trek: The Next Generation](#). She holds several [honorary doctorates](#) and has been inducted into the [National Women's Hall of Fame](#) and the [International Space Hall of Fame](#). Source, Wikipedia

**Chapter Meetings:** On February 16, 2021 Chapter 377 conducted its first Zoom meeting. It was a test event to say hello to members and to iron out a few technical issues. We would like to see more participation so we can feel comfortable inviting guest speakers. Our next meeting will be March 16 at 12:00 pm. We hope you will join us.

**Beware of Scammer: U.S.**

Representative Chrissy Houlahan, PA 6<sup>th</sup> conducted a townhall conference call recently and her invited guest was PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro. He was asked to speak about the increasing number of scammers who prey on people with threatening stories to elicit cash, credit card numbers and Social Security information. He said the newest scam is selling vaccines, but legitimate providers do not call people selling vaccinations. He cautioned listeners that its tax time so beware of callers pretending to be IRS representatives. He said the IRS does not call people to discuss tax issues. Also, he said never pay anything for gift cards. He recommended screening calls and not to pick up on the initial ring unless you recognize the caller. Shapiro says to report anything suspicious or if you believe you gave money or information. The attached link will take you directly to the PA District Attorney's office. For information on putting your phone on the "do not call list". Follow the link below or if you prefer call 1-888-777-3406.

[Do Not Call List – PA Office of Attorney General](#)

**Vaccination Status:** I hope that most of you have had a least one Covid-19 vaccination. I am concerned about

many of our members who do not have access to a computer or cell phone are at a disadvantage. It seems that the community is in a panic scrambling with their devices to get an appointment while those without are left behind. With a new vaccine coming online and a push to distribute more doses out into the community many more providers will be administering more shots. It is my understanding that CVS is detailed to nursing homes and extended care facilities only. They will not be administering shots at their local stores. Rite Aid, however, will so you might try calling them for an appointment. Also, for the latest information on vaccinations from Chester County call or click on the link below.



<https://chesco.org/4822/COVID19Vaccine>

**Alzheimer Report:** Dixie Gasper reported at our recent Federation board meeting that she had not received any donations from the chapters since many are not meeting. Dixie is the PA Federation Alzheimer's coordinator and has served in this capacity for many years. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to research. If you would like to make a personal donation make the check payable to, **NARFE Alzheimer Research** and send it to, *Dixie Gasper, 1300 E Kircher Ave, Lot 80, Myerstown, PA 17067.*

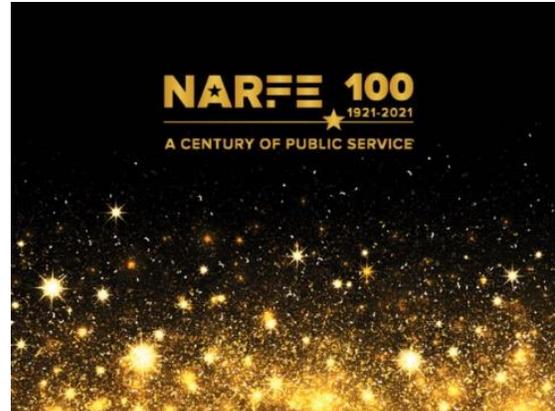
**NARFE Raises Annual Dues:** After 10 years our annual dues will rise to \$48, an \$8 increase beginning January 1,

2021. Chapter dues of \$8 would raise the total to \$56. If you act quickly you can still get the old rate by paying your dues early or sign up for Dues Withholding where the cost to you is \$42 just \$3.50 a month or an increase of only 17 cents/month over the current monthly payment.

**Revision of Chapter 377 Bylaws:**  
Chapter 377, Chester County approved its proposed bylaws by unanimous vote at the last meeting held February 16, 2021. They have been referred to the Secretary for signature and then to Headquarters for final approval.



**NARFE-applauds-long-sought-postal-reforms:**



**Congratulations NARFE on your 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday:**

**Newsletter Contributors Welcome:** If you have an article, suggestion or want to contribute in some way to the Newsletter we are always looking for new and fresh ideas that is how I got started.

**Chapter 377 Officers:**

**President: Karen Woodall**

**V.P. Membership: Mary Lou Burton**

**Secretary: John Coombe**

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