

**National Active & Retired Federal Employees
Chapter #331
York, Pennsylvania
Newsletter July/August 2021**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I just returned from a week's vacation in Ocean City, Maryland, where I traveled with two of my daughters and their families. My grandson, Gabe, who is 15 years old had invited a friend of his, Dakota, who is 16 years old along as a guest. Also along were the in-law grandparents, Steve and Barb, and their teenage granddaughter, Cara. Barb, by the way, is a retired federal employee, a NARFE member in Maryland, and worked for the Dept. of Defense. There was a bunch of us spanning three generations: 3 teenagers; 3 retirees; and 3 working parents (Greg had to cancel due to work).

For such a large and diverse group, it was difficult to have activities for all to partake of and enjoy at the same time all together...other than eating! I'll share a little insight as to what I did while there. Steve brought surf-casting fishing rods (12 footers) with him, so Cory, Steve, and myself met on the beach every morning at about 5:30 and tried our luck with the creatures in the briny surf. Let me give you a tip here, get your squid-bait at the Food Lion supermarket rather than at a bait and tackle shop and save \$\$\$\$. You can fish on the beach where the big resorts are until the lifeguards begin to set up, about 10 AM. Now with us smelling like, yep, you guessed it, squid bait, we went back to the room and waited for the girls to get breakfast going. After 3 mornings of testing our angling ability against the denizens of the deep. We caught nothing!

After breakfast a quick wade in the surf felt good, but Tuesday the surf was really rough causing us to divert to the pool. During the afternoon I found some reading in the A/C followed by a nap to be most soothing. That 5:30 stuff was for the birds!

I received a letter from Rich Zuck, Pennsylvania Federation of NARFE President, announcing their first venture into in-person meeting as a Federation since the beginning of COVID-19 Pandemic. His announcement is as follows: "The PA Federation of NARFE will hold a General Membership Meeting (GMM) on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 to the Wyndham Gardens of York PA beginning at 10:00 AM and concluding by 1:00 PM that same day, followed by a closing luncheon for all attendees. This meeting will be open to all NARFE members who pre-register (at no cost) for the event and will also be available virtually via ZOOM for those who prefer to not attend in-person. Our tentative agenda includes reports from the PA Federation President Richard Zuck, PA Federation Treasurer Richard Karakantas, addresses from NARFE National President Ken Thomas and Region II VP Dr. Gary Roundtree as well as a special Service Awards ceremony. While this event may not be convenient to most of our Federation

members, we do hope that Chapter members residing near the I-81 and I-83 corridors would show interest in attending while others would view remotely.” This date falls on our regular meeting day in September and maybe our Chapter General Meeting could be adjusted so that we could attend the PA Federation General Meeting. It would be a chance to see what the PA Federation of NARFE does and how it operates, meet the people associated with the Federation, and meet with our National President Ken Thomas. There will be a further discussion of this at our next general meeting.

Jim Dine, President

CHAPTER MEETING/PROGRAM NEWS

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

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