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Association  
Chapter 1130  
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**NARFE 1130 SUMMER PICNIC**  
Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Start Time: 1:00 PM (Eating at 2:00PM)  
Rain or Shine

**NEW LOCATION: Windber Recreation Park – Hemlock Pavilion** (rear of park) (See Map on back of newsletter)  
**Address: 160 Rec Road, Windber, PA 15963**

**COST:** No cost to members, friends, or family members – just bring a side dish, salad, or dessert or in lieu of food, a cash donation.

Please **RSVP** by **AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>** by calling Judy at (814) 532-0124 or emailing: [JudyJudyJudy@atlanticbb.net](mailto:JudyJudyJudy@atlanticbb.net). Please leave your name and how many people you will bring.

**MENU**

Hot dogs with sauerkraut	Chicken Strips
Ham BBQ	Shrimp Ring
Potato Salad	Pasta Salad
Deviled Eggs	Chocolate Chip Cookies
Chocolate Cherry Cake	

NARFE 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Burnt Sugar Cake

Beverages and snacks provided by Officers (water and sodas) and some surprise extras!

Additional Sides, Salads, and Desserts to be provided by members

Some ideas of other items to bring include: haluski, jello, coleslaw, baked beans, veggie tray, or anything you like.

**ACTIVITIES:**

NARFE 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Join us for yummy burnt sugar cake to celebrate!

Door Prizes

Basket Raffle benefitting the Alzheimer's Association (see Ad in newsletter for more details)

Corn hole game

**We hope you can join us for the summer picnic. You are welcome to bring friends and family members. Please RSVP by AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> by calling Judy at (814) 532-0124 or emailing: [JudyJudyJudy@atlanticbb.net](mailto:JudyJudyJudy@atlanticbb.net). Please leave your name and how many people you will bring.**

## BASKET RAFFLE FOR ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

We are selling \$5 chances on this awesome Coloring and Craft Basket for Grown Ups!

**The winner will be drawn at the Summer Picnic**  
You do not have to be present to win. We will get the basket to you if you win.



Rattan woven basket FULL of coloring and craft supplies, such as: Unpainted bird house, plaque "Enjoy the Little Things" and wooden box; Sure Tips Markers, Crayola colored pencils, BIC Color Intensity Pens, gel pen set Magnets, Stickers; Vintage Coloring book, Coloring Mandalas, Sweet Treats Advanced Coloring, Flower Mandalas Coloring Book, Gardens Coloring book, Butterflies Advanced Coloring Book; 3 Creative Expressions books; and much, much more!

There are a ton of coloring supplies in here and it will keep you busy and your mind active for years to come!

**Tickets are \$5 and you can purchase them at the picnic or by contacting Judy before Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.** Phone: 814-532-0124 or email [judyjudyjudy@atlanticbb.net](mailto:judyjudyjudy@atlanticbb.net). Leave a message with your name, phone, and how many tickets you want. You can pay by mail, PayPal, or cash the next time you see Judy, at a meeting.

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**All proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association on behalf of our NARFE Chapter.**

## Larry Palecek, 1st Vice President/Membership Chair

**The True Purpose of NARFE-** June was an especially important month for NARFE. LEGcon21 and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary GALA took place June 21-22, and "Lobby Day" was June 23<sup>rd</sup>, where NARFE members that participated in LEGcon21 met virtually with their legislators and staff.

**This is what NARFE is all about-** from the NARFE Mission Statement: "To support legislation beneficial to current and potential federal annuitants and to oppose legislation contrary to their interests." Twelve of us from Pennsylvania, both chapter affiliated and national only members, did exactly that at LEGcon21. The entire event was virtual ending with Zoom meetings with Pennsylvania legislators and staff on "Lobby Day." In the virtual meetings with congressional offices, we discussed repeal or reform of the WEP and GPO, more accurate COLAs for seniors, and the new postal reform legislation. . It Was 12 hours of Zoom advocacy training and congressional presentations worth the effort? You bet! The day after the meeting with PA15 Congressman Glenn Thompson, I received this statement in an email from Nick Rockwell, Legislative Director for Congressman Thompson: "Mr. Thompson cosponsored H.R. 82 – Social Security Fairness Act and H. Res. 131 - National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Resolution." So now we have another Congressman backing legislation for us.



### Deepest Sympathy To the Families of:

Michael Lynch of Conemaugh  
Mike has been a member for 34  
years

Eva Kessler  
Eva has been a member for 22  
years

## Continued: Larry Palecek, 1st Vice President/Membership Chair

**Our Participation:** Johnstown Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Doug Dettling and I attend the two days of seminars and congressional talks. On Lobby Day, Doug and I attended Zoom meetings with four congressmen in our area and both U.S. Senators.

I led the meeting with Congressman Thompson and Doug led the meeting with Congressman Joyce's staff. NARFE's advocacy training prepared us for successful meetings, and we really enjoyed the three days.

**What We All Can Do- August is Grass Roots Month** and the legislators will be in their home districts. Do not hesitate to email, telephone, visit a local office, or attend a town hall meeting. You will undoubtedly be hearing more about Grass Root Month in the coming weeks from National Headquarters and the Federation. Please participate.

**The Social Side of NARFE-** It baffles me how NARFE accomplished so much over the last 100 years, most of which was without social media and instant communications. In the 1980s NARFE reached a peak of 500,000 members and helped get vital legislation passed. Meetings are paramount in getting the legislative word out to members, plus socializing, and helping each other, made our organization strong. Today we struggle to get many of our Chapters back on track and our members informed. Johnstown has been tops in maintaining meetings and keeping members up to date via the Newsletter. Pat ourselves on the back.

Stay safe and healthy everyone. Please attend the picnic and enjoy an outdoor get-together.

## Continued: Doug Dettling, 2nd Vice President, Legislative Affairs

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It seems to be going so fast. We only have one month to go.

Please remember that we will have a representative from Congressman Thompson's office at our September meeting. He doesn't plan on giving a presentation but will answer any questions we have. So please give this some thought and bring your questions with you to the meeting. They don't have to be specifically about NARFE issues. This is your chance to connect with your congressman if you live in his district. Make it count.

Larry and I attended LEGcon 2021 in the last part of June over Zoom. So instead of traveling to Washington DC, we were able to participate from home. LEGcon was very interesting and informative. We had two days of lectures with PowerPoint presentations explaining how to get the most out of our contacts with our senators and representatives. The last part of LEGcon consisted of groups of participants meeting virtually with Senators and members of Congress or their aides to discuss the legislative issues that NARFE considers important to its members. The meetings were interesting. They went from Congressman Joyce's representative merely saying he would look into our concerns to representative Thompson personally participating.

The conference was well planned and executed, especially since this is the first one done virtually. They put a lot of work into it, and it showed. I was very impressed. I'm glad I was able to participate because I learned quite a lot.

### Happy Birthday to You



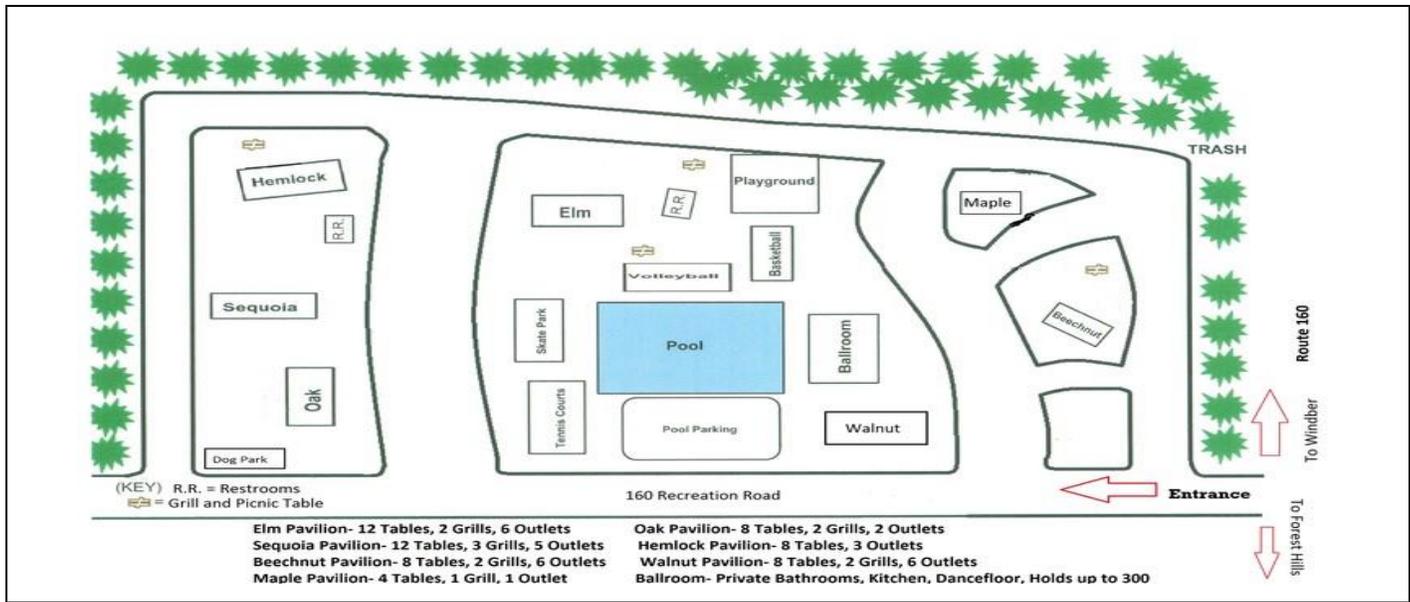
JULY BIRTHDAYS		AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Michael Waltz	7/15	Francis Pat Petrell	8/19
Lois Lienhardt	7/18		
Barbara Nibert	7/25		
Margaret Chynoweth	7/27		

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

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**DIRECTIONS TO WINDBER REC PARK**

**FROM Route 56/Scalp Ave towards Windber**  
 Take Ramp on Right  
 Turn Right onto PA-601/Main St  
 Turn Right onto Bedford St / Graham Ave  
 Turn Left onto PA-160/9<sup>th</sup> St  
 Follow .7 mi  
 Bear Right onto Rec Rd

**FROM Route PA-756/Elton Rd**  
 Head East on PA-756 Elton Rd towards Nevin St  
 1.4 miles  
 Turn Right onto PA-160/Forest Hills Dr.  
 3 miles  
 Sharp Left onto Rec Rd.