

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND  
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Chapter President David MacDonald opened the meeting at 1:00 PM with the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our deceased members. Officers present were, President David MacDonald, Vice-President Donald Hood, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. A quorum was present with 27 members attending.

**WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS:** There were no new members attended.

**SECRETARIES' REPORT:** The Secretary's report for the September 5, 2017 meeting was accepted with the correction to the date for Congressman David Cicilline's Annual Senior Resources Fair in Woonsocket, which is on October 19.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for the period September 5, 2017 through October 3, 2017 was accepted. We have a total of \$3,822.46 in our General Fund. In the Charitable Donations Fund have a total of \$351.00 available for donations.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of October 4, 2017, we have 180 members in September we had 185 members and in April, we had 207 members. Chapter 13 has 159.

The Secretary will send postcards to all the Chapter 13 Members and invite them to our meetings and to the Holiday Lunch. The Secretary will also provide the Membership Chair with the contact information for the Chapter 13 members.

**SUNSHINE:** Mary Pedro sent two "get well" cards one to John Beebe who had both knees replaced and one to Roger Wallen who also had his knee replaced. If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro.

**HOSPITALITY:** President MacDonald thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

**CALLING:** President MacDonald thanked Mary Pedro, Amy Medeiros and Lee Viveiros for notifying members of the meeting.

**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS:** The committee made a motion to donate half the \$351.00 to the American Red Cross, to help with the disasters that have happened recently, and half to St. Lucy's Hearth in Middletown RI. The motion was accepted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- The Chapter Service Officer and a PAC Coordinator positions are open.
- The Federation is also looking for someone to coordinate the Alzheimer's program.

Anyone wishing to fill one of these positions should contact President MacDonald or Secretary Bianco.

### **OLD BUSINESS / CONTINUING EFFORTS:**

- The Secretary read the Meeting Report from Congressman David Cicilline's Annual Senior Resources Fair in East Providence, which was on September 19. Federation President David MacDonald and Federation Secretary Richard Bianco staffed the NARFE table.
- President MacDonald is making plans to set up a table at Congressman David Cicilline's Senior Resource Fair in Woonsocket on October 19. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Dave MacDonald or Richard Bianco.
- President MacDonald recommended that the National PAC contribute to Jim Langevin's campaign. We donated last year and attended the Fund Raiser given at the Capitol Grille in Providence during the Water Fire event. The National PAC has not taken any action on this recommendation at this time.
- The Secretary working on an update to the RI Federation Bylaws to add amendments to cover the one man one vote change and to add a requirement to audit the Financial accounts annually. This will put us in agreement with the new National Bylaws adopted at the 2016 National Convention.
- There will be a Health Fair at NUWC in Newport on November 28, 2017 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Dave Ferkinhoff is working to get us invited.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- President MacDonald addressed the meeting:
  - Members were encouraged to go on the website and contribute to the NARFE hurricane relief fund that has set up to aid Federal workers affected by the storms.
  - On October 26 Tammy Flanagan will host a Webinar on Health Plans that are available this Open Season. This Webinar is available on the NARFE website and is free for members.
  - The COLA was approved, it will provide a 1.5% increase combined with a 0.4% locality increase for an average 1.9% increase.
- Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- October 19, 2017 — Senior Resource Fair, Woonsocket, 5:00-7:00 PM
- October 26, 2017 — Health Plans Webinar on the NARFE website
- November 7, 2017—Chapter 0869 Regular Monthly Meeting, our guest speaker will be from Save the Bay.
- November 28, 2017— Health Fair at NUWC Newport from 10 AM to 1 PM
- December 5, 2017—Chapter 869 Holiday Luncheon,
- May 2018 – RI Federation Convention hosted by South County Chapter 998, Cowesett Inn, West Warwick, RI
- 2018 -- NARFE National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida

- 2020 -- NARFE National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

**PROGRAM:** Our speaker was author and Newport historian Burt Jagolinzer. He gave a history of Newport and a synopsis of his three books. "Discovering Newport" is a number 1 best seller on Amazon for tourist information about Newport. "Breakfast with Jackie O" his second book, tells the stories about growing up with Jackie Onassis's brother. His third book "Round Newport" is a memoir of the famous musicians and people he has encountered in Newport and while he had attended every one of the Newport Jazz festivals.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary