

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES FOR APRIL 3, 2018 MEETING**

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Chapter Vice-President Donald Hood 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 Vice-President Donald Hood, Secretary Richard Bianco and Treasurer Milena Lepore. President David MacDonald was excused. A quorum was present with 20 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: No new members were present

SECRETARIES' REPORT: The Secretary's report for the February 6, 2018 meeting was accepted.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period February 6, 2018 through April 3, 2018 was accepted. We have a balance of \$3,354.60 in our General Fund and in the Charitable Donations Fund have a balance of \$210.00, for a total balance in our Checking account of \$3,564.60

MEMBERSHIP: On 14 March 2018, Chapter 13 officially closed and their members transferred to our chapter. As of April 8, 2018, we have 272 members, in February we had 150 members.

SUNSHINE: It was with sadness that the chapter found out about the passing of Margaret Joyce. She was a past President and Treasurer of the chapter. Roger Wallen is in Newport Hospital recovering from knee surgery and preparing for further surgeries. Bob White is also recovering from surgery. If you know of a member in distress please get in touch Mary Pedro.

HOSPITALITY: Vice-President Donald Hood thanked everyone involved in bringing in the refreshments.

CALLING: Vice-President Donald Hood thanked Mary Pedro, Amy Medeiros and Lee Viveiros for notifying members of the meeting.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: The Charitable Donations Committee Chair, Mary Pedro, is planning to make a recommendation at the September meeting on where to donate the money. This will allow us to add the proceeds from the June Luncheon's Raffle to the fund.

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 has completed an update of the RI Federation bylaws. This update has been approved by the RI Federation Executive Board at the March 5, 2018 meeting and has had comments added to reflect the Regional Vice-President's concerns.
 - This bylaws update incorporates the following major changes:
 - Rewritten to conform to the new directions that the National Association has initiated at the last National Conference
 - Name changed to RI Federation vice RI Federation of Chapters to be more inclusive of the National Members
 - Provides for National members to be members of the Federation, run for, and hold Federation Offices. Adds a new Federation Officer position open to only National members to represent National members
 - Changes the Convention to a Conference that meets to announce the results of elections and referendum voting and provides training and information
 - Voting is done at any time electronically via web sites or e-mail and mail balloting.

These changes make the workings of the NARFE Association more efficient, and provide for all members, Chapter members and National members, an equal say in the workings of the Association.

The bylaws are available for review on the Federation website, <https://www.narfe.org/site/ri/>, or in hard copy from the secretary.

- Dave Ferkinhoff is working on procedures to utilize e-mail and websites to conduct the Federation nominations and voting for the RI non-chapter members.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Federation Nominating committee is seeking nominations to fill the Federation Officers positions of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations can be made by forwarded by the name of the nominee and their NARFE identification number to Richard Bianco, rbianco2@cox.net, or by calling 401.683.5421 or 401.408.0792.
- The RI Federation Convention is scheduled for:

**Friday, May 18, 2018
Cambria Hotel & Suites
240 Aquidneck Avenue
Middletown, RI 02842-5612
(401) 236-2020**

The Convention room will be open at 0830 for check-in. Coffee, tea and Muffins will be available. The agenda is:

0900	Welcoming	
0930	Introduction of Guests	Dave MacDonald
0945	Presidents Address	Dave MacDonald
1000	Secretaries Report	Richard Bianco
1015	Sponsor Presentations	GEHA
1045	Advocacy Presentation	NARFE HQ
	Legislative initiatives	
1130	Bylaws Motion Voting	Richard Bianco
1200	Lunch	
1300	Regional Vice-Presidents Address	Jim Crawford
1345	Guest Speaker	Jennifer Bialek
	NARFE Marketing/Business Development	
1445	Federation Officer Voting	Richard Bianco
	Floor Nominations Voting	
1515	Installation of Officers	Jim Crawford
1530	50/50 Raffle	
1600	Closing	

The cost for the convention is \$20.00 per member and includes the lunch.
Please contact to make your reservation and your entrée choice:

- Richard Bianco, rbianco2@cox.net 401.683.5421,
- Juanita Scuncio, 401.781.6438 or
- Carole Regan, 401.293.3931

The lunch is:

Tossed Salad

Choice of entrée: pick one

Baked Scrod

Chicken Piccata

Steak frites

Vegetarian

Desert Table-Cheesecake, Tiramisu, Ice-Cream sundae, Coffee and
Tea

Ice water is served with the meal

We need to know the approximate head count by May 4, 2018 and the head count with meal selections by May 14, 2018. After May 14, the count can only be increased.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 1, 2018 – Chapter 0869 Regular Monthly Meeting
- May 18, 2018 – RI Federation Convention at the Cambria Hotel & Suites, Middletown, RI 02842
- August 26-28, 2018 – NARFE National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida
- 2020 – NARFE National Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM: The guest speaker was Mike Fenton who described and showed us slides of his trip to Norway with his son.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Bianco, Chapter 0869 Secretary