

**NARFE CHAPTER 869, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
MINUTES FOR April 2, 2019 MEETING**

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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 and was excused. A quorum was present. There were 18 members attending.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS There was a no new members present.

SECRETARIES' REPORT The chapter accepted the secretary's report for the March 5, 2019 chapter meeting.

TREASURERS' REPORT: The Treasurer's report for the period March 5, 2019 through April 2, 2019, was accepted. We have a balance of \$11,971.38 in our General Fund and in the Charitable Donations Fund have a balance of \$187.00. This gives us a total balance in our checking account of \$12,158.38.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership in April is 148, in March we had 250 members.

Vice president Donald Hood thanked Ron Kobayashi for informing the March Breakfast club at the Lil Bear Restaurant about NARFE and our good works. This breakfast club is composed of retired federal employees from the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport.

SUNSHINE: There is no new news on Roger Wallen. Mike Fenton could not make the meeting due to having hip 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 contribution fund has a balance of has \$187.00. The charitable contributions committee will wait until after the June raffle to propose to whom we will donate our contributions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The Chapter Service Officer and a PAC Coordinator positions are open.
- The Chapter Presentation Coordinator and Hospitality positions are open.

- The Federation is also looking for someone to coordinate the Alzheimer's program.

Please contact President MacDonald or Secretary Bianco if you know anyone wishing to fill one of these positions or of someone who would like to speak at our meetings.

OLD BUSINESS / CONTINUING EFFORTS:

- The secretary forwarded the Chapter bylaws to the National Secretary for acceptance. So far, National Headquarters has not responded yet.
- Under the new bylaws, April is our Annual meeting and it is where we will elect a new slate of officers. The secretary asked for nominations for the four elected positions. Hearing none, the nominations remained open until the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The June luncheon will be on June 4, 2019 at Noon. Reservations for 40 members have been made at the Wyndham Newport Hotel. The calling committee was asked to poll the members and find out their choice of entrée, choices include meat, chicken, fish or vegetarian. A head count with meal choice is needed by 28 May. The cost will be \$15.00 for members with the Chapter picking up the additional costs. A raffle will be held, so bring a gift in the \$10.00 range.
- No one from RI attended the Legislative conference on March 10-13, 2019.
- The next Regional vice president's luncheon is May 1, 2019 in Devins MA. At this luncheon, the Regional vice president James C Risner will discuss his plans for the Region1 Chapters and seek input from the chapters. If anyone is interested in attending this conference and representing Chapter 869, please contact President MacDonald.
- Representative Cicilline will hold a Senior Resources Fair on May 13, 2019 at the Fenner Hall (Vasco Da Gama), 15 Fenner Avenue Newport RI. Carol Regan and Marie Azza have offered to set-up a NARFE informational table at this event. The secretary has sent an e-mail to Rita Murphy to reserve a table and she will get back to us with the details.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 2, 2019 – Chapter meeting at the United Congregational Church in Middletown, RI, 1:00 PM
- May 1, 2019 – Regional Vice president's luncheon in Devens MA
- May 6, 2019 – RI State Federation Executive Board meeting, Warwick Public Library, 1:00 PM.

- May 13, 2019 – Representative Cicilline’s Senior Resources Fair at Fenner Hall (Vasco Da Gama), from 5pm to 7pm.
- June 4 – June luncheon at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, at Noon
- July, August – Summer break no Chapter meeting.
- 2020 – NARFE RI Federation Conference at TBD
- 2020 – NARFE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

PROGRAM:

Our speaker was Dave Ferkinhoff who showed slides of his and his wife’s vacation in Australia and New Zealand. Dave’s trip also included a visit to the site of the filming of the Lord of the Rings and Hobbits movies. Vegemite was available for sampling.

Richard Bianco,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Bianco".

Chapter 0869 Secretary

2018-2019 Officers and Committees

- **Officers of the Chapter:**

- President David MacDonald
- Vice-president Donald Hood
- Secretary Richard Bianco
- Treasurer Milena Lepore

- **Committees**

- Executive Committee:
 - President David MacDonald
 - Vice-president Donald Hood
 - Secretary Richard Bianco
 - Treasurer Milena Lepore
- Membership Committee Chair: Mary Pedro
- Legislative Committee Chair: Vacant (Contact Dave MacDonald or Richard Bianco)
- Nominating Committee Chair: Richard Bianco
- Sunshine Committee Chair: Mary Pedro
- Hospitality Committee Chair: Vacant (Contact Richard Bianco)
- Calling Committee Chair: Chair: Mary Pedro
- Charitable Contributions Chair: Mary Pedro
- Service Officer: Vacant (Questions directed to the National Service Officer)
- PAC Coordinator: Vacant (Dave MacDonald acting as Point of Contact)
- Website and Net Coordinator: Dave Ferkinhoff