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MEETINGS:

“With covid-19 cases/hospitalizations rapidly expanding within our 10 County Chapter area, the Board Members of the Chapter have decided to cancel the November Meeting and December Christmas Party for the safety and welfare of all of our members. Hopefully, we will resume our meetings on Wednesday, January 27th, 2021, or whenever the “Stay at home restrictions” are removed. We hope you all stay well, and we look forward to seeing each of you next year.

When our Chapter meetings resume, we will continue to meet at the American Legion, 634 Water St. in Eau Claire at noon. All active and retired federal employees, their spouse, and prospective members are invited to attend, as well. Advance registration is required for meal planning and setup purposes. Call or email Peggy with the number of members and guests planning on attending: 715-874-6708 or chipval@wwt.net, not later than Saturday, January 23rd 2021. Thank you.

This is important, if you don't call and register, if the meeting has to be cancelled for any reason, we would not know who all we need to contact, hate to have you make a long trip to Eau Claire! This happened in October! The pandemic and shut down again. Thanks. P

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Mark Schmitt

Greetings all, I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and preparing for the upcoming holidays. With the Pandemic I hope you all are staying safe with your small circle of family and friends. This leads me to this announcement: *The Board of Directors of Chapter 371 have decided to cancel the November membership meeting and postpone the December Christmas party to a later date when we can safely meet again. Currently this Pandemic is spreading extremely fast and we do not feel it is in our members best interest to meet in person. I hope everyone understands this and I hope to see you all again when we can do it safely.*

November is the meeting we “Pass the Old Shoe Box” for Alzheimer's Research. Since we are not meeting, if you still want to donate, please send me a check (donation) to me made out to NARFE Alzheimer's Research and I will send it on to the National Alzheimer's Office. An update on the “Walk to End Alzheimer's, our Chapter 371 has now donated \$1,204 to this year's walk. This is fantastic! Thank you!

November is the month we usually hold election of officers, but without a meeting our current officers will continue in office until we can have an election.

With that, I hope you all have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy Pospishil

\$2253.31 Balance End of Sep
\$ 79.88 Receipts in Oct
\$ 110.68 Disbursements in Oct
\$2222.51 Balance End of Oct

Choose lean pork loin crusted in peanuts with broccoli over fries and a burger. The pork and peanuts are high in thiamin, a nutrient that reduces inflammation that damages brain cells. The folate in broccoli is good for keeping synapses firing correctly.

Ballroom dance like the stars. Dancing is a brain-power activity. How so? Learning new dance moves activates brain motor centers that form neural connections. Dancing also calms the brain's stress response. *Compliments of Azura Memory Care.*



**HONOR AND THANK OUR
MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS
AND VETERANS EVERYDAY FOR
THEIR PAST AND CONTINUED
SERVICES FOR EACH OF US AND OUR FAMILIES.**

SERVICE OFFICER/DEATHS: Bill Michels/Nancy J. Hable

Lael Scheinder, age 90, of Augusta, passed away on October 15, 2020. She was born in Exeland, graduated from Ladysmith H.S and the Eau Claire State Teachers College, now UWEC, she taught elementary grades, until 1955. She married Verne Schneider in 1950 in Menomonie and they then made their home in Augusta. In 1956, she started work as a Claims Examiner at the SSA Office in Eau Claire. **She joined NARFE in June, 1985, and was an Honorary and Distinguished Member of our Chapter.** She is survived by daughter Cindy Schneider, son in law Thomas Noerenberg, sister-in-law, Joyce Taylor, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Anderson Funeral Home, Augusta.

Shirley Dzubay, 90, formerly of Clear Lake and Osceola passed away on October 24, 2020, in Rice Lake. She was born in November, 1929 in Osceola, graduated High School in Clear Lake, 1947 and attended nursing school at Swedish Hospital in Mpls, MN, earning her RN in 1950. She married Nicholas Dzubay on Sept 9, 1950 at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Clayton. She worked at student health services on the St. Paul campus, while her husband completed veterinary school at the U of M, and then they moved to Cameron where he worked. They moved back to Lake Elmo where Nicholas earned a Masters' Degree in

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Public Health, and went to work at Jerome Foods, later Jennie-O Store as a **USDA Inspector in- Charge**. Shirley began working as a clinic nurse in Rice Lake at Clinic's later known as Marshfield Clinic. She retired in 2001. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2010, a year before Nicholas' death. **She was a surviving spouse, joining NARFE in Oct. 2011.** She is survived by a daughter, Paula, a son Steven, 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and 2 sisters Norma & Carolyn. Funeral services will be held at Holy Trinity Orth Church, Clayton at a later date.

NARFE Chapter 371 extends our sincere sympathies to both the Schneider and Dzubay families.

NOTE: If you know of any of our NARFE members who have passed away during the past few months, would you please notify Bill Michels or Nancy J. Hable, both Service Officers for our Chapter, their contact information is at the top of this newsletter. Thank you.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
IN MONTHS OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

NOVEMBER: Beverly A Borgen, Joseph H Dale, Nancy Donovan, Frederick H Holle, Phyllis Holtz, Marlene M Koser, Vernon P Normand, Gerhard K Raile, Bernard A Schwetz, Beverly J Spallees.

DECEMBER: Steven C Anderson, David W Becker, Norma J Constantine, Lena E Drinkwine, Larry D French, Nancy J Hable, Joseph K Hills, Alan L Hoeting, Antoinette Kenealy, Neil C Koch, Larry H Krause, Julie Lingen, Donald C McKenzie, William C Michels, James H Murphy, Dallas S Neville, Larry A Nitz, Janet O Samdahl, Betty A Sinette, Carl Stein, Vernon A Towner, Katherine C Weilep.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EACH OF YOU AND
YOUR FAMILIES. NEXT YEAR WILL BE BETTER!**

OPEN SEASON:

2020 OPEN SEASON RUNS NOV 9 – DEC 14.

You should have received mail from your insurance carrier with the rates for your current coverage for this year and what it will be next year for the same coverage. If you need to make changes, call the customer service number on the back of your insurance card. Usually we get insurance materials from some carriers, but absolutely nothing this year. Call your customer service number on your insurance card and request any information you may need ASAP.

**NARFE WILL CELEBRATE IT'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY IN 2021.**

WI NARFE FEDERATION AND 15 WI CHAPTERS WILL CELEBRATE NARFE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY AT OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MAY 3RD AND 4TH, 2021 AT THE BEST WESTERN ON HWY 21 IN TOMAH. The LACROSSE CHAPTER AND THE TRI-COUNTY (Tomah) CHAPTER, WILL HOST THE EVENT. THIS IS ONE CONFERENCE YOU

DON'T WANT TO MISS! DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY. YOU NEED TO BE THERE. YOUR VOICE MATTERS, YOUR VOICE COUNTS. PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR CHAPTERS. LOOK AT THE LABEL ON YOUR NOV ISSUE OF YOUR NARFE MAGAZINE. IT SHOWS YOUR NAME, YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NUMBER – **NOT YOUR CHAPTER NUMBER, WHICH WAS GIVEN WHEN YOU JOINED, WHY NARFE WAS FOUNDED, WAS TO GAVE A VOICE TO EACH MEMBER WHERE YOU WORKED AND LIVED!**

NARFE was founded under the Department of Agriculture, the first Cabinet Position throughout the US with foods grown/raised for human and animal consumption. Eight other Agencies were then formed to support the Agricultural Agency, i.e. IRS, SSA, Transportation, and five others. Offices were established in each County/Parish/Borough in the Country and its territories, i.e. Extension Services which taught food production, storage and preservation. Thus, we were formed under Counties using a Chapter format. (our Chapter includes 10 Counties in West Central WI).

We elected officers and individuals to represent us, our Chapter, and to administer services to our members. This helps our members in cases/situations that exist across the Country where employees/members need assistance from OPM, and there are fewer offices in local area any longer. Chapters provide services long into retirement as well.

We are non-partisan too, if you have a representative come as a speaker, they can't do any campaigning nor does the Chapter ask for or give money donations either. Partisan politics is not discussed. If you make donations, send it to the person you want to support! OK!

**Chapter #0371 is our identity, our voice, NOT
Congressional District #003.**

We wish each and every one a Blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year, full of sunshine, comfortable temps, Church doors open to all and most of all to get out and talk to folks! No more being shut out or in!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Merry Christmas!



Happy New Year!