

NARFE Chapter 1116 Newsletter

Vienna-Oakton Chapter 1116
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February 2012

Next Chapter Meeting
February 14, 2012
Vienna Community Center
1:30 p.m.



Next Board Meeting
Vienna Community Center
Tuesday, February 23, 2012
1:30 PM

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President's Message – Shirley Keyes

I hope you are looking forward to this month's meeting as much as I am. Our guest speaker, Jamie Grasso, will talk about estate jewelry, diamonds, gold and coins. If you have a piece of jewelry or a coin that you think may be of value, bring it to the meeting, and, if time permits, Jamie may be able to assess your item.



I want to thank Kathy for last month's program on the HOT Lane Project. It was both interesting as well as informative.

While I am thanking, I want to say "Good Job" to the members of 1116 who raised over \$200 at the Holiday Party for Alzheimer's. Also thanks to Kitty Dvorscak for her help in running the raffle.

Welcome to three of our members who attended last month's meeting for the first time: Bonnie and William Harris and Richard Feehan. I hope you will continue to come to the meetings and get involved as much as you can or would like to.

The NARFE VFC convention will be held in Midlothian (Richmond) April 22-25. If you are interested in attending please either call me at 703-698-1838 or email me at shirleykeyes@aol.com and I will get copies of the information to you. We are also collecting donations for our 2012 Convention Program Book with Multiple Supporter Listing - Super Angel is \$25, Angel is \$15, Cheerleader is \$10, Booster is \$5 and Supporter is \$1. With your donation of one of the above, your name will be in the 2012 Convention Program Book. You will be able to sign up at the February 14th meeting. If you want to make a donation but cannot be at the meeting either call or email me (phone number and email address above). All chapter members are encouraged to start planning now to attend the VFC Convention. Our chapter will have 25 convention votes. Further information on registration, banquet, convention supporters, chapter ads, and procedures for submitting resolutions, is available on the VFC website at www.vanarfe.org.

The next NARFE National Call Day is February 15. See article on page 3. Stay warm and hope to see you on February 14th.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Naff

Receipts for the month of December were \$1,342.11 and disbursements were \$1,089.37. At our December luncheon we made \$130 from raffle ticket sales. This combined with other Alzheimer's activities during the year (entertainment book sales, chapter 50/50 drawings, cash donations, personal checks and white elephant sale) brought our chapter Alzheimer's Contribution to \$1,676 for 2011. At our January chapter meeting the 50/50 drawing for Alzheimer's yielded \$26.00 and Marian Reeves was the lucky winner of \$13 which she donated to Alzheimer's.

Membership- Bob Carrick

Our chapter membership now stands at **605** members, **6** more than previously reported. We have **11** new members, **5** members reinstated their membership (welcome back!), **2** members transferred to chapters closer to where they live, **7** members were dropped for nonpayment of dues (we hope these folks will soon reinstate their memberships), and **3** members passed away, our condolences to their families. Welcome to our newest members: **Willard Blalock, Patricia Bradley, Monica Gaughan, Bonnie Harris, William Harris, Patricia Neighbarger, Mary Alice Smith, Christopher Topik, Margaret Van Lierde, Janet Vorce, and Julie Wilson.** If we have not done so already, we look forward to greeting each of you at one of our upcoming chapter meetings.

Please Note: If there is a red dot on the front of your newsletter, National has sent your second and final dues renewal notice. Please renew your dues promptly so that your membership does not lapse!

Sunshine Report – Kitty Dvorscak

Bob Carrick is progressing slowly. He is home and using a walker. I assured him that he was missed and that we hope to see him soon.

We learned that Ed Turkaly was admitted to Fairfax Hospital on January 4 with a racing heart beat. He underwent several tests and was released on January 10. He is on preventative medication for 30 days. He is up and about and beginning to get cabin fever. We all hope he will be feeling much better and that we will see him soon. Kathy Arpa spoke to him on January 14 (which incidentally was his birthday) and he was feeling much better and he said he has lost about 15 pounds.

On December, 23, 2011, Region X Bill Martin and his wife Gail were in a serious car crash when Bill had a medical issue and passed out. Their car ran off the road and hit a tree. Sadly, Gail was killed in the crash. Bill suffered a broken neck and sternum, cracked ribs, broken baby finger on his left hand and numerous bumps and bruises. On January 7, Kathy Arpa attended the Celebration of Life for Gail Martin at the Lake Anna Rescue Center in Bumpass, VA where Bill and Gail were co-founders. Bill is now recuperating at home. He was able to attend the VFC Board Meeting in Richmond on January 23. Cards may be sent to him at his home address: 294 Tyler Point Lane, Bumpass, VA 23024-4633.

Sunshine Thought: While opportunity is knocking at the door, most of us are in the backyard hunting for four-leaf clovers.

PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERS ON NATIONAL CALL CONGRESS DAY ON FEBRUARY 15

Step 1: Call the Capitol using NARFE's toll free number, 1-866-220-0044. Ask the operator to connect you to your representative's and/or senators' office.

Step 2: Tell the staff person who answers the telephone next where you live so they know you are a constituent, then say: "I am a retired/active federal employee and member of NARFE." [Tell the staff person a little about your work.] "[Senator or Representative X] represents thousands of federal workers and retirees and their survivors. Any plan that pays for 1/3 of the payroll tax cut by taking money out of the pockets of fewer than 2% of America's middle class is unacceptable, unfair, and certainly isn't shared sacrifice." "Federal workers, retirees, and survivors have already done their part, saving the federal government \$50 billion over two years. Making \$65 billion in further cuts to pay, earned health and retirement benefits, or making changes to cost-of-living adjustments, would unfairly single out those who protected our nation, including many now on fixed income."

State Legislation – Gene Brown

The General Assembly meets annually, beginning on the second Wednesday in January, for 60 days in even-numbered years and for 30 days in odd numbered years, with an option to extend the annual session for a maximum of 30 days. There are 40 senators who serve a term of four years. There are 100 delegates who serve a term of 2 years. On January 10, Governor Bob McDonnell, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, Speaker of the House William Howell, and Senate Republican Leader Tommy Norment, joined by Republican members of the House and Senate collectively laid out their 10 major priorities for the upcoming session. The agenda included initiatives to improve Virginia's transportation system, strengthen K-12 and higher education, reform state government and help businesses start and grow. The 2012 Regular Session convened on Wednesday, January 11, at 12 noon by William J. Howell, Speaker of the House. Committee assignments were made along with the swearing in of four new members: Senators Bryce Reeves (District 17) and Bill Stanley (District 20), and Delegates Richard Morris (District 64) and Michael Watson (District 93). At the end of the day, 1143 House Bills and 546 Senate Bills were introduced.

Bills introduced by local General Assembly members of interest to NARFE are listed below:

HB 690 Financial exploitation of elderly or vulnerable adults; penalty - Introduced by Kenneth R. Plum

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED: Provides that it is a Class 5 felony to knowingly, by deception, intimidation, undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress, or misrepresentation, use, obtain, convert, or take control of an elderly or vulnerable adult's property or financial resources with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive the adult of the use, benefit, or possession of the property or financial resources. If the violation is by a caregiver or person with a fiduciary relationship it is a Class 3 felony. The bill also allows forfeiture of personal property used in connection with the crime.

HB 1046 Real property tax; exemption for elderly and disabled - Introduced by: Mark L. Keam

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED: Removes the requirement that "income" be restricted to that which is taxable under federal income tax laws, for purposes of a locality that elects to have income caps in determining eligibility of the elderly and disabled for tax relief

SB 163 Foreclosure; use of false records, documents, or statements - Introduced by: J. Chapman Petersen

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED: Provides that any person who knowingly makes, uses, or causes to be made or used a false or fraudulent record, document, or statement in support of any foreclosure shall be liable to the injured party. Upon proof of both a violation and damages, the injured party shall be entitled to appropriate equitable relief and compensatory damages. If compensatory damages are awarded, an injured party may also be awarded punitive damages. A person violating the provisions of this bill shall be liable for reasonable attorney fees and costs of a civil action.

SB 92 Nursing homes; involuntary discharge notification - Introduced by: Janet D. Howell

SUMMARY AS INTRODUCED: Requires that a copy of the written notice of intent to involuntarily discharge a patient from a nursing home also be sent to the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Also contains a technical correction.

Cookie Cutters Needed in February

Thanks to everyone who brought cookies, fruit and other goodies to the January 10th meeting. We need cookies or other light snacks for our meeting on February 14 (Valentine's Day). If you can bring something, please call Shirley Martin, our Hostess, at 703-938-6580.

