

National Active & Retired Federal Employees

NARFE NEWS --Chapter 1990



Chapter 1990, its officers & members, extend a **SPECIAL WELCOME** to new retirees, spouses & active federal employees who have recently joined NARFE. Also, we are grateful to those members who have renewed their membership status. We encourage you to be an active NARFE participant & attend local meetings & special events to promote solidarity on issues related to benefits & entitlements as well as enjoy the opportunities to network with your neighbors & community.

Next Meeting	April 23, 2009
Where	Catonsville Senior Center (410-887-0900)
Time	1:00 PM
Topic	BGE and You!

Spring Luncheon - June 9, 2009
 Good Food, Good Friends &
 Good Times
 (Reservation Form provided below.)

FROM OUR PRESIDENT – JAMES GOLDEN -- Well here we are again, this will be our second meeting on April 23, 2009, at the Senior Center in Catonsville. The Maryland Federation of NARFE will be holding its 39th State Convention from Sunday May 3 through Wednesday May 6, 2009, at the *Clarion Resort Fountainblue* Hotel in Ocean City MD. The reason for this biennial convention is for the election of Officers and Discussion of Resolutions concerning Maryland or National activities here's hoping that new members have been assigned to Chapter 1990, including the members reinstated into the chapter. Our State Legislative representative, Mary Breeland, will represent the Chapter at the Convention in Ocean City, MD. I will say again welcome to all members coming into the Chapter. Our Guest Speaker this month will be Ms Tawanda Howe a BGE Community Relations Specialist, where we hopefully will be able to get some answers to our high bills. **NOTICE TO OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS-NEXT BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY 4/23/09 AT 10:30 AM.**

Chapter 1990 Extends a "Special Thank You" to Community Sponsors who assisted with our Holiday Luncheon, these included Giant, Safeway, & Mars Supermarkets, PNC Bank & Northwest Savings Bank.

NARFE NEWS - After the close of business April 3rd, most Members of Congress will leave Washington for the Easter/Passover recess. The Senate returns Monday, April 20th, the House on Tuesday, April 21st. These two weeks are an excellent time to meet with Members of your Congressional delegation and their staff. Face-to-face meetings, either individually or as a group, distinguish NARFE from other organizations. April chapter meetings and especially April and May federation conventions are the times and places to begin the planning for NARFE Grass-Roots Advocacy Month – formerly known as "Lobby Month." The goal of Advocacy Month is to use the summer recess, August through Labor Day, September 7, to conduct visits with every Member of Congress. In the near future, more information about the August Grass-Roots Advocacy Month will be sent to federation and chapter presidents and legislative officers. The Legislative Action Center on the NARFE web site, www.narfe.org, is current with the bill numbers and letter templates, which are easily modified.

The Chapter's **SPRING LUNCHEON** will be held on Tuesday, **June 9, 2009**, at the **Old Country Buffet** (located at PIKE PARK PLAZA - 6506 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE - BALTIMORE, MD 21228.) Cost is: \$11.for Members & Guests. All-U-Can Eat buffet w/ several entrees, vegetables, salads, fresh breads, deserts & beverages. The luncheon will begin at 1:00 PM. All reservations must be forwarded **not later than June 1, 2009**, to *Mary Jo Tull, 244 Glenmore Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228. Make check payable to NARFE, Chapter 1990.*

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____
 NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: MEMBER(S) _____ GUEST(S) _____
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NARFE-FEEA DISASTER FUND NARFE Members Helping Each Other

In 1986, the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA) was established to provide emergency grants and loans to federal employees affected by a natural disaster. NARFE's involvement with FEEA began following the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. NARFE chapters, federations and individual members donated \$100,000 to the FEEA's Oklahoma City Fund. NARFE's Oklahoma City donation helped fund full college scholarships for all 200 children who lost a federal employee parent in the bombing of the Murrah Building. In 1996, NARFE entered into a partnership with FEEA to provide emergency disaster

assistance to NARFE members who are victims of a declared natural disaster through the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund. The Fund is supported by tax-deductible donations from NARFE members and friends of NARFE, and is administered by FEEA. Some \$320,000 in NARFE disaster assistance funds helped 468 NARFE members following Hurricane Katrina and 37 additional NARFE members since then (as of Oct. 2008). NARFE became a member of FEEA's board of directors in 1997.

Cash Grants -- NARFE disaster funds in the form of cash grants (\$500 maximum per grant per household) are available to all NARFE members in good standing, who have been injured, incurred property damage or have other needs during and after a declared natural disaster.

To Donate -- NARFE contributions are kept separate from FEEA's own emergency assistance fund and are disbursed as needed to NARFE members whose applications are approved. To make a tax-deductible donation, checks should be made payable to NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund and mailed to: NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund, c/o FEEA, 3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80227

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- A Maryland Consumer's Guide for Seniors - www.oag.state.md.us/seniors.htm
or call (410) 576-6500 or toll-free 1-888-743-0023.

Welcome New Members: Jane Myers, Susan David; Terrence Feitknecht; Suzanne Rawlings; Roy Reese; Linda Owings; Mary Reardon; Bettev Drummeter; Isabelle Johns; Ida Roper; Ronald Lough; E. N. Jensen; Susan Miller; Karen Hamilton; Mark Ploss; Patricia Riesner & Joseph Odum.

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