



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
MEUNIER-PERRY CHAPTER 1015
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER-ISSUE 8**

Guest Speakers & Programs

**Speakers for NARFE Business Meetings
Topic: FEHBP Open Season 2020**

***Oct. 17, 2019*
Benita Phipps
GEHA**

***Oct 17, 2019*
Ann Marie Usher
Blue Cross Blue Shield
Federal Employee Program**

***Nov. 21, 2019*
Susan Allgood
Aetna Direct
Aetna Federal Health Plans**

Bring Your Friends to NARFE's Tea Party for Charity! Sunday, Oct. 20

**Alice Villavicencio
Alzheimer's Research Officer**

**PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

NARFE is hosting this event to raise funds so that through research, a cure can be found to combat this terrible disease, and to provide much-needed caregiving support and other services.

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Walk to End Alzheimer's Alice Villavicencio Alzheimer's Research Officer

Please participate with your NARFE 1015 Friends in the "WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S" on Sat Nov. 2. Donations will be used by the Alzheimer's Association for research and to provide support. Register at www.alz.org/walk. Click on Walk with a Team, find the NARFE 1015 Team, and create a username and a password. You may donate money for yourself, or others to sponsor you at the website under NARFE 1015 Team. Our goal is to collect \$100 for each Chapter 1015 member that registers. Non-NARFE members may also join the NARFE 1015 Team. The Alzheimer's Association will give a tee shirt to every person that donates or raises \$100. The Walk will be at the Market Common park area and will begin at 10:00 AM. You do not have to walk far. Please be part of the solution to end Alzheimer's.



Tea Party for Charity ***Continued from p. 1***

Chapter 1015 can make the Tea Party a success only if you purchase and sell tickets (\$15 per person) and help put together the party of the year!

And while you're there, say a big **THANK YOU** to the Sons and Daughters of Italy, for their donation of meeting facilities, food, drinks, and kitchen magic.

When:

Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM.

Where: Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2662, 7957 Moss Creek Road, Myrtle Beach.

What:

Assorted teas, coffee, finger sandwiches, and desserts!

Door prizes, drawings, and items for bids.

Cost:

\$15 per person. You can buy and sell tickets thru Oct.17.

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There's Still Time to Donate to NARFE's Oct. 20 Tea Party!

Do you have items that would make great auction items, door prizes, or drawing prizes at our fundraiser for Alzheimer's research?

Food baskets, jewelry, and artwork would be most welcome. Use your imagination, and bring your contributions to the chapter's general meeting at Damon's on Oct. 17.

If you have questions, call Alice or Marci.

Messages from the Newsletter Editor Billie L Nichols

General Meeting-Thursday, Oct. 17 at 11:30 AM at Damon's located at 2985 S. Ocean Blvd (Near Springmaid Resort). Call Marci at 843-215-4149 to confirm your attendance. We need to know how many to expect. Deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Executive Committee Meeting-Wednesday, Oct 16th at 10:00 AM at the Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2662, 7957 Moss Creek Road, Myrtle Beach. All members of the Executive Board are expected to attend. All members are welcome to attend.

Volunteers welcome. Please step up and ask how you can help.

Sunshine/Membership

Lynn Voss

Happy Birthday for

October

Irene Lichy

Helen Dear

Cora Boggans

Verifas Weaver

Suzanne Palmer

Linda Jo Pagani

Messages from the Vice President

Marci Vogel

What a beautiful autumn we are having. I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather as much as I am. It's time to start thinking about the upcoming holidays as well as the Alzheimer's Tea Party in October. We hope you will be a part of and enjoy all of our planned activities. As always, I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Holidays Are Coming

In December we'll be back at Sons and Daughters of Italy on Thursday, December 5, for our annual Holiday Party at 11:30 AM. Bring an appetite!

Before we usher out the year, we have two business items to which we must attend.

Cathy Linta-Leader has already announced at our meetings and in the newsletter that she will not continue as our Legislative representative past December. Joyce Jones will only be able to continue as Secretary through November.

Members can run for these or any other elective offices in the Chapter.

So, we need at least two intrepid individuals willing to step up and volunteer to take over these duties in 2020. Organizations like ours only survive and thrive because of volunteers, so bring your volunteer spirit to the Chapter this fall.

Cathy and Joyce know the jobs inside out and will help you get going or if you get stuck.

Legislative Officer

Cathy Linta-Leader

On September 27, the House Committee on Ways and Means Chairman Richard Neal introduced a new Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) reform bill, the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act, H.R. 4540. The bill would provide current Social Security beneficiaries affected by WEP and future beneficiaries turning age 62 before 2022 with a \$150 per month increase in their Social Security benefits. This is in addition to a similar bill that was recently introduced, the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act.

The President signed a seven-week [continuing resolution](#) (CR) into law, delaying the possibility of another government shutdown until November 21. Although the CR would fund agencies at 2019 levels through November 21, it does not address federal pay because the measure simply keeps agency funding consistent with 2019 levels. House and Senate leadership must conference over exactly how much of a raise civilian federal employees would receive in 2020, either the [House-passed](#) 3.1% raise or the President's [proposed 2.6%](#) bump.

On September 27, Congress entered a two-week recess, resuming the legislative session on Tuesday, October 15. The two chambers will return to a hefty load of legislative concerns, including a series of appropriations bills necessary to fund the government for fiscal year 2020 and many of NARFE's other legislative priorities.

Continued-Legislative Officer

On October 1, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) handed off its National Background Investigations Bureau and the government-wide security clearance portfolio [to the Pentagon](#) leaving the Pentagon in charge of conducting the vast majority of the government's security clearance investigations. Affected OPM employees were subsumed by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA). DCSA will be responsible for ensuring the Pentagon and its contractors don't allow compromised technology to enter their IT ecosystems. Though the transfer was completed, senior Defense officials told reporters there remains a significant amount of work to be done including improving the security clearance process and rethinking the government's approach to buying technology.

Please contact our representatives at their DC offices by calling 866-220-0044. When prompted, ask to be directed to whichever representative you choose to speak with first. After you finish voicing your concerns, phone another representative and do the same until you contacted all of them. And, don't forget to monitor the NARFE website, www.narfe.org for additional information and, of course, and the "Take Action" letters.