



**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL  
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION/MEUNIER-PERRY  
CHAPTER 1015  
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA  
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**Messages from the President**

**Billie Nichols**

**To my fellow compatriots I would like to thank you for your loyal support during my tenure as President of Chapter 1015. Because of your diligence we have made great strides in the advancement of this very important effort to insure a successful Government retirement.**

**Chapter 1015 has made some very important steps toward keeping it thriving.**

**However, we still have much work to do.**

**I am happy to announce that the new incoming officers have been nominated for Year 2024. I feel confident in your selection of these fine and very knowledgeable members. I am sure they will be stepping up and carrying the Chapter forward and ensuring we protect our earned benefits. Now that we are meeting in-person I feel that in 2024 we will be seeing more members attending our meetings and volunteering to participate and support in our chapter efforts to be a force for positive changes.**



**Message from**

**Irving Rudy**

**Nomination Committee Chair**

**Nominations of Chapter Officers  
for the Year 2024**

**During the November 9, 2023,  
chapter meeting nominations  
were accepted for the four  
Chapter officer positions for the  
Year 2024. These positions are:**

**President, Vice President,  
Secretary, and Treasurer. After  
nominations were received at the  
November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting an  
instruction sheet and a ballot  
listing the nominated candidate's  
name and a column for a write-in  
candidate were initially sent to all  
members on November 23, 2023,  
who have an email address and for  
those members who do not have  
an email address an instruction  
sheet and ballot was mailed by  
USPS on November 25, 2023.  
Further, a follow up Time-Sensitive  
notice to vote was sent on  
December 3, 2023. **The deadline  
for voting for the four nominated  
officers was Midnight December 9,  
2023.****

**There will be no voting  
conducted at the December  
14, 2023, meeting.**

**Legislative Officer**

**Morris Zupan**

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT AS OF 12/1/23  
(Pending Legislation)**

**1. Social Security Fairness Act  
of 2023 (HR 82, S 597)**

**Repeals the Windfall Elimination  
Provision (WEP) and Government  
Pension Offset (GPO).**

**Current Status: Per the December  
2023 NARFE Magazine – House co-  
sponsors 298, and Senate co-  
sponsors 46.**

**January 2023 was referred to the  
House Ways and Means Committee.**

**March 2023 was referred to the  
Senate Finance Committee (we have  
asked at both the National NARFE  
Headquarters and our NARFE to  
contact our representatives asking  
for the co-sponsorship).**

**There are now 298 House co-  
sponsors, and 46 Senate co-sponsors.  
Representative Garret Graves (R-LA)  
is working on filing a motion that  
could propel the Bill for a floor vote or  
Ways and Means Committee action.  
Representative Graves and Senator  
Brown (D-OH) are the original co-  
sponsors of the Bill.**



## **Continued: Legislative Officer**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, a 'Hearing' was conducted at a Fire Department (Baton Rouge, LA) to promote the repeal of the WEP/GPO (HR 82/S597). Representative Graves was present along with leaders of the Fire and Police Departments, and several State and Federal retirees presented their details on how they are negatively affected by the WEP/GPO. All parties, including Representative Smith (chairman of the Ways and Means Committee), are strong advocates for the elimination of the WEP/GPO via HR82/S597. NARFE must enhance its' part for the same goal.

2. There are three other 'acts' in Congress that will eliminate WEP/GPO, but they have relatively lower co-sponsors for further movement.

HR 4583/S 2280 is one of them. This one expands and strengthens social security and improves the solvency of the Social Security Trust Fund while eliminating WEP/GPO. House co-sponsors 178, and Senate co-sponsors 5.

July 2023: Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, and July 2023 referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

### **3. HR 716. The Fair Cola (Cost of Living Adjustment) for Seniors Act:**

The Act would use the Consumer Price Index for the elderly as the basis for the COLA retirement benefit. House co-sponsors 35.

### **4. HR 866. The Equal COLA Act:**

The Act provides equal COLA amounts for the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), as it does for the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). House co-sponsors 37. As of November 6, Senator Padilla (D-CA) introduced a similar Bill.

## **December**

### **1. Cyber Monday**

6. Irish Free State established in 1922

7. PEARL HARBOR DAY

7. Hanukkah begins at sunset

9. World Techno Day

10. The First Nobel Prizes awarded in 1901

12. Gingerbread House Day

13. The National Guard was founded 1636

16. Chocolate Covered Anything Day - now there's a fun day!!!

17. Nuclear fission of uranium was discovered in 1938. Let's go back up to the 16th!

19. Oatmeal Muffin Day or maybe choc chip???

20. The First Soviet Secret Police was founded in 1917

21. First day of winter

25. **Christmas Day**

26. Kwanzaa begins

27. Radio City Music Hall opens, 1932

28. Card Playing Day

31. New Year's Eve

Have fun. Reflect on the momentous year, good and bad.

Cheers,  
Your Sunshine Committee



## **Sunshine**

**Lynn Voss**

**Birthdays**

**For the Month of**

**December**

**Joseph Arsenault, Mary Brady,**

**Cynthia DeSantis, John W.  
Maccormack, and Carolyn Webb**

### **Sunshine Grins and Chagrins**

- . **Once there was a king who was only twelve inches tall. He was a terrible king but made a great RULER!**
- . **The enemy of my enemy is my friend.**
- . **What did Spartacus say when the lion ate his wife? Nothing. He was gladiator!**
- . **That money talks I'll not deny . I heard it once. It said goodbye.**
- . **The man who designed the Pringle's can, Fred Bauer, is buried in one - at least, some of his ashes are.**
- . **Water can boil and freeze at the same time. If you don't believe it, google it.**
- . **Adding all of the numbers on a roulette wheel will equal 666! Consider That a warning!**
- . **Beethoven never knew how to multiply or divide.**
- . **Water bottle expiration dates are for the bottle, not the water.**
- . **To improve your memory, lend people money.**
- . **All marriages are happy. It's the living together afterward that causes all the trouble!**

## **Book of the Month**

### **Three Ordinary Girls**

Anything but ordinary, this is the thoroughly remarkable true story of three brilliant, brave Dutch TEEN girls and their band of accomplices who became spies, saboteurs, Nazi assassins, and WWII heroes, in every sense of the word. No TV, no news, no cell phones, no internet, no tic toc, no shopping malls. No places to escape to, no one to really trust , plenty to fear. They sabotaged bridges, smuggled weapons under Gestapo noses, saved Jewish children, and delivered priceless documents and information in service of the Dutch resistance. Their keen use of that innocent young person's demeanor served them and the resistance well but tough as nails they were. One of them ultimately was caught by the Nazis and executed just before the liberation. Truly an inspiring book. **My pleasure to recommend it of course.**

**Newsletter Editor  
Billie Nichols**

**Chapter Membership as of  
December 9, 2023=113**

**National Members in Chapter  
area=159**

**Total chapter members plus  
National Members=272**

**The next chapter meeting is  
Thursday, December 14, 2023,  
at 11:30 am at Jiggy's Bistro,  
5107 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle  
Beach SC**

**RSVP required to  
[billie.nichols1@scccoast.net](mailto:billie.nichols1@scccoast.net) by  
Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

**New Year-2024**

**The next chapter meeting is  
Thursday, January 11, 2024,  
at Damons,  
11:30 am**

## **Seniors Heritage Dene Tothill Nichols A Little Kindness**

Picture this! It's the 1930's. The Depression era. My uncle was walking down F Street in Washington, DC and he was approached by a shabbily dressed man who asked for a nickel to buy a cup of coffee. My uncle quickly said, " I'm working this side of the street you go across the street." Of course , he wasn't working that side of the street, but he had no money to share. They were the days when money was scarce and very few jobs were available. My uncle did have a job. He worked at the Willard Hotel for a very small pittance, and it was hardly enough to support a wife and six hungry children. He was paid in cash every Friday. To preclude loss or theft of that hard-earned money, he always took a cab home on Friday nights. As luck would have it, there was a wreck and my uncle was thrown from the taxi, unconscious. When he awoke, his money was gone, and it was just a few days before Christmas. No food, no presents were under the tree for those little hungry children. He said he felt like crying. He hated to go home. Meanwhile, his nephew who worked for the Alexandria Virginia Police Department heard about his uncle's loss. He couldn't help out. He, too, was struggling to make ends meet. It was so sad. He told some of the other police and they immediately decided to help out. My uncle said, as tears rolled down his cheeks, that was the best Christmas we ever had. Food was on the table and presents under the tree. My uncle was a good man and with a little help he and his family were able to survive. What a true blessing of kindness.