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Messages from the President, Marci Vogel

The planning committee is busy planning for the upcoming 54th Annual SC NARFE Federation Conference March 26-28, 2018- at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, 10000 Beach Club Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC. The registration form is included with this Newsletter on page 5. Please mark your calendars for the March dates, reserve your hotel rooms (great rates) and send in your registration form early.

We would love to have everyone come to Myrtle Beach as the weather (usually) is very warm in March. The planning committee and others have been busy in January preparing for this special event. However, we need help. If you can spare some free time, please contact me. I would love to see a large turnout of members from all of South Carolina.

Once again, the Dinner/Dance event (fundraiser for Alzheimer's Fund) was very successful. Kudos and thank you to Linda and Don Pagani and his staff for preparing and serving a delightful Italian dinner. Thank you Dorry for being the DJ. Those oldies but goodies are still the greatest music to my ears. Happy Valentine's Day and a big salute to Abe and George. Hope to see you all on the 15th of February for our General Meeting at Damon's.

Messages from the Vice President, Blake Crawford

Update of Chapter 1015 Revised Bylaws: The revised bylaws for Chapter 1015 was approved by the NARFE National Secretary/Treasurer on January 17, 2018. You may read the approved revised bylaws by logging on to our Chapter website (www.1015.scnarfe.org).

Sunshine/Membership Committee, Lynn Vos

February Birthdays: Dene Nichols and Rick Harris - Welcome to the new folks of 2018. Please continue to bring in eligible members. We want to share our NARFE Mission to support legislation beneficial to current and potential annuitants.

Legislative Officer, Cathy Linta-Leader

WEBSITE: Visit our website, (www.1015.scnarfe.org) for the latest Chapter newsletter and minutes, and other vital information.

LEGISLATIVE: GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN: The 3-day government shutdown ended January 22 after a continuing resolution that funds the government through February 8 passed Congress and was approved by the President. Federal employees who were required to work during the shutdown will be paid for their time. In addition, furloughed employees will receive back pay for any time furloughed due to a NARFE-supported provision added to the continuing resolution.

Lawmakers now have through February 8 to keep the government funded. Once numbers are set, Congress will vote on a budget deal that will raise the sequester caps and will likely require offsets, putting federal benefits at risk. NARFE members must contact their legislators and tell them not to use federal benefits as an offset for raising sequestration budget caps.

2019 BUDGET: The President will unveil his fiscal 2019 budget request on February 12, one week after the White House is technically required to send the blueprint to Congress and just days after current appropriations are set to expire.

While the proposals put forth in a president's budget are often altered or ignored entirely, the fiscal 2019 blueprint is of interest to federal agencies because it is set to incorporate agencies' reorganization proposals, which will include their plans to slash employees as directed by a Trump executive order and subsequent Office of Management and Budget guidance last year.

STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS: During his first State of the Union Address, the President called on Congress to "empower every cabinet secretary with the authority to reward good workers and to remove federal employees who undermine the public trust or fail the American people." Trump called on Congress to expand the VA Accountability Act to all of government during his address. The law lowers the burden of proof to fire employees, allowing a dismissal even if most evidence is in a worker's favor. It also gave the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs the direct authority to hire and appoint new medical center directors at VA hospitals.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER: NARFE members are encouraged to use the NARFE Legislative Action Center to quickly and easily send letters to members of Congress on a variety of NARFE issues, sign up for action alerts and track NARFE-related bills and votes. Please visit (www.narfe.org).

Alzheimer's Research, Linda Kossow-Pagani

The Spaghetti Dinner Dance was a fun evening. Thank you Dory for the Memory Spinners good music. Thank you Sons and Daughters of Italy #2662 for the good food and service. Thank you NARFE members who brought scrumptious desserts and sold tickets. We appreciate having the Grand Strand Senior Center for this very important event. The cost of the donated food from Sons of Italy was \$350.00. 105 dinners were served and dancing continued all through the evening. Horry County Quilt Guild donated a beautiful quilt for a raffle and we did a 50/50. The two raffles were actually won by the same person Patti Baldari. Many people who were unable to attend made donations all of which gave us a total of \$1,700.00. As part of the "Brain Power" series on the Today Show, special anchor Maria Shriver talked to Bill Gates about his mission to solve the medical mystery of the chronic neurodegenerative disease, which causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. Bill Gates revealed that his 92 year old father suffers with the disease. The cause of the disease is still unknown and effective treatments are still unavailable. But Bill Gates is optimistic. He, therefore, is donating \$50-million to go to the Dementia Discovery Fund and \$50-million to fund a national patient registry in the hope of solving the mystery of and developing a cure for Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement announced that on Jan. 22, 2018 RAISE (Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, Engage) Family Caregivers Act was signed into law by President Trump. This directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a national effort to provide education, training, long-term services and supports financial stability and security for caregivers. This has been a long time coming. The Alzheimer's raffle at the NARFE SC Federation Conference will be started at our next meeting. Be sure and plan to buy some tickets.

Chapter 1015 Luncheon Information

Dates: Thursdays, February 15 and March 15, -Time: 11:30 AM, place, Damon's Restaurant, 29875 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle, Beach SC (near Springmaid Resort). Menu: You may order individually from the regular Lunch Menu and each pay your own check. Call for reservations: Marci Vogel 843-215-4149. We need to know how many to expect. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Need a ride? Call one of the officers.

Upcoming Events-Save These Dates

February 15, 2018-General Meeting Chapter 1015-11:30AM-Damon's Restaurant
Our Guest Speaker is Pat Shama from the Horry County League of Women's Voters.
Pat will be discussing Voter Registration and redistricting for Horry County.
Also, Pat reminds us to get ready for the SC 2018 Elections. This coming year voters will have the opportunity to vote in the SC Governors Election, U.S Congressional Elections, State and District Elections. A lot of opportunities for you to voice your opinion on a number of important issues coming up in South Carolina. Get out and vote in these important elections. March 26-28, 2018-54th Annual SC NARFE Federation Conference at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, 10000 Beach Club Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Schedule Changes for Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board will meet at the Surfside Library, 410 Surfside Drive, Surfside Beach, SC on the following date: Thursday- February 22, 9:45 AM. Meeting will be conducted in the Conference Room. All officers and committee chairs are expected to attend. All members are welcomed. We are looking at other locations for the Executive Board Meetings. We will keep you posted on the changes.

 **Happy Valentine's Day Be Heart Healthy**

Newsletter Editor - Billie Nichols

Newsletter Changes

The January 2018 Newsletter is already available on our web site (www.1015.scnarfe.org). The February 2018 newsletter will be available approximately February 10. We are encouraging members with Internet access to log on to our web site at www.1015.scnarfe.org and read our monthly newsletter. Members without internet access will receive the newsletter by USPS or a copy will be available at our monthly Chapter Meeting, February 22. However, internet access is strongly recommended due to the high cost of printing and mailing future editions. If you previously received the newsletter by USPS and now have an email address, please provide your new email address to the Chapter Sunshine/Membership Committee Chair - Lynn Vos-843-748-0173 or Billie L Nichols-843-839-0598. We greatly appreciate your help on this matter and want to be sure all members have access to the new procedures for the new Chapter Newsletter.

ELECTED CHAPTER

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REGISTRATION FORM

54TH ANNUAL SC NARFE FEDERATION CONFERENCE — MARCH 26-28, 2018

SIGN-IN: MARCH 26 (NOON TO 3:45 PM & 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM) & MARCH 27 (7:30 AM TO 8:30 AM)

OPENING CEREMONY: MARCH 26 AT 4:00 PM

Make hotel room reservations for SC NARFE Conference direct with:

Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort — 10000 Beach Club Drive — Myrtle Beach, SC 29572-5304

Toll Free Reservations: 800-876-0010

On Line Reservations: When making an on line reservation, indicate this is with the **Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort** and use **group code NAR** for the special conference rate. Ignore any mention of a resort charge because it is waived for our group.

[Click here](#) to book your room on line. **Cut Off Date for Hotel Reservations is February 22, 2018.**

Three additional days before March 26 and after March 28 may be reserved at the conference rate. The special conference rate is \$104.00, plus taxes of 12% for a **total cost of \$116.48** per night.

Late reservations are subject to availability and prevailing rate. Self parking is complimentary. If needed, valet parking is available for \$15.00.

Note: Use a separate conference registration form for each registrant. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Badge Name, if different from First Name _____

Mailing Address: Street or PO Box # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

(ONLY CHECK ONE) National Member ____ Chapter Member ____ Guest ____

If chapter member, enter Chapter No. ____ & Chapter Name/Location _____

Current **Chapter Officer** Position/Positions _____

Current **Federation Officer** Position/Positions _____

Past **Federation President** (show dates of service) _____

SC NARFE Federation Conference registration fee is \$75.00 per person. The fee includes the reception Monday evening (at 6:30 pm) and banquet buffet (with two entrée selections) Tuesday evening (at 6:00 pm). **Please submit payment in full by February 27, 2018.** Late registration fee postmarked after February 27, 2018, is \$85.00.

Registration cancellations between March 1 and March 8, 2018, will be charged a \$15 handling fee and any cancellation between March 9 and March 26 will be charged a \$35 fee. Any cancellation fee will be waived if it is due to hospitalization or other serious problem depending on what meal function guarantees have been made. Payment shall be made by check payable to SC NARFE Federation Conference and mailed with this registration to: SC NARFE Federation Conference, ATTN: Joe Arsenaull, 4296 Livorn Loop, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Special dietary needs (check box): Vegetarian Gluten-free Dairy-free Kosher or other (please specify below)

Do not write in this area; it is for Treasurer use only:

Item No _____ Received _____ Check No _____ \$ Amount _____ Registrations _____ Deposit Date _____