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**Message from the President of Chapter  
1015**

**Marci Vogel**

Greetings everyone and welcome to another year of Chapter 1015 meetings and gatherings. I would especially like to welcome all members who have transferred from Pawleys Island, Chapter 1958, to our chapter. Once again, welcome and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the chapter. We will be happy to assist you in anyway. I hope you all will be attending our monthly meetings. Times and dates will be published in our newsletter.

The members of the Executive Board are working hard to have great speakers that will be of interest to all. If you have a suggestion

for a guest speaker, please let us know.

Just a reminder to all, the chapter picnic will be **Thursday, October 25, 2018, 11:30 AM** at Myrtle Beach State Park. Hope everyone will be able to attend. If you have forgotten your dish to share, please call Linda Pagani (843-424-2632) to let you know what dish you had previously signed up to bring and to make reservations if you plan to attend. Hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation and hope to see you in September.

**Message from Vice-President  
of Chapter 1015**

**Blake Crawford**

**OLLI Fall Catalog Available: CCU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has published its fall catalog of courses, activities, excursions, and trips. See the catalog at [www.coastal.edu/olli/current courses](http://www.coastal.edu/olli/current%20courses).**

**Luncheon Speakers**

**September 20: Volunteer Opportunities**

**Samih Baalbaki, on Freedom Readers. One-on-one tutoring and free books for children from low-income environments.**

**John Eroszonak, on Neighbor to Neighbor. Give a ride. Need a ride? Volunteers provide rides for people over 60 and those who are chronically ill or physically disabled between the ages of 21 and 60.**

**October 18: FEHB Health Plan Changes for 2019 Blue Cross/Blue Shield.**

**November 15: FEHB Plan Changes for 2019 Aetna Direct.**

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

### **CATHY LINTA-LEADER**

**The three executive orders issued by the President that were mentioned in the June newsletter, official time limits, yearly union contract negotiations, and aggressive firing, were rejected by a federal district judge who wrote the President lacks the authority to override federal law. The big question is whether the administration will obey the court order.**

**Unlike the House, the Senate included a 1.9% pay increase for civilian federal employees in its appropriations bill. The two will confer and hopefully, agree to a pay increase. As a reminder, the President wants to freeze all pay.**

**Oppose H.R. 6076, H.R. 756, and S. 2629, all dealing with Postal Service reform. Don't allow Congress to force USPS retirees to sign up for Medicare Part B or else lose their participation in the FEHBP. Don't allow them to privatize the Postal Service and ignore the more important issue of prefunding retiree health care costs.**

**The Trump administration released a reform plan that would shift Office of Personnel Management (OPM) functions to other agencies. Human resources policy functions would fall under the Executive Office of the President. Retirement and healthcare benefits programs would be shifted to the General Services Administration who, under the reorganization, would become the Government Services Agency.**

**Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2018 was introduced and would provide 12 weeks of paid leave to federal employees for the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child.**

**Oppose the administration's proposed cuts to pay and benefits. COLAs could be eliminated or reduced, retirement contributions increased, the pension formula changed, the rate of return on the Thrift Savings Plan G fund reduced, and a pay freeze implemented. Voice your support/opposition by contacting Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, and Congressman Tom Rice. Remember, Tom Rice is up for re-election in November. Check [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) for pre-drafted letters.**

## **SUNSHINE AND MEMBERSHIP/COMMITTEE**

**Lynn Vos**

**Happy Birthday for July, Marybeth Hawn, Becky Hyman, Cathy Linta-Leader, Don Pagani, Arthur Pollari, Roberta Rhone, Happy Birthday for August, Betty Alexakos, Grace Contino, Mary Ann West, Happy Birthday for September, Charlotte Downey,**

**Sam Quade, Alice Rabin**





**Picnic in the Park has been rescheduled for**

**Thursday, October 25, 2018-11:30 AM**

**Place: Myrtle Beach State Park**

**Shelter A**

**Cost: \$6.00 per person which will be collected at the picnic.**

**Our Chef, Don Pagani, will prepare sausages, hotdogs, and hamburgers. The chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs & rolls, sausages, condiments, cups, plates & utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. When you make the reservation, let us know what dish you plan to bring. The shelter is covered and has picnic tables & benches. If you want to sit outside, bring your chair. To share cars and save \$5 park fee to get into the park, meet at 11:15AM in the parking lot in front of where the Flea Market used to be. Please make your reservations by Monday, October 22, 2018. You may call Linda at 843-424-2632.**

**We will play bingo for prizes, and have an extra raffle for special prizes. Please be reminded there is a fee to enter the park. Those who have a yearly pass can enter free with a car full of people.**



**Alzheimer's Research Officer**

**Linda Kossow-Pagani**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be Saturday, October 27, 2018. NARFE Chapter 1015 has a team again this year.**

**More information to follow.**

**Pawleys Island, Chapter 1958**

**Welcome to our neighboring Pawleys Island NARFE Chapter 1958. We are happy to have you visit our monthly meetings and hope you will attend our annual NARFE 1015 Picnic in the Park on Thursday, October 25, 11:30 AM at Myrtle Beach State Park.**

**The cost is only \$6.00 per person. You are most welcome and if we can be of assistance to your chapter, please don't hesitate to ask.**



### **Schedule for General Meeting**

**The General Meeting for September will be Thursday, September 20, 11:30 AM at Damon's Restaurant located at 2985 Ocean Blvd (Near Springmaid Resort). Call Marci Vogel for reservations at 843-215-4149. We need to know how many to expect. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, September 19. Number in attendance at our June 2018 General Meeting at Damon's was 35.**



### **Schedule for Executive Committee Meeting**

**The Executive Committee will meet Thursday, September 27, 9:30 AM at the Surfside Library located at 410 Surfside Drive, Surfside Beach, SC. Meeting will be conducted in the small conference room. All officers and committee chairs are expected to attend. All members are welcome.**

### **Messages from the Newsletter Editor**

**Billie Nichols**

**Congratulations to Kathy Hensley for winning the 2018 NARFE National Secretary/Treasurer position.**

**On another important note, please take this opportunity to exercise one of the most important responsibilities of your NARFE membership and vote in the 2018 NARFE elections. Because the presidential election in June did not yield a majority for any candidate, NARFE is conducting a runoff election. NARFE is offering members the opportunity to cast a vote online **or** in print (using a print ballot included with the September issue of the NARFE Magazine). Please choose the voting format that is most convenient for you. Voting is now open for the NARFE 2018 election until 11:59 P.M. ET on September 30, 2018. **Your attention is invited to Pages 6 thru 11 in your September 2018 NARFE Magazine for guidance on the 2018 NARFE elections.****

### **Upcoming Events-Add to your Planning Calendar**

**November-Thanksgiving**

**December-Christmas Party**

**New Medicare Cards are currently being mailed to eligible Medicare members in South Carolina. Keep an eye on your mailbox – your new Medicare card is on its way!**

**Mailing cards takes at least a month, so you might get your new Medicare card at a different time than friends or neighbors in your area. You can still use your old Medicare Card until your new card arrives.**