



**Events to Look Forward To**

**\*Chapter 1015 Picnic\***

**December 10, 2020**

**\*Subject to Change\***

**Rescheduled Events and**

**anceled events**

**Alexandria, Va. – In response to Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announcing that nonessential businesses in northern Virginia can reopen on Friday, June 12, as part of the state’s phase two response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with directives issued by local government and health authorities, NARFE National Headquarters will implement a phased reopening beginning Monday, June 22.**

**Message from the Vice-President  
Marci Vogel**

**I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer! Please remember to keep your distance, wash your hands, and cough in your elbow sleeve. Please all STAY SAFE. See you in September hopefully.**

**“As it has been since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety and well-being of NARFE employees and the broader federal community continues to be the association’s top priority,” said NARFE National President Ken Thomas. “Now that it is safer to resume business operations in a more traditional setting, we are instituting a maximum flexibility approach that includes the opportunity for telework and allows for flexible work schedules to accommodate the various and unique personal, medical and caregiving needs and situations that our employees face.”**

**NARFE’s return to work plan specifies that, effective June 22, employees will be able to return to the office on staggered schedules, currently furloughed employees will be recalled, and the entire staff will not be on premises at full capacity until September.**

**NARFE’s premier training event, FEDcon has been canceled.**

**Previously scheduled to take place Aug 30 through September 1, 2020, has now been scheduled as FEDcon22 at the Westin Kierland Resort August 19-24, 2022 in Scottsdale, AZ.**

**FEDcon 24 will be held in St. Louis, MO. in August of 2024.**

**NARFE Legislative Training Conference and Centennial Celebration Gala both are being held in Washington, DC, in June of 2021.**

## **Sunshine/Membership**

**Lynn Vos**

### **Happy Birthdays for June**

**Ken Trinkley, Tina Calo, Hope Chamblain,  
Dorrie McCawley and  
Donna Zupan.**

### **Happy Birthdays for July**

**Marybeth Hawn, Cathy Linta-Leader, Becky  
Hyman, Donald Pagani, Art Pollari, Janine  
Bemis, and Morris Zupan.**

### **Happy Birthdays for August**

**Betty Alexakos, Grace Contino, and  
Maryann West**

**Sunshine Grins-of-the-Month - "Too soon  
old, too late smart." (Benjamin Franklin);**

**"Start each day with a smile and get it  
over with" (W.C. Fields)**

### **Books-of-The-Month**

**Recommendations: Both of these books  
will knock your socks off, especially since  
they both provided warnings and  
expectations of our COVID situation,  
although one was written 21 years ago and  
the other was written two years ago. Many  
fascinating historical facts...**

**Flu, by Gina Kolata – 1999**

**Pandemic 1918, by Catherine Arnold - 2018**

## **Newsletter Editor**

**Billie Nichols**

### **Chapter Meetings**

**General Meeting—No meeting for June, July  
and August 2020.**

**Executive Board Meeting- No meeting for  
June, July and August 2020.**

**The Chapter 1015 Newsletter will not be  
published for July and August 2020.**

## **Legislative Officer/Service Officer**

### **Sherry Gainer**

**I hope that you and your families are all safe in this chaos and that you were able to cast your vote in the primary.**

**The legislative news is mindboggling too; it shows it is paramount for all voters to be heard this November to allow our country to be once again the respected leader of the free world.**

#### **Latest in Washington:**

**TSP: Chairperson Michael Kennedy of the TSP has tendered his resignation after the White House disagreed with the Board's plan to add emerging market funds, including China companies, to the I fund. Three of the other four directors will be replaced by President Trump as soon as the new nominees are confirmed by the Senate, as well.**

**The CARES Act made several exceptions to normal TSP regulations: no RMD required this year; relaxed rules on TSP withdrawals, loans and repayments; and increased limits for loans.**

**USPS: Louis DeJoy, a Trump supporter and donor has been selected as the next Postmaster General. In a similar scenario to the TSP board, both the Deputy Postmaster General Ronald Stroman and the Vice President of the Board David Williams have resigned, which leaves the top three positions vacant. The board has gone from having members with decades of postal background, to less than 4 years of background. Is this the first step to privatization? And no the Postal Service does not deliver Amazon parcels at a loss, even though some believe that.**

## **Continued: Legislative Officer**

### **Sherry Gainer**

**Equal COLA Act - HR 1254: To make FERS equal to CSRS COLAs. No further action.**

**Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act - HR 4540: To provide relief for those affected by the WEP. No further action.**

**The Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act of 2020 - S 3401: To provide relief for those affected by the WEP. In committee.**

**Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act - HR 6800: Another COVID-19 relief and stimulus bill to provide emergency supplemental funding to state and federal agencies, direct payments to individuals (\$1200), and the expansion of paid sick, family, and medical leave was passed by the House and sent to the Senate, will be heard in committee on June 10.**

**Tom Rice voted Nay.**