



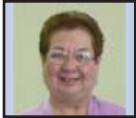
# NEWSLETTER

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## From the President's Desk by Jo Bond

Our March meeting started with a chartered bus trip to Annapolis. We visited the State Legislative Building and had a tour of the building and a short video. We also sat in the Gallery and viewed the state proceedings for voting on numerous bills. It was a very informative trip and after lunch in their cafeteria (weather prevented us from going into Annapolis for lunch) we returned to Health Partners to conclude our meeting.

We drew the lottery winner and the winner of the Wheel-Barrel of Cheer.



See other items on these winners. Thanks to Tom and Barbara McManus for chairing a very successful fundraiser and to all the members who donated items for the wheel barrel and sold about 900 tickets.

At a Legislative Training session the first week in March points were raised that OMB has prevented OPM from applying for a subsidy from the

MEDICARE Employer Subsidy. This subsidy would reduce your hospitalization premiums for large plans like Blue Cross by more than \$150 per year.

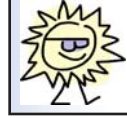
NARFE is asking their members to contact the President, both senators and your Congressperson and tell them that you want him or her to intervene on our behalf with OMB and OPM to reduce your FEHB premium by using the Employer MEDICARE Subsidy and ask for a response. Let them know how this impacts your life, i.e., continuing increases in health care, your fixed income vs increase in costs of essentials like energy and transportation, your shrinking "nest egg". If you get a response, please let me know so I can inform our NARFE SLC Chairman. Phone numbers are listed in this newsletter. If you write a letter or postcard (preferred) send them to their district address not the DC address.

Reminder, at our April meeting we will be accepting nominations for chapter offices. Presently we have two anticipated vacancies – President, Treasurer and 2nd Vice President.

## Sunshine

by Loretta Ralph  
Get well wishes were sent

to Patricia McCauley who has been in the hospital. We hope she is doing better and able to attend our next meeting.



If you know of anyone who is under the weather, please give me a call.

## Program by Jo Bond

The April program will be a book exchange. Please bring your hardback or paperback books to the meeting and pick up any book you wish---no charge. Excess books will be donated to the library and the Clark Center. Now is the time to clean out your bookcases and fill it with newer books.

## Service Officer/VP by Nancy Rudy

Senior Homeowners who have lived in their homes for a number of years may be eligible for the Maryland Homesteaders Act to reduce MD property taxes,

Call: 1-800-944-7403 to request form. When you receive it, you need a copy of your SSA1099 (and your spouse's if still living) which states how much you receive from Social Security. The 1099 must be current.



## Membership by Bill Roman

Welcome to new members Evelyn Jones, John McNulty, and Jean O'Neill. We hope you can attend an upcoming meeting. Our Lottery winner at the March drawing was our President, Jo Bond who donated the prize money to the Alzheimer's fund. Thanks, Jo!

Chapter members can receive the Newsletter in printed form, or if they prefer, electronically. The latter form saves the Chapter a little money through reduced printing and postage costs, and you may receive it in better condition. If you would like to receive it electronically, please contact either me or Editor Jim Lish and we'll get you on the distribution list. But there is one favor to ask – if you change your e-mail address or your internet service provider, please let us know ASAP so you won't miss an issue.



## Notice!

Our next meeting will be at Health Partners in Waldorf on Apr. 16 at 1:00 PM



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## Fundraiser Results

NARFE Chapter 1972's 1st Wheelbarrow of Cheer Fundraiser was a very successful event as over 900 tickets were sold. The winner of the wheelbarrow of cheer was our President Jo Bond. She also sold the ticket so she won the \$100 seller's bonus.

"Wheelbarrow of Cheer"



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