

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**Board Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Don Binder called the meeting to order, 10:42 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Board members present: Don; Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Carl Gallion; Larry Williams.

The Board reviewed/discussed upcoming programs and future ideas. For consideration, Johanna asked if we should coordinate offering flu shots at one of the upcoming meetings. The Board considered this and opted not to pursue.

**PROGRAMS – Upcoming**

- 10/05/11 *Be Prepared for Life's Events: What Your Survivors Should Know*** (confirmed; Lorie Bennett and Nancy Crosby. Nancy said she would take highlights from the F-100 DVD presentation from District IV VP Bill Powers rather than play the DVD; she'll prepare a PowerPoint presentation and bring her computer. She/Lorie would be working on the program when Lorie is back in town.)
- 11/02/11 *White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund*** (confirmed; Bill Darke)
- 12/07/11 *Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings*** (confirmed; Mary Binder)
- 01/04/12 *The Reach – Steve Lee, development associate*** (tentative; Don Binder working to confirm)
- 02/01/12 *Social Security – Andrea Herboldt, public affairs specialist, SSA*** (confirmed; Don Binder)
- 03/07/12 *Open***
- 04/04/12 *Antique Appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer*** (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)
- 05/02/12 *Hanford – past, present and future*** (confirmed – speaker TBD; Mary Binder)
- 06/06/12 *Recap of 2012 Washington State Federation Convention*** (confirmed; convention attendees)
- 09/05/12 *Elections: Candidates Running for Office*** (tentative, depending on whether a candidate vs. a staffer could attend; also, a recap of the 2012 NARFE National Convention; Don Binder)

**PROGRAMS – Future Ideas** (New; brought forward)

- Tri-Cities area gang task force** (*Board discussed revisiting this issue with a focus on the regional task force and/or the Yakima area female police officer who gave a presentation Larry and Johanna attended*)
- Medical Air Services Association – Chuck McNees** (*tentative as Chuck is not available until after March; Don Binder*)
- Emergency Management Representative** (*moved from February 2012; Don Binder will explore as an option for March 2012*)
- WSU Wine Science Center** (*Mary Binder; moved from May 2012; Mary recommended waiting until fall 2012 or winter/spring 2013 to allow for more development at the Center*)
- Fire and safety specialist**
- Neighborhood Watch** (*Dolores Rizzo suggestion*)
- Blue Mountain Wildlife, Pendleton; Alan Cliff, Native American spiritual leader** (*Dolores Rizzo suggestion based on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, article, Tri-Cities Herald*)
- Seeing-eye dogs and/or police dogs and their roles** (*Dolores Rizzo suggestion*)
- American Cancer Society**
- Area senior housing options, including long-term care and VA benefits** (*Nancy Crosby; another possibility for March 2012*)
- Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region** (*Mary Binder*)
- Umatilla Chemical Depot – closure update** (*Mary Binder; final update in late 2012 or in 2013, depending on closure activities and the schedule*)

## **OFFICERS**

**President** – Don Binder. From Don:

- Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was a great day; very well done. High points were having District VP Steve Anderson and the 2 senior members, Helen Spears and Marie Delsing. Board suggested sending special thank you notes to Helen and Marie; Mary Binder will do this. It was also suggested that an article be sent to the *Tri-City Herald*; Mary said she would consider doing this.
- He received a thank you note from Dale Brighton with the Wenatchee chapter thanking the Chapter 1192 members who attended their chapter's September 14 picnic and for supporting their silent auction. The auction raised \$160 for NARFE Alzheimer's Research.
- Area FEHBP health fairs are Wednesday, October 12. Johanna Caylor/Sig Preston and Nancy Crosby are on track to cover the events for the Chapter. Johanna/Sig will be at the Federal Building and Stevens Center, Richland; Nancy will be at the Social Security office, Kennewick. They have the materials they need.
- The October *NARFE* magazine is out. Don said there were a couple of things in the Q/A section that he did not know. He encouraged all to read the magazine.
- Currently 18 Chapter members/guests are scheduled for the Snake River boat tour, Saturday, October 22. The group will be able to sit together in a reserved section.
- Sandy Smith and Larry Williams will chair the Chapter nomination committee. All current officers have agreed to run again. Slate of officers will be announced at the October meeting; voting at the November meeting; and, installation at the December meeting.
- **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** campaign has a new letter for people to use. Senator Patty Murray is also soliciting feedback to assist her/the Super Committee in their work. The combined Districts I/V workshop is scheduled for April 19, Kennewick Red Lion Hotel. Chapter 1192 is hosting; Carl has been working with the hotel. District VPs Steve Anderson and Teri Sannar will be developing the agenda.
- Regarding the 2014 WSFC convention, Yakima Chapter President Vic Rohret confirmed with Don that his chapter is not interested in hosting that convention. Don also reported that WSFC bylaw changes provide for the WSFC Board to be more actively involved in choosing a convention location, including voting on proposals from chapters. Carl stated this is similar to what was previously done when he was the district's VP. Don also clarified that there is no mandate for alternating the conventions between the east and west sides of the state. He said he should know more about the changes and potential impacts after the next WSFC Board meeting, November 10. However, Board members collectively agreed that if this new process became too much of a hassle, it would not be worth hosting the convention.
- The Chapter had an advertising opportunity in the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau's annual guide. With the cheapest ad at \$525 for a 2" x 2" space, Board members voted no.
- Charbonneau Retirement Community management has extended an offer to Chapter 1192 to attend a complimentary lunch or dinner so members know what Charbonneau has to offer. Mary Binder will get more specific details for the next Board meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Carl Gallion. No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Lorie Bennett. No report.

**Secretary** – Mary Binder. Mary asked for a Board recommendation for its next meeting. Board members agreed to **Friday, November 11, 10:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club.**

- This will be the day after the next WSFC Executive Board meeting, so Don and Mary will be able to update the Chapter Board on that meeting.
- Between now and the next Board meeting, any critical issues can be handled electronically.

**Treasurer** – Nancy Crosby. From Nancy:

- She highlighted the **September** report. While the budget is OK, the Chapter has between \$900 and \$1,000 less in its treasury than a year ago. Nancy said there may need to be some belt tightening.
- She will present a draft 2012 budget at the Chapter's November meeting for a vote at the December meeting.

**District Vice President** – Steve Anderson. No report.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Alzheimer's** – Chairman Bill Darke. From Bill, he and Nancy Crosby met at HAPO to set up the Chapter's Alzheimer's account with the credit union vs. continuing with Bank of America.

Bill received notice from Bank of America that it would begin charging for the Chapter's account; there are no such charges at HAPO.

**Caller Coordinator** – Pam Griffin. No report.

**Hospitality** – Chairman Carl Gallion. From Carl:

- He will be starting 2012 contract negotiations with the Kennewick Red Lion.
- Mary will set up a meeting with the Chapter's Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau point of contact, herself and Carl Gallion regarding exploring other meeting locations as a comparison to the Red Lion. The Bureau can prepare a solicitation packet for us.

**Legislative** – Co-chairs Don and Mary Binder. From Don and Mary:

- Washington State Congressional redistricting proposals are out for review and comment.
- Rep. Doc Hasting is hosting a town hall meeting this evening, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Columbia Basin College, Gjerde Center, 2600 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Pasco.
- Also, Larry Williams shared information he read today in *USA Today*, again attacking federal workers' benefits and pensions. He gave a copy of the article to Don.

**Membership** – Chairman Johanna Caylor. From Johanna:

- Should Chapter dues be waived and/or members given the option to have their dues waived when members turn 85 and have at least 20 years membership? The Board briefly discussed this option. Johanna will further check NARFE's guidelines on this and provide information at the next Board meeting, including for a vote. Mary will add as an agenda item.
- The Chapter received a \$50 check from member Ray White to be used for whatever the Board deems appropriate. Mr. White has sent such checks in the past. He is in his 90s, lives in Pasco, and cannot come to meetings. The Board voted to use the donation for the newsletter. Mary Binder will send him a thank you note and acknowledge the receipt of a member donation in the next Chapter newsletter without mentioning a name.

**NARFE-PAC** – Chairman Carl Gallion. From Carl – been quiet; no donations since spring.

**Newsletter** – Chairman Johanna Caylor. From Johanna, and Mary:

- Articles due to Mary by **Friday, October 7**, for the next Chapter newsletter.
- Mary, Johanna and Nancy will work to resolve layout issues that arose with the last issue. Mary said she would check layout details with Terri at B&B Express Printing to ensure they met USPS requirements.
- Same hidden numbers will be used for the next newsletter as they did not appear in the printed copies of the September/October issue.

**[Note: Remaining 2011 Chapter newsletter article deadline: December 9.]**

**Parliamentarian** – Mable Rutt. No report.

**Public Relations** – Chairman Mary Binder. From Mary:

- She said she missed the *Tri-City Herald* deadline for the monthly meeting announcement; sent it in late, but does not know whether it will be used.
- She did receive confirmation that the announcement would be in *Friday Facts for Feds*, and it is posted on the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention web site.

**Service Office** – Chairman Lorie Bennett. For Lorie:

- Nancy Crosby said Ruby Ulseth has been working to organize and put historical items in notebooks. Mary agreed to send her a thank you card and provide an acknowledgement in the next Chapter newsletter.
- When Lorie is back in town, need to check on the status of the template she was developing for tracking calls to new/dropped members.

**Sunshine Committee** – Marcia Lingle. For Marci, Nancy Crosby reported:

- Carolyn Reeploeg has agreed to be a backup for Marci.
- She has talked with Marci; it is OK to recruit for an additional volunteer for Sunshine.

**Web site** – Larry Williams. From Larry:

- He and Lorie have met. He installed software on Lorie's computer to enable her to access the Chapter web site and function as a backup for Larry.
- Site traffic continues to go up; Larry provided some examples.
- Larry will send calendar templates to Mary for her review.
- Larry will follow up with Kline Communications regarding a message Nancy received regarding a \$60 vs. \$12 annual web site housing bill.
- Larry will review the e-mail Pam sent out; Nancy will forward it to him. Some individuals are having trouble opening Pam's e-mails.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** – Friday, November 11, 10:30 a.m., Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick.  
Attendees can order lunch from the menu. **Board members: please RSVP to Mary Binder on whether or not you will attend.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 12:40 p.m.

**Prepared by:**  
*Mary Alice Binder*  
*Secretary*