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# TRI-CITIES CHAPTER 1192 NARFE NEWS

**National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association**  
"Advocates for Current and Former Federal Employees"

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, except July/August  
11:30 a.m., Columbia Center Red Lion, Kennewick  
Lunch: \$15; reservations REQUIRED

**(Vegetarian plates available, if ordered ahead)**

Lunch not required to attend the meeting.  
Need a ride? Contact President Lorie Bennett.  
Note: Executive Board meeting days/times vary.

**September 6** – Julie Wiley, Arts Center Task Force fund-raising chair, to provide a presentation on the proposed Vista Arts Center at Vista Field.



**Menu:** grilled beef, broccoli w/teriyaki sauce, rice

**October 4** – Learn more about NARFE, how it operates, its programs and services. Board members will conduct information and Q&A sessions.

**Menu:** bacon-wrapped meatloaf w/mashed potatoes, vegetables



## JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT\*

Balance forward, May 31	\$10,476.33
June income	\$ 775.90
June expenditures	\$ 719.08
Dedicated funds thru June 30	\$ 1,528.00
Balance on hand, June 30	\$ 9,005.15

(\*Full reports are posted monthly on the Chapter website.)

## July – August, Volume 2017, Issue 4

### **Chapter President – Lorie Bennett**

Well, while the summer solstice has come and gone, we are still enjoying long summer days and warm weather. Warm? OK, hot!



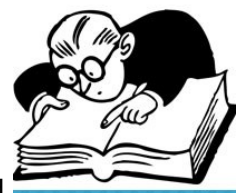
It goes without saying that the past 12 months have been politically "hot" too. As the new administration's transition continues, it is also important that WE all continue to stay up to date regarding proposed changes to our **earned benefits**.

How best to do this? The monthly *narfe* magazine remains a great source for updated information. Further, the NARFE website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org), continues to be an evolving source of additional great information. While you are in the website, browse around. There is plenty to look at, including letters ready to send to our elected officials. For example, currently there are letters asking our congressional representatives to protect our earned benefits. Please consider sending one to our U.S. senators, Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, and our representative, Dan Newhouse. **7836**



Next, looking back at our chapter's past 12 months, they, too, have been eventful. We've welcomed a number of new members, had very interesting meeting programs, and have been successful in raising money for NARFE's Alzheimer's Research Fund and in donations to NARFE-PAC. So, a thank you to all who have participated and supported our Tri-Cities Chapter 1192, with a special THANK YOU to our chapter's board of directors for their additional commitment to helping making our chapter successful. Continued attendance at our meetings has helped and will continue to help keep our chapter a strong and visible entity. Again, thank you!

Now, looking ahead to the next 12 months, the board will continue to focus on interesting programs for our chapter meetings. We will also be revising the chapter's bylaws so they conform to both those for NARFE and



our federation. Our chapter bylaws are posted on our chapter website, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org). Please take time to review them and let me know if you have questions, concerns and/or suggestions. Remember, silence is considered acceptance.

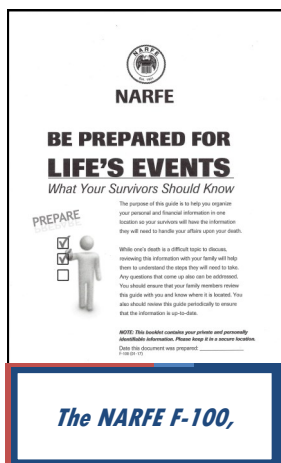


SILENCE

Meanwhile, I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer. We will see you **Wednesday, September 6**, to start another successful year as Chapter 1192.

### 1st Vice President – Pat Turner

I believe the NARFE Region IX Training Conference at the Three Rivers Convention Center, June 9-10, was a huge success. Each time I attend a NARFE conference, I learn so much. Of particular interest to me was the F-100, *Be Prepared for Life's Events*, presentation, especially preparing documentation for family members after I am deceased. I am getting started on it!



The live “televised” legislative presentation was also informative. There is so much being done at NARFE headquarters to sustain our earned benefits. As President Lorie wrote in her article, this is an important time for all of us to stay informed about proposed changes to our **earned benefits**.

Finally, the venue and conference preparations by Nancy Crosby were superb!

### 2nd VP/Webmaster – Larry Williams

There is a new “scam” with “aggressive marketing targeting federal annuitants,” according to a June 16, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) alert. Marketing includes “offering a cash payment in exchange for a portion, or all, of future annuity payments.



The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has 3 recommendations for protecting annuities. First, avoid loans with high fees and interest. Next, don't sign over control of your benefits. And third, don't buy life insurance you don't want or need. For more information, go to: <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/blog/consumer-advisory-3-pension-advance-traps-to-avoid/>.

Reports of scams can be made to OPM's Office of Inspector General at the OIG Hotline Number, 877.499.7295. You can also write to: OPM Office of the Inspector General, 1900 E Street NW Room #6400, Washington, D.C. 20415-1100.



So, as I previously wrote: **Exercise caution! Be alert!**

### Treasurer – Nancy Crosby

Recently, NARFE contacted its 10 regional vice presidents requesting they do a compliance review of their chapters to ensure chapter funds were not being commingled with private funds, which is expressly against NARFE bylaws. This issue surfaced when NARFE learned after one chapter's treasurer passed away that funds had been commingled, thus making it difficult for the chapter funds to be allocated properly. Region IX Vice President Rich Wilson further requested that chapters check to ensure Alzheimer's and PAC funds are kept separate from chapter funds, and that annual audits are being done. I am pleased to report that our Tri-Cities Chapter 1192 is in compliance. We have at least 3 authorized officers as signatories on the account, keep Alzheimer's and PAC funds separate, and do an annual audit.



### WSFC President – Nancy Crosby

I concur with 1st Vice President Pat's assessment of the Regional IX Training Conference – it was very successful! Total, 90 members and guests attended, including 57 from our Washington State federation. (Note: 12 members and a guest attended from the Tri-Cities chapter!) A special “thank you” to Mary Binder, John Cavanaugh, Johanna Caylor, Sig Preston, Larry Williams and all other Chapter 1192 members who assisted.

In mid July, I was at a meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., with other federation presidents, the national executive board (regional VPs; the 2 national NARFE officers), the new executive officer and staff. The presidents expressed concern about the new member renewal notices. Some members are inadvertently renewing as national-only vs. as chapter members. (See page 4 for more details.) **5010**

Another important agenda item was a proposed exception to the current bylaws from NARFE's Strategic Planning Commission that would allow the current NARFE president to run for and serve a third consecutive 2-year term vs. being term limited at 2 terms. After much discussion, the NEB voted not to submit the proposal to the general membership for a vote at this time. It may be a resolution for consideration at the 2018 NARFE national conference, August 26-29, in Jacksonville.

## WSFC District V VP – Mary Binder

Well, we are definitely not the largest of our state's 5 districts, but I'm pleased to report that the district's 3 chapters – Tri-Cities Chapter 1192; Walla Walla Chapter 237; and, Yakima Chapter 238 – are some of the most active. For example, all 3 meet monthly, except during the summer and all 3 had representatives at the June Region IX Training Conference.

Having engaged chapter members has and will continue to help sustain our chapters. Looking ahead to the fall, all 3 will need members willing to serve as chapter officers or committee chairman. In the busy world in which we live, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people willing to volunteer to serve. So, consider serving, or at least finding out more about what is involved. Feel free to contact me or another chapter officer to learn more.



## Legislative – Mary Binder

Where to begin with a legislative update? It truly is about impossible to put something together that will still be relevant when the newsletter goes to press. What legislation, if any, will have passed in Congress that could affect benefits for current or retired federal employees? Will Congress still be in recess or have adjourned for an August recess?

So, thank goodness for the monthly *narfe* magazine! It is still NARFE's primary communication tool for keeping members informed and updated.

However, for those who use computers, there is the NARFE website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). Legislative information is posted and can be updated far more quickly than the *narfe* magazine. Further, NARFE also provides other updates via emails members can receive almost daily – everything from information on top news stories pertaining to our earned benefits to “calls for action” when NARFE is asking members to contact our elected officials. Think of the old phrase, “let your fingers do the walking ...” Yes, it is that easy! NARFE's legislative staff does the work for us; we just need to use our fingers to access it.

We are living in challenging times. At times it may seem that partisanship has become the driver in our lives. Recently, Dan Newhouse, our 4th Congressional District representative wrote, “Before we are Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, we are Americans.” And on a personal note after his wife's recent passing, he wrote, “I have no doubt that [Carol] wanted



## Contacting our Federal Legislators

### The Honorable Dan Newhouse, 4th Congressional Dist. U.S. House of Representatives

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<https://www.newhouse.house.gov>

3100 George Washington Way #135, Richland, WA 99354

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### The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate

Phone: 202.224.2621; Fax: 202.224.0514

<http://www.murray.senate.gov/email/index.cfm>

402 East Yakima Ave., Suite 390, Yakima, WA 98901

Phone: 509.453.7462; Fax: 509.453.7731

### The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate

Phone: 202.224.3411; Fax: 202.228.0514

<http://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/index.dfm>

825 Jadwin Ave., Stes 204/204A, Richland, WA 99352

Phone: 509.946.8106; Fax: 509.946.6937

her loved ones and her community to continue working in ways that serve one another and to find joy and purpose together.” **3821**

## NARFE-PAC – Bob Stewart

A little drum roll, please! Second quarter PAC reports are posted on the NARFE website and I can report that our chapter has continued to support NARFE's efforts to defend our earned pay and benefits.



At \$840 the chapter moved from 10th to 7th place in total contributions year to date in our Washington federation. This figure also means the chapter more-than doubled its total contributions during the quarter – from \$368 to \$840. We moved from first to being tied for first in the number of sustainers with the loss of one sustainer – going from 6 to 5. Oops! However, we moved from being tied for first to garnering first place for the total number of contributors – going from 22 to 29! Yah!



That also reflects an increase of 7 contributors during the quarter. So, some great work during 2nd quarter. Let's keep the momentum going and push for even more.

As we look ahead to September and another “meeting year” beginning, a reminder from NARFE about the top 5 reasons to give to NARFE-PAC. Through the PAC, NARFE fights for us by: helping elect members of Congress who support the federal community; building strong relationships with lawmakers, a key component to winning legislative fights; ensuring the federal community is a powerful political force across the country; pooling individual contributions to maximize impact nationwide; and, empowering our strongest supporters to become leaders in our fight.

Yes, now more than ever, NARFE-PAC contributions are vital in combating threats to our earned pay and benefits.





## Return Service Requested

### NARFE

Washington Federation of Chapters  
Tri-Cities Chapter 1192  
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Kennewick, WA 99337-2666

### Membership – Johanna Caylor

**Welcome!** Antoinette Cavanaugh; Ellen Mattlin  
**Welcome Back!** Diane Berthon; Phyllis Brimhall;  
Oneta Denson; Joe Louie

**Transfer to National Only:** Michael McBrearty;  
David Prather

**Alert to Chapter Members!** New NARFE

RENEWAL forms are confusing some members! IF you do not indicate you want to remain a chapter member by paying \$50 (\$40/national dues; \$10/ chapter dues), the national office will move you from Chapter 1192 to the "National Only Chapter 0000." Chapter 1192 does not want to lose you. Please do not drop your chapter over \$10! If you are retired, you can always switch to dues withholding and your \$50 annual dues is reduced to \$44.04, AND you will not receive a dues reminder again. Please contact me if you have questions! Ph: 509.375.0739; email: [caylorx2@aol.com](mailto:caylorx2@aol.com).



### Caller Coordinator – Pam Griffin

Prior to the September chapter meeting, our callers will make their **annual calls to all members to verify information.** Please help them by taking their calls or returning them if they leave messages. This is an important annual endeavor to help ensure we have correct information. If you need, my contact information is: **Ph: 509.492.4304;** **email: [pgriff.fisher1@gmail.com](mailto:pgriff.fisher1@gmail.com).** Thank you!



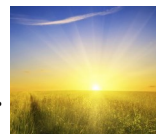
**THANK YOU  
FOR THE CALL!**

### Sunshine News – Mary Binder

**Condolences to Member** Cora Baldwin on the passing of her husband; Malin Babcock (Alaska federation president) on the passing of her husband; John Slaughter on the passing of his wife.

**Thinking of You Wishes** to Tom Brown, Walla Walla chapter president; Pam Griffin, our chapter's caller coordinator.

**Reminder:** Know someone needing a little "sunshine" or a special-occasion card? Call me, or email me: [mary\\_binder@msn.com](mailto:mary_binder@msn.com).



**Service Office** – open! Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Federal Bldg., Room 137, Richland. Phone: 509.373.9536. Visitors welcome!

## REMINDERS!



**Hidden Numbers:** May/June newsletter numbers belonged to: Marcie Lingle; John Patten; Ruby Ulseth. No takers! Find 3 new numbers in this newsletter – **last 4 digits of your NARFE membership number.** Find it, call me, 509.375.0739, email me, [caylorx2@aol.com](mailto:caylorx2@aol.com), or let me know at a meeting, and you, too, can win \$5!



### Alzheimer's Research – Bill Darke

The May and June chapter meeting contributions brought the chapter's Alzheimer's account for the funding year starting May 1 to \$73.50. Thank you for the support!

During these summer months, it is a good time to remember certain things our mothers told us that also have been shown to reduce the likelihood of developing Alzheimer's. These include: eating healthy foods; getting plenty of sleep; and getting plenty of exercise.

Speaking of exercise, NARFE is now a sponsor of the Walks to End Alzheimer's. Walks are scheduled throughout the country this fall. Locally, there is one scheduled **September 9 in Kennewick! Save the date!** The board of directors will be discussing having a chapter team at its August board meeting. Watch for details in the next chapter newsletter, at the September chapter meeting, and on the chapter's website.

