



Happy 40th Birthday, Chapter 1192!

TRI-CITIES CHAPTER 1192

NARFE NEWS

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association
Advocates for Active and Former Federal Employees

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NEW! Chapter E-mail: narfe1192@gmail.com

CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Meetings: 1st Wednesdays, except July/August
11:30 a.m., Kennewick Red Lion, Clearwater "C"
Lunch: \$13; reservations requested
(Vegetarian plates available, if ordered ahead)
Note: Executive Board meeting days/times vary

March 2 – Chapter Meeting: Mike Blatman,
Crime Prevention Specialist, Kennewick PD
Menu: Tilapia Filet w/Lemon Pepper

April 6 – Chapter Meeting: Terry & Kathy Maurer
Antique Appraisers
(Note: Bring a small item for appraisal!)
Menu: Vegetarian Lasagna

NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT*

Balance forward, December 31	\$ 7,753.51
January Income	\$ 631.57
January Expenditures	\$ 369.52
Dedicated funds	\$ 3,763.53
Balance on hand, January 31	\$ 4,252.03

(*Full reports are on the Chapter web site.)

SERVICE CENTER

Open Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Federal Bldg., Richland, Room 137
Phone: 509-373-9536

Service Center Coordinator. Lorie Bennett, 2nd vice president, also has agreed to serve as the Service Center Coordinator. Thank you, Lorie!

Caller Coordinator. Still needed – assistance with calling members regarding the monthly meetings and/or other special callings. If you have even an hour a month to help, please call Pam Griffin, 509-492-4304, or e-mail: pgriff1@earthlink.net.



NEW! OPM Tax Hotline. Retirees can call this number to change the federal tax withholding on their monthly annuity payments: **800-307-8298**.

NEW! NARFE on Facebook. Log onto Facebook, go to "NARFE National Headquarters, then "Like."

Always Good to Know

OPM: 888-767-6738, "Retirement Info Line"

OPM: www.opm.gov/retire/

E-mail questions to: retire@opm.gov

(Note: Includes questions about the "Making Work Pay" annual tax credit changes.)

Resource Guide: Be Prepared for Life's Events
(available at: www.narfe.org)

Washington Federation: www.narfewa.net

NARFE: www.narfe.org

HOSPITALITY

Reminder – "No shows" must pay 2356 for their meal unless they cancel their reservation not later than noon Monday prior to the Chapter meeting. To cancel, call Pam Griffin at: 509-492-4304. For other questions, please contact me, Carl Gallion, Hospitality Chairman, at: 509-967-9161.

Chapter President – Don Binder

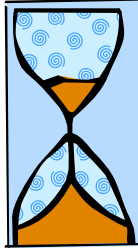
**Reminder! 52nd WSFC Convention,
May 15-17, Spokane. Details at the March
Chapter meeting and at www.narfewa.net**

Do you have even a small amount to give – time, money, ideas ...?

With the seasons changing, I believe we need to also reinvigorate ourselves regarding NARFE and its goals. What can we collectively do to help?

First, **remain vigilant** to help ensure Congress does not disproportionately target federal employees, retirees and/or surviving spouses as it tries to resolve the budget deficit. To help you, join us at our Chapter's monthly meetings. Besides the social time and monthly program, during the business meeting, we will address and discuss issues our NARFE leaders believe are critical to retaining our earned benefits. If you do not believe your benefits are in jeopardy or have questions, call me at **509-585-1393**, **e-mail me at: don_binder@msn.com**.

To ensure we are on top of current and other issues, I'm asking each member to consider devoting even just a small amount of time to helping the Chapter – again, even if it is just a few minutes 4901 every month! Remember – in numbers we have strength; and, numbers help reduce any one member's workload. Example, helping with calling fellow members for meetings or at other times – more people making fewer calls saves time for all callers. What else can you do?



Well, think about even a small contribution to our **Chapter's NARFE Alzheimer's Fund**. Yes, \$20 or more gets you a pin, BUT, your loose change is also welcome! See Chairman Bill Darke's article.

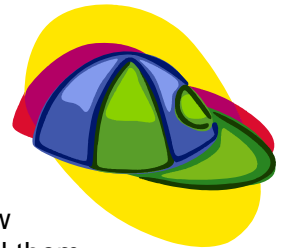
NARFE-PAC is the same. While \$20 or more gets you a pin, PAC Chairman Carl Gallion will gratefully accept any amount you can give. See his article in this newsletter.

Membership – know someone who may be eligible for NARFE membership and you want us to contact? Let Johanna Caylor, membership chairman, or me, know and we'll follow up.

So, as we enjoy being in the beautiful Mid-Columbia Basin, please continue to help your fellow Chapter 1192 members ensure we have a viable chapter focused on helping each other and working toward NARFE goals. Did you know that last year NARFE lost more than 25 chapters due to lack of volunteers to serve? So, YES, even the smallest amount of time, money, ideas ... helps!

1st and 2nd VPs – Carl Gallion/Lorie Bennett

Both Carl and Lorie are wearing multiple hats ... vice president, and chairmen for Hospitality, NARFE-PAC and the Service Center! If you can help them even for just a few minutes a month, please call them. Their phone numbers are on page 1.



Alzheimer's Research Fund – William Darke

To date, the Chapter's donations have come largely from members attending Chapter meetings. To assist other Chapter members who might want to contribute, I have included a donation form below. All the funds will be used for Alzheimer's Research, and the Chapter gets credit for the contribution! Just complete the form and mail it to me with your check. Thank you for your support.



Support Alzheimer's Research Fund

Enclosed is my NARFE Alzheimer's Research contribution of \$_____

Name_____Chapter 1192

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Your charitable contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You will receive a receipt from the Alzheimer's Association for your contribution. Make your check payable to:

NARFE – Alzheimer's Research

Mail to: William Darke
NARFE Chapter 1192 Alzheimer's Chair
210 Somerset Street
Richland, WA 99354

Sunshine News – Marci Lingle

Condolences – the Chapter recently lost members: Eunice Debban; Marjorie Derouin; Russell Gilbertson; Esther Gordon (NARFE Life and Distinguished member); John Krema (Chapter Charter, and NARFE Life and Distinguished member); Robert Rosson; Ruth Zanger; William (Bill) Foley; Marshall Bishop (wife Karla passed). Thoughts are with their families.

Special Thoughts/Wishes To – Pam Griffin and Deacon Al Rizzo.



Please let me know about members affected by a significant event such as an illness, loss, or an extra-special occasion. Contact me at: tclingles@clearwire.net or 509-627-6628.

Legislative – Don and Mary Binder

NARFE is aggressively working an integrated advocacy and communications campaign to offset the serious threats and assaults on federal employee and retiree benefits. The goals are to: support reducing or eliminating some or all of the proposed cuts, strengthen relationships with current members, and build the visibility of NARFE's brand to reach inactive and new members. Starting in February, a 90-day plan includes a four-prong strategy:

- Redefine federal workers and the role they play in America today.
- On-the-ground organizing to engage members and federal workers, amplify voices and produce newsworthy content.
- Pump out news, responses and storylines to reframe the debate.
- Integrate NARFE's current online and direct marketing activities.

Chapter elected officers and committee chairs are developing "next steps" that will work locally. We'll also be getting more information at NARFE's Legislative Training Workshop, March 5-8. So, watch for more details at future Chapter meetings, in future newsletters and on our Chapter web site.

As these issues remain a constantly "moving target," we suggest you check NARFE's web site, www.narfe.org, to get the latest updates. If you do not have access to the Internet, want to discuss legislative issues of interest to you, or have other questions, feel free to contact either of us at: 509-585-1393, or e-mail, don_binder@msn.com or mary_binder@msn.com.

And as always, contacting our elected officials remains an important way to make your voice heard! Contact information follows.

Contacting our Federal Legislators

The Honorable Richard (Doc) Hastings, U.S. House of Representatives

Phone: 202-225-5816; Fax: 202-225-3251

<http://hastings.house.gov/ContactForm.aspx>

2715 Saint Andrews Loop, Suite D

Pasco, WA 99301

Phone: 509-543-9396; Fax: 509-546-1972

The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate

Phone: 202-224-2621; Fax: 202-224-0514

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

402 East Yakima Avenue, 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://cantwell.senate.gov/contact/index.dfm>

825 Jadwin Avenue, Suites 204/204A

Richland, WA 99352

Phone: 509-946-8106; fax: 509-946-6937

District V Vice President – Steve Anderson

Just another reminder about our district's April 28 workshop. It will be a **combined District I and V workshop – all Eastern Washington chapters.** There will be more details at your Chapter's March and April meetings, and 6733 on the web site.

NARFE-PAC – Carl Gallion

With a new Congress now in session, we return to building our PAC fund, which opens doors for our voice to be heard by our national legislators. We have started off well with donations totaling \$275 for Chapter 1192. I will be pleased to accept ALL donations, no matter the amount; and, for those donations of at least \$20, I will have the new PAC pins available at our March Chapter meeting.

"Unclaimed Property"

This is property held by an organization that has not had contact with the owner for an extended time period. Examples: bank accounts; insurance proceeds; stocks, bonds, mutual funds; safe deposit box contents; utility and phone company deposits; uncashed checks.

For more details in Washington State:

<http://ucp.dor.wa.gov>; or, call 800-435-2429

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**NARFE 2011
Scholarship Competition**

See *NARFE* magazine,
March 2011, pages 45-46,
or NARFE's web site
for eligibility and other
details.

*Applications must be
postmarked by April 30!*

Membership – Johanna Caylor

Welcome: Rosalio Guillen; Dana Kranz;
Cindy Norman; Leona Robinson (widow of
Robby Robinson); Andrew Stevens;
Robert G. Torie; and, Luis A. Williamson

Reinstated: Louis Arguello

Dues Withholding: Thomas Serface

Transfer Out: Clark and Barbara Crouch
(Washington 1966, Sno-King Chapter)

Remember: The 2010-2011 WSFC Federation
Membership Campaign with \$10 rebates for:
**1-Dues withholding; 2-Gift memberships; and,
3-Spouse sign up. (NOTE: Only retirees are
eligible for dues withholding. Send no money
when applying; only \$3.67 withheld monthly
from your annuity; NO more renewal notices!)**

Reminder: Please, notify the Chapter and NARFE
if you change your mailing, e-mail, or other contact
information – this applies to “Snowbirds,” too!

**More than 6,000 NARFE magazines are
returned monthly because of address
issues! Please help your Chapter and
NARFE fix this problem! Notify us when
your contact information changes!**

Renewals: New! NARFE is targeting March to
start e-mailing renewal notices to those who have
provided NARFE their e-mail addresses. Watch for
information in the *NARFE* magazine, and I'll
provide updates at our monthly meeting. However,
if you have questions or need help with renewing
your membership, please call me.

Call or e-mail me: 509-375-0739 or 308-6664;
or, caylorx2@aol.com.

Hidden numbers: 3 in this issue – last 4 digits of
a member's number! Contact me if you find yours;
win \$5! January/February newsletter numbers
belonged to: Kathy Miskho; Jessie Blair; and
Tom Ruehle. No calls so no winners,
sorry!



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Ash Wednesday, March 9

Daylight Saving Time begins, March 13

St. Patrick's Day, March 17

Spring begins, March 20

Passover begins, April 18

Easter, April 24

Administrative Professionals Day, April 27

NARFE Districts 1 and V Workshop, April 28

