



TRI-CITIES CHAPTER 1192

NARFE NEWS

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Advocates for Active and Former Federal Employees

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CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Meetings: 1st Wednesdays, except July/August
11:30 a.m., Kennewick Red Lion,

NOTE: May meeting in the Atrium Room

Lunch: \$13; reservations requested

Executive Board meets after Chapter meetings

May 5 – Meeting: Becky Ferguson,

Taste Tri-Cities; learn about area restaurants

Menu: Chicken fried steak w/pepper gravy

May 17-19 – 51st Washington State

Federation of Chapters Convention, Everett

June 2 – Meeting: 51st Washington State

Federation of Chapters Convention highlights

Menu: Stir-fried ginger pork and vegetables

September 8 – Meeting: 31st NARFE

National Convention highlights

Menu: Beef Lasagna

SERVICE CENTER

Open Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.,

Federal Bldg., Richland, Room 137

Phone: 509-373-9536

What happens if ... Where can I find information about ... These are 2 examples of questions the Service Center receives from Chapter members, their family members and others. Your Service Center is a good resource for finding answers. If the Center volunteers do not have the answer, they have resources available to either get the answer for you, help you get the answer and/or give you referral information. Our Chapter is fortunate to have such a service; many do not. So, if you have questions or concerns, consider contacting the Service Center.

Good to Know

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

OPM: www.opm.gov/retire/

WSFC Website: www.narfewa.net

HOSPITALITY

Please remember, the Chapter must pay for the number of reservations given to the hotel, even if someone who made a reservation does not show. If you have to cancel, please call Mary Goldie, 582-8757, or Nancy Schreckhise, 585-7558, as soon as possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance forward	\$ 7969.36
Income	\$ 599.30
Expenditures	\$ 744.10
Dedicated funds* 18-mo. budget	\$ 3906.00
Balance on hand	\$ 3918.56

*Estimate as of March 31, 2010

Chapter President – Nancy Crosby

Yes, spring is finally here with summer just around the corner, and we only have 2 more meetings before we break for the summer.

Meeting Program – Our May 5 meeting guest speaker is Becky Ferguson. She and her business partner started the local publication *Taste Tri-Cities*. Many of you may have seen this quarterly little magazine at various area restaurants, for example. The focus is to feature and help promote local, non-chain restaurants and food operations such as caterers. Come and learn more about what is happening locally in the world of food!

Still Needed!

Program Ideas

Your Chapter Executive Board wants your ideas and suggestions for future meeting programs.

Call or e-mail:

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Mary Binder, 585-1393, mary_binder@msn.com

Washington State Federation of Chapters

Annual Convention – This year's convention is almost here. As we've previously reported, it is scheduled for May 17-19 in Everett. A major part of our May 5 business meeting will be spent discussing the issues that will be brought forward at the convention. The WSFC website has important 4288 information about the convention, including the candidates for office, the proposed bylaws changes, and resolutions that will be presented and voted on at the convention:

- Proposed National Convention resolution – dues change
- Convene WSFC conventions on a biennial basis, alternating years with NARFE's National Convention
- Adoption of new Federation bylaws
- Adoption of revised WSFC Standing Rules

Please take a look at these prior to our May 5 meeting so those of us attending the convention and representing you can get your input at that meeting. The convention website:

<http://www.narfewa.net/conventions.html>

Chapter Distinguished Members – At our Chapter's April meeting, we had the privilege of honoring our Chapter's 15 distinguished members – those at least 85 years of age and with at least 20 years NARFE membership. We were pleased that 2 "DMs" were actually able to attend the meeting – Evie Norman and Lyell Bingham – and

receive their special DM certificate, pin and membership card! Those not able to attend will receive these items either through personal delivery or the mail.

Chapter 1192 Distinguished Members

Estelle Bellefeuille
Lyell Bingham
Esther Gordon
Paul Gottschalk
John Hemperly
Howard House
Willis Kimball
John Krema

Rudolph Manuel
Wesley P. Manuel
Gwen Naught
Evie Norman
Fred Robinson
Roger St. John
Paul Weaver

Note: Distinguished members are those who are at least 85 years of age and with 20 or more years NARFE membership. If you, or someone you know, should be on our DM list, please let us know.

*Contact Johanna Caylor,
509-375-0739 or 509-308-6664*

Thank you!

Special Wishes – Continued special thoughts and best wishes go to Carl Gallion, our 2nd vice president, who continues his road to recovery at the Richland Life Care Center. He is hoping to have his hip "re-surgery" in May and then begin that rehab phase. Also, as we've previously reported, Carl has resigned from his District V vice president position due to his health issues. He will be sorely missed by our district's chapters. Steve Anderson from Wenatchee was elected as the new District V vice president at the spring workshop, April 23rd in Yakima.

Thank You – I want to thank all the officers and chairs who have been so helpful this year. The reason our Chapter 1192 is so successful is because of all their efforts. Please keep checking our Chapter website for the latest NARFE information: <http://www.narfe1192.org/>. We will continue to try to keep you informed of pending legislative actions 0862 that affect the Federal active and retired work force.

Looking Ahead – We will start our monthly meetings again in September. **Note: We have moved the first meeting to September 8, the second Wednesday and not the normal first Wednesday.** Those attending the meeting will get a report on NARFE's National Convention from our Chapter's members planning to attend the convention, August 29 – September 2.

Alzheimer's Research Fund – William Darke

Since 1985, NARFE members have contributed more than \$8M to research the cause, prevention, treatment and cure for Alzheimer's disease. This is something that can give all of us a sense of pride. Further scientific research is the greatest weapon we have in conquering this disease. (Source: *NARFE's Participation in the National Alzheimer's Research Program pamphlet*) Our NARFE chapter has been successful in fundraising again this year – we have now contributed \$1,300. I thank all who have supported with their contributions.

Sunshine News – Carolyn Reeploeg

It has been a busy couple of months for "sunshine." Members attending the Chapter's March meeting signed get-well cards for our Chapter VP, Carl Gallion, who is at the Richland Life Care Center. ***Sympathy and condolences*** sent to the families and friends of NARFE members: Linda Denoff (4/20/2010); Paul Dunnigan (father-in-law); Bobbie Popp (father-in-law); Dorothy Hailey (sister – she was the former Benton City postmistress).

We wished a happy 93rd birthday to Gwen Naught and also let Dee Knuter know we were thinking of her while she is taking care of her seriously ill daughter.

As your sunshine chair, I rely on members to provide me information about other members affected by a significant event such as an illness, loss or extra-special occasion. To contact me: jdmcercer@juno.com or 509-375-1229.

Legislative – Don and Mary Binder

As many of you know, NARFE issues a weekly "legislative update" (formerly known as GEMS) via e-mail. For those who do not have e-mail access or would prefer to hear the actual words, you can call NARFE at a toll-free number, 877-217-8234, and receive the same information.

With the Health Care and Reconciliation votes behind Congress and signed into law by the President, it is to your advantage to keep posted on any potential impact these legislative changes could have on those not otherwise covered by the Federal Employees Health 2852 Benefits Program or who elected Medicare Part D (drug coverage). Look for information in NARFE's legislative updates, call the toll-free number referenced above, come to the Chapter's monthly meetings,

check our Chapter's web site, and/or check our Washington Federation's web site. Here are the sites: NARFE HQ, www.narfe.org; Washington State Federation of Chapters www.narfewa.net; and Chapter 1192 www.narfe1192.org.

Contacting our Federal Legislators

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

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The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate

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NARFE-PAC – Don Binder

Remember, this year elections are going to be held for all U.S. House members and one third of the Senate. As it relates to Chapter 1192, both Congressman "Doc" Hastings and Senator Patti Murray are running for reelection. Senator Murray's office contacted NARFE for a contribution. Based on feedback from District vice presidents and Chapter NARFE-PAC chairs, we have recommended to NARFE that funds be provided to her campaign.

It would be nice to know Washington NARFE members are helping support this request through their contributions. Therefore, I encourage everyone to contribute. Without a sound legislative department and NARFE-PAC funding, NARFE's impact on our legislative initiatives would be significantly reduced. Feel free to send me a check, made out to "NARFE-PAC," and I'll forward it. Also, if it is over \$20, I'll get you a 2009/2010 legislative pin. All amounts are welcome, but the more we can provide the greater good we can impact on Capitol Hill. Questions? Contact me at: 509-585-1393, or don_binder@msn.com.

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Membership – Johanna Caylor

Welcome: Diane Avant; Helen Pinkston

Reinstated: Thomas Davies; Daniel O'Toole;
Joseph Sebastian; Robert Stewart

Dues Withholding: Joanne Shadel

Renewals: Lost your renewal slip and need help?
Call me and I will walk you through the process.

Remember: The 2009-2010 WSFC Federation
Membership Campaign with \$10 rebates for:
1 - Dues withholding; 2-Gift memberships;
3-Spouse sign up.

Reminder: If you change your mailing or e-mail
address, or phone number, please contact me.
This is very important so we can continue to
provide you Chapter information.

Help: NARFE not only needs new members – we
need to **retain** the members we have. Help our
Chapter and NARFE grow and sustain strength!
To those retired members who are delinquent at
this time and those with renewals coming up –
PLEASE consider “dues withholding.” Only \$2.88
is withheld from your monthly annuity and you will
then no longer receive renewal notices!!

Hidden numbers: There are 3 in this issue – last
4 digits of a membership number. Contact me if
you find yours, and win \$5! Hidden numbers in the
March/April issue belonged to: John Hemperly,
Tom Vale and Maynard Plahuta. Sorry, no calls!
Call me: If you have questions, please call me.
My numbers are: 509-375-0739 or 308-6664.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Mother's Day, May 9

Armed Forces Day, May 15

Memorial Day (Observed), May 31

Flag Day, June 14

Father's Day, June 20

Summer Begins, June 21

Independence Day, July 4

