

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**May 1, 2013 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Don Binder called the Chapter's monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He welcomed 17 members/1 guest, called for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES/TREASURER REPORTS/PROGRAM SIGN-UP SHEETS, ETC.**

Don reminded members that chapter minutes and treasurer reports are posted on the chapter's web site and available at meetings. Event signup sheets, the latest chapter newsletter and miscellaneous handouts are also at meetings.

**OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Service Officer/Special Programs Coordinator** Lorie Bennett.

Lorie provided a recap and updates for chapter special events:

- April 24 – Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler Snake River Locks tour was rescheduled for April 29 due to the ship hitting debris in the river; 11 members/guests went and had a good time
- May 26 – bus trip to a Mariners baseball game: SOLD OUT
- June 15 – Dust Devils baseball game (Note: To date, no signups.)
- August 11 – bus trip to a Mariners baseball game. (POC: Pasco/Kennewick Senior Centers)
- September 21 – MCBONES Research Center foundation visit to the Coyote Canyon Mammoth dig (Notes: Being rescheduled from May 11 as that date is full. Members will be allowed to drive to the actual site vs. parking and walking down a steep hill.)
- October 26/27 – CREHST Tombstone Tales night trip to the old Richland cemetery

**Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/PR** Mary Binder.

- For "sunshine," Mary reminded members to let her know about members/families who may need a card – get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.
- The May/June chapter newsletter has been distributed; all members indicated they'd received a copy – either mailed or electronic. Mary said that Nancy scrubbed the mailing list and eliminated 60 names, resulting in a savings of more than \$40. The ongoing effort to e-mail vs. mail the newsletter is helping save money as it costs about a dollar to print and mail copies. Members not wanting to share their e-mail addresses with the chapter can still access the newsletter/other information by going directly to the chapter's web site, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org).
- A reminder – the 2013 Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center, is Thursday, June 6. It is free and open to the public. Don and Mary, and Nancy Crosby, will be staffing the chapter's table. Other volunteers are welcome. Let Mary know if you are interested in helping.

**Treasurer's Report** Nancy Crosby.

- Balance on hand as of March 31, \$4,262.21. April receipts were \$702.10 and disbursements, \$645.30, leaving a balance of \$4,319.01. Projected obligations are \$1,520.70, leaving an unobligated balance of \$2,798.31.
- **Monies collected at the May meeting/since the previous meeting** Luncheon, \$268, including 3 boxed lunches/\$10 each; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$30; NARFE-PAC, \$4; Newsletter, \$65; 50/50 Raffle, \$24 collected/\$12 awarded (donated to Alzheimer's Research).

**District V (Tri-Cities, Walla Walla, Yakima) Vice President** Nancy Crosby. Nancy provided a "double, double reminder" to all about the WSFC-hosted Region IX Leadership Training workshop scheduled for noon Friday, May 31, to noon Saturday, June 1, in Ellensburg. Reservation form is due May 10. [Note: Attending will require one overnight. The chapter has budgeted to cover the \$30 registration cost, which includes a buffet dinner Friday evening. Registration forms are on the federation web site, [www.narfewa.net](http://www.narfewa.net). This event is in lieu of the federation's previous annual conventions, and for NARFE leaders AND all members wanting to learn/know more about NARFE – everything from its mission to how it functions/operates.]

**Alzheimer's** Chairman Bill Darke.

- Reported there was \$96 in the chapter's Alzheimer's account and, since the May 2012 federation convention – the start of the donation year – the chapter had donated \$1285.

- Announced that the Alzheimer's Association and Kadlec Neurological Research Center are co-sponsoring a free, 2-part session on "caring for middle-stage dementia," June 1 and June 28, 1 to 5 p.m., Bethel Church, 600 Shockley Road, Richland. For reservations, call 943-8455. [Note: Information is also at: [www.kadlec.org/knrc/news](http://www.kadlec.org/knrc/news).]
- Nancy Crosby announced that Joe Andreasen found his "hidden number" in the March/April chapter newsletter. He opted to donate his \$5 reward to Alzheimer's Research.

**NARFE-PAC** Chapter Chairman Frank Griffin. Frank reported \$480 had been collected, to date this year, for PAC. He emphasized the importance of having our voices heard. Frank also told members he had the NARFE-PAC caps and pins for their corresponding donations.

**Legislative** Co-chairmen Don and Mary Binder. From Don:

- Summarized a meeting he and Mary had Friday, April 19, with Rep. Doc Hastings. Don said, "All in all, it was a good discussion." This was Don's 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mary's 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Rep. Hastings.
- Recapped/summarized the status of several bills currently being worked in the state legislature. They were highlighted in articles in the April 29 and 30, *Tri-City Herald*.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May Birthdays/Anniversaries** Birthday: Larry Williams; Anniversary: Frank/Pam Griffin

**Drawings** Nancy Crosby, free lunch; Bill Darke, \$12.00, 50/50 raffle (donated to Alzheimer's)

**Next Executive Board Meeting** Thursday, August 22, 10:30 a.m., T-C Country Club, Kennewick

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, June 5, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

**June Meeting Program** Ice Age Floods in the PNW – Bruce Bjornstad will provide information on the when, why and impact of these floods

**Announcements** None

**NEW BUSINESS** No new business

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 12:35 p.m.

**Meeting Program** President Don said the planned program with State Rep. Larry Haler did not materialize due to the legislature's extended schedule. In lieu of this, Don shared a video presentation with NARFE's 4 resident officers that was sent to NARFE leaders April 30. Members heard from NARFE President Joe Beaudoin; Vice President Paul Carew; Secretary Elaine Hughes; and, Treasurer Dick Thissen. Each officer highlighted and summarized initiatives in their respective areas. Discussion followed. [Note: Members wanting to see this video, please contact Don.]

**Prepared by:**

***Mary Alice Binder***

**Secretary**