

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**Board Meeting Minutes, November 28, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Don Binder called the meeting to order at noon, Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. Board members present: Lorie Bennett; Don and Mary Binder; Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Bill Darke; Larry Williams.

**PROGRAMS – Upcoming**

**12/05/12 Holiday Entertainment – Val Wenner** (confirmed; Mary Binder)

**01/09/13 PNNL: mission and examples of programs/projects – John LeFemina, director of institutional strategy** (confirmed; Nancy Crosby)

**02/06/13 State representative or senator to discuss senior issues** (tentative; Don Binder continuing to pursue; Board discussed changing focus from “state” to “senior” issues and check into the Washington State Senior Citizens’ Lobby as a possible source)

**03/06/13 WSU Wine Science Center** (tentative; Mary pursuing)

**04/03/13 Antique Appraisers Terry and Kathy Maurer** (confirmed; Johanna Caylor)

**05/01/13 HAMMER Facility – mission/program overview** (tentative; Lorie Bennett pursuing)

**06/05/13 Recap of WSFC’s first training event, May 31-June 1** (confirmed; event attendees)

**09/04/13 Open**

**10/02/13 FEHBP providers** (tentative; Board recommends inviting all area providers)

**11/06/13 White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund**  
(confirmed; Bill Darke)

**12/04/13 Open**

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

**Pasco International Airport administrator’s presentation** (*Don suggestion*)

**Burlington Northern railroad crossing safety presentation** (*Larry Williams suggestion*)

**Meals on Wheels** (*Nancy suggestion*)

**Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired** (*Nancy suggestion*)

**Tri-Cities area gang task force** (*Board has 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*)

**Emergency Management Representative** (*moved from February 2012; Don will explore as a future option*)

**Fire and safety specialist**

**Neighborhood Watch** (*Dolores Rizzo suggestion*)

**Blue Mountain Wildlife, Pendleton; Alan Cliff, Native American spiritual leader**  
(*Dolores suggestion based on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, article, Tri-Cities Herald*)

**Seeing-eye dogs and/or police dogs and their roles** (*Dolores suggestion*)

**American Cancer Society**

**Recycling opportunities in the Tri-Cities region** (*Mary; Johanna suggested focusing on possible ways for the chapter to recycle/make money as the Bremerton chapter is doing*)

**Umatilla Chemical Depot – closure update** (*Mary Binder; final update in 2013/2014, depending on closure activities and the schedule*)

**CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS\***

**Tri-City American Hockey game** (*planning for late February/early March; Lorie*)

**Tri-City Dust Devils baseball game** (*date will be set when schedule is out; Lorie*)

**Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory** (*Mary Binder suggestion*)

**CREHST Museum tour** (*Mary Binder suggestion*)

**CREHST Museum Tombstone Tales tour** (*Mary Binder suggestion*)

**MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site** (*Lorie suggestion*)

**\*New section. Added track current and future activities.**

## **OFFICERS**

**President** – Don Binder.

- Installation of 2013 officers at December meeting – as Region V DVP, Nancy Crosby will install the officers; then, Don will install her as the Chapter's treasurer.
- Lorie provided an update on her efforts with the Chapter's bylaws. She reported that she'd reviewed both NARFE's newly adopted bylaws and then the Chapter's current bylaws for consistency/compliance, and in terms of how the Chapter is currently functioning/operating vs. what is in the bylaws. The Board discussed several changes. Nancy said the Walla Walla chapter has "trustees" on its board. This option was discussed for Chapter 1192; Nancy will get more details. Lorie will prepare an updated draft for the next Board meeting. Both Chapter meetings and the newsletter will be used to keep members informed/updated.
- November 21 e-mail, NARFE: Question for Current Federal Employees Only – Don discussed with the Board that e-mails such as this from Maggie Carter at *NARFE* magazine are intended only for NARFE members.
- NARFE Advocacy in Action Competition – the current 6-month cycle of the year-long competition ends December 31. The chapter receiving the most points during the 6-month cycle will receive one free registration to the March 2013 Legislative Training Conference. NARFE tracks some information automatically, e.g., calls made from NARFE's toll free line, but reporting other contacts, e.g., letters, local calls, etc., should be through the dedicated e-mail address: [advocacyinaction@narfe.org](mailto:advocacyinaction@narfe.org).
- 2013 Washington Federation training event is scheduled for May 31 and June 1, Quality Inn in Ellensburg. More details will be available after the WSFC Executive Board meeting, November 29.
- The Chapter will have a food drive at its January meeting. Don will remind members at the December Chapter meeting; Mary will put a reminder in the January/February Chapter newsletter; and, callers will let members know when making their January meeting calls.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Lorie Bennett. Pre-retirement seminars. No report. Lorie said she'll work on this after the new year. Also, the Spokane NARFE chapter is scheduling a pre-retirement seminar for March. Johanna reported that DOE here recently had a pre-retirement seminar for its employees and had an "HR" gal from Spokane do that part of the training – the same gal who's provided information for the Spokane NARFE chapter and at our Chapter's seminars when we hosted them.

**Secretary** – Mary Binder.

- Sunshine – since the last Chapter meeting, Mary has sent sympathy cards to families of members Don Segna, Gail McClure and Eleanor Golden, all of whom passed away.
- Chapter roster – Revised/updated copy is being finalized.
- Next Board meeting – January 9, after the Chapter meeting.

**Treasurer** – Nancy Crosby.

- Nancy highlighted the draft Chapter 2013 budget and explained the checks/balance system she uses with worksheets. With the change to a combined "outreach" action plan vs. separate membership and PR plans, Nancy said there are questions regarding some budget line items. She and Don will meet to work through these.
- The budget will be presented at the December Chapter meeting for approval.

**District Vice President** – Nancy Crosby.

- Nancy said she is planning to attend the Yakima and Walla Walla chapter meetings and install their officers.
- NARFE's Online Activity Module – Nancy reported that she is finding it a useful tool. For example, she can better/more accurately track membership reinstatements, those members who've been dropped, etc.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Alzheimer's** – Chairman Bill Darke. The Chapter raised \$1149.00 at the November Chapter meeting – between donations and proceeds from the White Elephant auction. Bill said he sent \$1185 to Alzheimer's, leaving \$66 in the Chapter's Alzheimer's account. Bill also said the Chapter's contributions are on par with those in 2011.

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

**Hospitality** – Chairman Carl Gallion. No report.

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

- Don reported that NARFE's legislative director, Julie Tagen, will be leaving. She's accepted a job as chief of staff for her former boss, Congressman Alan Grayson, who recently was re-elected to Congress. NARFE is recruiting to fill her position.
- Don has a handout with the Medicare premium changes.
- Sequestration, fiscal cliff, etc., remain at the forefront of the news and legislative issues.
- Don and Mary are scheduled to attend the March 9-12, NARFE 2013 Legislative Training Conference. Don said that, to date, no other Chapter members have requested to attend.

**Membership** – Chairman Johanna Caylor.

- Nancy said she'd not sent membership renewal reminders for awhile due to discrepancies in membership report information from NARFE. She and Johanna are working these issues.
- Johanna and Nancy discussed issues with e-mail addresses, e.g., NARFE has e-mail addresses if members provide them; members not notifying NARFE of e-mail address changes; Nancy has some addresses for e-mailing the newsletters that NARFE does not have. Considering privacy issues, there is sensitivity regarding e-mail and other address information, that is, some members may not want NARFE to have their e-mail address.
- Johanna said she should be able to continue her membership activities while snowbirding.

**NARFE-PAC** – Chairman Carl Gallion. No report. Don said that NARFE-PAC will start actively soliciting again for donations after the March Legislative Training Conference.

**Newsletter** – Chairman Mary Binder. Articles are due to Mary by Friday, December 7, for the January/February issue. Nancy said she'll target mailing it around the 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Public Relations** – Chairman Mary Binder.

- Thursday, December 6, 5-7 p.m., is the annual open house for the Tri-Cities Visitor & Convention Bureau, Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-City Development Council. As Convention Bureau members, Chapter members can attend but an RSVP is needed. Don, Mary and Lorie said they would attend. It is a good outreach opportunity. Note: Lorie subsequently had to cancel.]
- Mary highlighted another free opportunity to announce the Chapter's monthly meetings and other information – the monthly, electronic *Senior Review*, which is done by the company that does the annual *Senior Pages*. Information is needed by the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Service Office** – Chairman Lorie Bennett. No report.

**Website** – Larry Williams. Larry provided updated usage statistics for the Chapter's web site, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org), for the past year. This in depth information provides valuable information regarding everything from the number of "hits" the site is receiving to where they are from. Larry said he is seeing the same patterns as in other years, e.g., during the summer months, there are not as many hits.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** – Wednesday, January 9, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, after the Chapter meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** – 3:30 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

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Secretary