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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: 1st Wednesdays, except July/August
11:30 a.m., Columbia Center Red Lion, Kennewick
Lunch not required to attend the meeting.
Lunch: \$20; reservations REQUIRED

(Vegetarian plates available, if ordered ahead)
Avoid a charge! Cancel reservations you can't keep!

Executive Board Meeting Jan 6, Zintel Creek 1:00 p.m.

January 8 – Dr. Kannan Krishnaswami, technology commercialization manager, PNNL

Menu: bacon-wrapped meatloaf, mashed potatoes, chef's choice of seasonal veggies, dessert

NOTE! Meeting change to 2nd Wednesday!

February 5 – Jason Mercier, Director, Center for Government Reform, Washington Policy Center

Menu: Roasted Pork Loin – with mashed potatoes, chef's choice of veggies, desert

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Chapter President – Pat Turner

A prosperous 2020 new year to all the members of NARFE Chapter 1192. There are many challenges facing the federal current and retired employees in maintaining the benefits that we agreed to receive when we signed on with the Federal government. NARFE Advocacy does an excellent job of protecting those benefits. The best place to keep current with any proposed changes is detailed in the *narfe* magazine. Each month when I receive my copy, I start reading immediately and find so much valuable information. Another place to keep current is on the NARFE webinars. A schedule for the webinars is located in the magazine.

I am just starting my term as President of our Chapter. We have some excellent programs scheduled and if you have any suggestions for guest speakers, please let me know. The Board works diligently to find interesting programs that appeal to our diverse membership.

There are many volunteer needs. If you are interested in actively participating in chapter functions or leadership roles, I would really love to hear from you. One reason so many of the NARFE chapters are closing is lack of members to hold leadership roles.

At this point, we do not know what 2020 will bring, but I am predicting a positive 2020 for NARFE Chapter 1192.

Chapter Vice President – Nancy Crosby

Happy New Year!! As we begin another year of chapter meetings and federation events, I encourage you to participate. encourage others to attend our chapter meetings and volunteer as needed. Sadly, we have had to close many chapters due to the lack of attendance and members not taking leadership roles. We don't want that to happen to our chapter.

Chapter Treasurer - Liz Bowers

Our chapter funds as of December 2019 are \$16,475.76. \$1,629.67 in checking and \$14,846.09 in savings.

Chapter Secretary – Mary Binder

Due to medical issues Mary will be unable to attend chapter meetings for a couple of months. She is on the mend and looking forward to joining us soon. We will do our best to prepare minutes to keep you informed of chapter business. Thanks to Faye for filling in as needed.

Alzheimer’s Research – Larry Williams

NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund had another good month of fundraising. On top of the Chapter’s October Walk to End Alzheimer’s amount of \$450 that was reported in the last newsletter, the Chapter held two more events in November. The first was the annual White Elephant fundraiser at the November chapter meeting. That was very successful again this year raising \$2575 in donations and ticket sales. The second event was the annual Tri-Cities Wine Festival where our chapter members staffed the coat check room which raised \$410 in donations. That brings the total to \$3435. A very successful two months!



WSF President – Nancy Crosby

At our December 12 board meeting the 2020 federation budget was discussed and approved. We will not be assessing a \$1.20 per chapter members per capita tax for 2020. We encourage chapters to use their chapter funds to assist members to attend conferences.

“A motion was made and approved to suspend the annual \$1.20 per chapter member per capita tax for year 2020. The per capita assessment will be reviewed annually based on dues funds distribution to the federation.”

We were very sad to learn that Mike Ferri, Federation Financial Chairman for many years, passed away. He will be missed.

The Federation Biennial Conference is scheduled for May 19-21, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Seattle North, Lynnwood. The WSF Executive Board has approved a \$50 “scholarship” for each federation member who attends the conference to help offset individual costs. This will be reflected the registration form. Watch for registration information and other details in February on the WSF website, www.narfewa.org.

Prior to the WSF conference, there will be an election of officers for 2020-2022. Candidates for all 4 elected positions are needed – president, vice president, secretary and treasurer! The WSF Nominating Information and forms are on the WSF website along with an announcement in a future *narfe* magazine.

A reminder about NARFE’s biennial national conference, **FEDcon20**, Westin Kierland, Scottsdale, Ariz., August 30 – September 1. The room rate is \$115/plus tax; other details will be on the NARFE website, www.narfe.org, in early 2020

Legislative/Public Relations – Mary Binder

Due to medical issues there will be no report. However, we encourage you all to read the NARFE Bill Tracker in the *narfe* magazine for the information on congressional bills and referendums.

NARFE has issued an “Action Alert!” for the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act. This act “would reform the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) by changing the Social Security benefit calculation for WEP-affected beneficiaries. The WEP harms nearly 2 million local, state and federal retirees by reducing their earned Social Security benefits.” Go to NARFE’s Legislative Action Center on the NARFE website, www.narfe.org, “to send your members of Congress a personalized message urging them to support the bill 7363 and provide relief for those affected by the WEP.”
Reminder...squeaky wheels are heard!



NARFE-PAC – Bob Stewart

Due to illness there will not be a Chapter PAC report. However, the Regional Vice President Rich Wilson reported that 3693 the Washington Federation contributed \$13,022 for an average contribution of \$62.08 for the 3rd Quarter of the 2019-2020 election cycle.

Contacting our Federal Legislators

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Webmaster – Larry Williams

Check the chapter website for meeting programs, menus, minutes and more: www.narfe1192.org.

CALLER COORDINATOR REMINDERS!

Chapter “callers” are experiencing numerous wrong numbers when trying to call local members about monthly meetings. If you haven’t been receiving your calls, or if you want to be added to the notification list, please call me!

Reminder – to guarantee a lunch, reservations MUST be made by the Sunday evening prior to the meeting. So, if your caller leaves a message, PLEASE return the call, or call me. **Contact: Darleen Wall**

Ph: 509.586.8232; Email: jdwall2@frontier.com

Thanks to our callers: Lori Bennett, Ruby Ulseth, Nancy Glaesemann, Darleen Wall, Janice Lake and Nancy Crosby.

The Caller Coordinator relies on the Chapter Callers in performing the above duties. There are 6 Callers, each responsible for calling a portion of the local membership based on the alphabetical listing of members’ last names. A week before the meeting, the Coordinator prepares a Notification Letter which is sent via email to each caller. The letter provides information about the meeting date, the scheduled program, and menu items to assist the caller when they are making their calls to the members. The week prior to the meeting, the callers complete their calls to those members who have designated they would like to be called. Members who would like to attend and/or eat lunch, notify the caller of their intent. After completing their calls, the caller emails the coordinator with the names of attendees and luncheon status. After all the callers have responded, the coordinator collects the names and luncheon status and reports it to the board by Sunday afternoon before the meeting. By 10 AM on the Monday before the meeting, the coordinator emails the Red Lion and provides the caterer with the status as to the number of attendees, the number of lunches, and whether any additional equipment will be needed for the meeting. A copy of the email is also provided to the Chapter Board. On an annual basis, in August before the September meeting, the callers contact **all** the members on their listing to confirm that they still want to be called monthly and to verify any other revised calling preferences. These results are provided to the coordinator to update the caller listing for the upcoming year. Also, periodically during the year, the Coordinator is notified about changes in membership status (transfers in and out of Chapter, deaths, non-payment of dues, etc.) and updates the listings and provides the revised listing to the respective caller.

Membership Chairman – Johanna Caylor

You may have noticed an page in this newsletter containing a list of names. This is a list of our local Chapter 1192 members who have obtained “**Distinguished Member**” status, meaning you have maintained your membership continuously for 20+ years. THANK YOU ALL!! If your name appears on this list and you would like to be recognized, please contact me and I will request your items of recognition from the National Office.

MOVING??? **SNOWBIRDS?** Even if it’s from one apartment to another in the same building or complex, please contact Johanna Caylor at 509-308-6664 (TEXT OR CALL) to update your mailing address!!! The Post Office charges a fee for returned newsletters. THANK YOU!!

HIDDEN NUMBERS: November/December newsletter: Mary Cantrell; Verneice Skinner; John Trevino. No calls; no winners. Find 2 new numbers – the last 4 digits, your NARFE membership number. Call me, 509-308-6664, email me, annahojx2@gmail.com, or let me know at a meeting, and you, too, can win \$5.00.

DUES WITHHOLDING: I will be contacting some annual paying members

Sunshine News – Faye Vlieger

Get Well cards for Mary Binder were collected and sent to her in Redmond, she received them as was so appreciative for all of your good wishes. Sympathy cards sent for Margaret Walker and Linda Romine

Know someone needing a little “sunshine” or a special-occasion card? Call me or email me:

einvlieger@aol.com.



Return Service Requested

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Chapter 1192 member who have obtained “Distinguished Member” status, meaning they have maintained a continuous membership for over 20+ years. If your name appears on this list and you would like to be recognized as a “Distinguished Member”, **please contact me** and I will request your items of recognition from the National Office. **NOTE: You must be present at a General Membership meeting to receive your Distinguished Member certificate, card, and pin in person.**

Please contact Johanna Caylor at 509-308-6664 or annahojx2@gmail.com

Patricia Alford	Margaret A Corbin	David K Jones	Ami B Sidpara
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