

REMINDER! July 18 is the deadline for voting on amended federation bylaws. See page 2.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

Meetings: 1st Wednesdays, except July/August

11:30 a.m., CG Public House and Catering, Kennewick

Lunch: \$25; RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

(Vegetarian meals available, if ordered ahead)

Avoid a charge! Cancel reservations you can't keep!

(Board meetings are virtual; days/times vary. Next meeting:
July 21, 1:30 p.m. Contact Nancy Crosby for Zoom link.)

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Mark your calendars: September 3 and October 1!

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Your
Calendar*

Watch for lunch menus and meeting programs in the September/October newsletter and on the chapter website, www.narfe1192.org. Nancy Crosby, hospitality coordinator, is working with CG Public House staff on the menus.

Suggestions? Feedback? Contact Nancy. Contact Mary Binder for meeting program suggestions.

Further ahead – **November 5**, annual “white elephant fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer’s Research Fund; **December 3**, holiday entertainment!

*For Chapter and National-Only Members
Outside the Tri-Cities Area!*

You are **MOST WELCOME** to attend a chapter meeting, including lunch! **A RESERVATION IS NEEDED.** Please call Nancy Crosby or Darleen Wall by noon, Sunday, prior to a chapter meeting. See phone numbers, above.

July – August, Volume 2025, Issue 4

President (Acting) – Mary Binder

No doubt about it ... summer has arrived in our area! I hope you are having an enjoyable, and safe season.

While the chapter is not meeting in July and August, your chapter board is busy with normal chapter business and planning for our fall meetings.



At the May chapter board meeting and June chapter meeting, Nancy Crosby announced she was stepping down as chapter president effective June 30. She submitted her written resignation June 26. At the June meeting, Nancy shared, “I’ve some things going on that I need to focus on for myself and my family.” The good news, however, is she is planning to continue to support the chapter: as its service officer and hospitality coordinator; as a caller for chapter meetings; by electronically sending and mailing newsletters; and assisting Johanna Caylor, membership coordinator.

Nancy joined NARFE in September 1998, per Johanna. In reviewing chapter records, Nancy started actively serving the chapter in September 2006 and has continued **non-stop** since then. Elected positions she has held are: secretary; treasurer; VP; director-at-large; and president. She volunteered monthly in the chapter’s service office in the Federal Building for many years when it was open. Currently she: is the chapter’s service officer; one of the chapter’s “callers” for chapter meetings; is the host for the chapter board’s Zoom meetings; and mails/electronically sends the chapter newsletters to members.

While these activities have kept her busy, she has also served the NARFE Washington State Federation (WSF) in several elected positions – as a district vice president, the federation vice president, and federation president!

Then, too, she has attended numerous NARFE national conventions/conferences across the U.S.; attended NARFE legislative training conferences; chaired and hosted Region IX training conferences; and attended WSF conventions/conferences, including organizing and hosting one in the Tri-Cities.

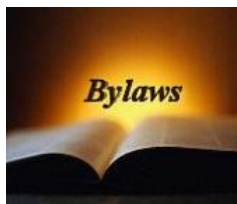
THANK YOU, NANCY, FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE!



Vice President – Mary Binder

Technically, our chapter VP position is currently vacant as I am serving as “acting president.” The chapter’s executive committee can fill the vacant VP position, per the chapter’s bylaws. Interested in serving in this position until the end of the year? Please contact me!

Speaking of bylaws, work on amending the chapter’s bylaws has been on a “back burner” for awhile but is now moving to a front burner again. I hope to have an update in the next chapter newsletter and at the September chapter meeting. For reference, the current bylaws are on the chapter website, www.narfe1192.org, under “Chapter News” and are a good overview of how our chapter is structured. Please take the time to read them and then if you have questions and/or comments, please let me know. Thank you!
(Note: Need a printed copy? Please contact me.)



Service Officer – Nancy Crosby

A suggestion! With the chapter not meeting in July and August, use that “meeting time” to explore the NARFE website! There is SO MUCH helpful information on it, and access is a benefit of your NARFE membership.

Two documents I HIGHLY RECOMMEND, if you haven’t already accessed them: *Affairs in Order: Benefits Guidance for Survivors of Federal Annuitants* and *Be Prepared for Life’s Events, What Your Survivors Should Know* (F-100). To access them:

- ♦ Log in as a member to the NARFE website;
- ♦ Click on the “Federal Benefits Institute” tab;
- ♦ Click on the “Resources and Information” tab;
- ♦ Scroll down to “White Papers;”

The 2 documents are listed under “White Papers.” NOTE! The F-100 is a fillable document! You can complete it, save it to your computer, send it to the individual with power-of-attorney for you, etc.



NARFE FEDERAL BENEFITS INSTITUTE

FREE ... I’ve said this before but it is worth repeating! It is such a nice word to read when it brings something beneficial such as the free member webinars offered through the NARFE Federal Benefits Institute.

Upcoming: July 17, 2 PM, EDT, *Thrift Savings Plan: Should You Stay or Should You Go?* According to NARFE, “In this webinar, federal benefits expert Mark Keen, CFP®, will walk you through the key features, benefits, and limitations of the TSP and compare them to what’s available through traditional and Roth IRAs. Q&A session follows. Can’t make the 17th? The webinar and Q&A session will be archived. More details are on the NARFE website.

WSF Eastern Washington VP – Mary Binder

Several things to highlight:



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- ♦ LEGcon25, June 9-11. While in some ways I miss the “olden days” when this training conference was in Washington, DC, now having it “virtual” is truly so much easier, cost effective, and less time consuming. Even though I have attended MANY of these events over the years, I always learn something! Legislation, issues, priorities, elected officials, etc., change BUT the focus remains “preserving and protecting current and retired federal employees pay and benefits.” If you could not attend, consider doing so in 2027!
- ♦ July 18 – deadline for voting on proposed amended WSF bylaws. If you have not voted, it is VERY EASY! Go to: www.narfe.org/wa/. Voting information is on the homepage. It takes just a minute or two!
- ♦ Looking ahead to the fall, several Eastern Washington areas will have a Walk to End Alzheimer’s event.



Because of NARFE’s long-standing involvement with Alzheimer’s research and the more than \$16M raised, NARFE is now able to have a free table at the Walks,

if space is available. Several of our NARFE chapters have taken advantage of this and had a table/NARFE presence at the Walks the past few years. For Eastern Washington, this has included the Spokane and Tri-Cities areas. As I wrote in the last chapter newsletter, this year I am hoping to expand our NARFE presence at the Walks to others areas. Following is the Eastern Washington 2025 Walk schedule:

September 13, Moses Lake

September 27, Wenatchee

September 27, Lewiston, Clarkston, Moscow, Pullman

October 4, Richland (Tri-Cities Chapter 1192 will cover this Walk.)

October 11, Yakima

October 11, Spokane (Spokane Chapter 32 will cover this Walk.)

If you are outside the Tri-Cities area and are interested in assisting me, e.g., helping staff the NARFE table and/or have ideas/suggestions, **please contact me. I could use assistance with the Walks.** My contact information: Email: mary_binder@msn.com; phone: 509.378.2494 (leave a message).

FOR YOUR CALENDAR – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 10 AM!

NARFE Washington State Federation Annual Meeting
(Virtual via Zoom)

Agenda includes federation updates, guest speakers

Public Relations – Mary Binder

At the June chapter meeting, I provided members a handout with reminders, updates and a look ahead at several upcoming outreach activities. *(The complete report is at the end of the June chapter meeting minutes, which are posted on the chapter website.)* Following are highlights from the report:

- ♦ Reminder! The June/July NARFE Magazine is a 2-month edition. The next magazine will be the August issue.
- ♦ Reminder! Digital NARFE Magazine can be found at: www.narfe.org/communcation/narfe-magazine/.
- ♦ **August 27**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center, Pasco, Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce August Membership Luncheon. Program: Congressional Update with Congressman Dan Newhouse. Cost: \$36. Note! *With 8 members attending, we can have a reserved “NARFE” table vs. open seating! Contact me for more details.*
- ♦ **September 18**, 30th Annual All Community Senior Picnic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., HAPO Center, Pasco. Hosted by **active4life**. Tickets, \$5/each. Available at the Kennewick, Pasco and Richland Parks and Recreations offices starting August 1.*
- ♦ **October 14**, the fall Senior Times Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Southridge Sports Complex, Kennewick. Free admission.*
- ♦ **October 18**, Stand Down & Veterans Benefit Fair, Sun Dome State Fair Park, Yakima, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free!*
- ♦ **November 14**, Tri-Cities Veterans Resource Expo & Stand Down, Southridge Sports & Events Complex, Kennewick, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free!*
- ♦ **November 15**, Tri-Cities Wine Festival 7 to 10 p.m., Three Rivers Convention Center. *The chapter is again scheduled to staff the coat check. Donations go to NARFE Alzheimer’s Research.**

* The chapter is scheduled to have a NARFE table and/or information. Volunteers needed. Please contact me if you can help, have questions, need more information. Thanks!

Legislative/NARFE-PAC – Mary Binder

August is NARFE Grassroots Advocacy Month! Why August? Typically, that is when most of our U.S. elected officials are home in their districts/states. In the June/July NARFE Magazine, page 8, there is an excellent article on meeting with our elected officials and/or their staffs. If you haven’t done so, I encourage you to read it. August is also why, for example, the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce schedules its annual congressional legislative update as its luncheon program. (See *above* for more details.) Consider joining me/other chapter members at this luncheon!

Do such meetings help NARFE to help us? Does being engaged in other ways help? While talking with our



Contacting our Federal Legislators

The Honorable Dan Newhouse, 4th Congressional Dist. U.S. House of Representatives

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Phone: 509.713.7374; Fax: 509.713.7377

The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate

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

402 East Yakima Ave., Suite 420, Yakima, WA 98901

Phone: 509.453.7462; Fax: 509.453.7731

The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate

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825 Jadwin Ave., Suites 206, Richland, WA 99352

Phone: 509.946.8106; Fax: 509.946.6937

elected officials can be ideal, it is not always possible nor something everyone feels comfortable doing. An option is supporting NARFE’s “calls to action.” Sending a message to our lawmakers through NARFE’s Legislative Action Center is quick and easy. Writing letters with personal examples of how you have been/are impacted by a piece of legislation also helps. And of course, vote ... to help elect officials who support the federal community!



CONGRESS

There are 2 recent examples of how such “advocacy” can create positive results. The repeal of the GPO/WEP laws with the passage of H.R.82, Social Security Fairness Act, in late 2024 and then President Biden signing the repeal into law in early January, is an excellent example. After more than 40 years of working on the repeal, it is now reality!

Then, too, the final version of H.R.1, The Big Beautiful Bill, passed by the Senate contained “... no federal workforce provisions opposed by NARFE.” NARFE National President William “Bill” Shackelford recently issued a statement saying, “This represents a huge victory for NARFE and its members in a year-long effort to oppose – and ultimately block – passage of objectionable federal workforce provisions ... During this process, approximately 7,962 NARFE supporters wrote 35,809 messages to lawmakers in opposition to H.R.1. This is testament to our concerned and engaged federal community ready to defend its pay, benefits and rights.” Engagement works! Thank you to all who participated.

There is another key component in helping NARFE staff in helping us – NARFE-PAC. Contributions help maximize the federal community’s influence by pooling NARFE members’ contributions so federal workers’ and retirees’ interests are first. Thank you to all who have and/or are contributing! **Please know contributions are still very much needed!**



Return Service Requested

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Washington Federation of Chapters
Tri-Cities Chapter 1192
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TO:

Reminders!

Watch for chapter news/updates at:
www.narfe1192.org.
WSF website is: www.narfe.org/wa/.
(Chapter Webmaster, Larry Williams)

Treasurer – Liz Bowers

For members who were not at the June chapter meeting, I reported that May was an “exciting” month for your chapter treasurer! Gesa Credit Union closed our account as Washington state requires us to have a business license to bank there. For an annual fee of \$55, we now have the license and are “back in business” with Gesa! I was then able to pay the chapter’s bills and move \$15K into a 9-month CD with a 4.4% APY (Annual Percentage Yield). At the beginning of July, the chapter had \$20,308 in its Gesa Credit Union accounts. Bills are paid, and additional stamps purchased prior to the 5-cent increase July 13! If you need more details on the chapter’s finances, please contact me.

Looking ahead – 2 things. As I’ve previously written, printing and mailing newsletters is our biggest expense. If you receive a mailed copy, please consider changing to an electronic copy, if that can work for you. Let Service Officer Nancy Crosby know if you can make the change. Second, before too long, I will be starting work on the chapter’s 2026 budget. If you have questions, need more information and/or have input, please let me know.

Membership Chairman – Johanna Caylor

As of July 6, our chapter had **483** members – **218**/chapter; **265**/national-only in the chapter area. This is an overall drop of 2 members since my last report. (The number of chapter members decreased but increased for national-only members.) I continue working on getting dropped members back!

Although summer is a slower recruiting season, we need to continue our efforts. Questions? Need membership packets? Please let me know! I am here to assist you.

Welcome! Terri Hale, new member.

Budget



CALLER COORDINATOR REMINDERS!

From your chapter calling team, we hope members are having a beautiful and safe summer!

Looking ahead, a reminder! Our callers will make their **ANNUAL CALLS TO LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERS** just prior to the September chapter meeting. We do this annually to help ensure we have correct contact information and preferences. ***PLEASE return the calls!***

Contact info: Darleen Wall, (H) 623.556.0869; (M) 509.308.2765; Email: jdwall2@frontier.com.



Reinstated: Tiffany Albin; Teresa Pavish-Paradiso; Gail Splett. Welcome back!

Dues withholding: I am a broken record, BUT, only \$4.33/month! Send **NO MONEY** with your application or renewal form. I can help with the process. **Contact info:** Ph: 509.375.0739; Email: annahox2@gmail.com.

Sunshine News – Faye Vlieger

(Since the May/June chapter newsletter.)

Condolences: to the family of member Scotty Kruschke who recently passed away

Thinking of you wishes to members:

Al Farabee; Ellen LeVee

Know someone needing a little “sunshine?” Call or email me: 509.961.1095; ainvlieger@aol.com.



Alzheimer’s Research Fund – Larry Williams

Reminders about upcoming events:

October 4, Walk to End Alzheimer’s, John Dam Plaza, Richland. To register and/or to donate, go to www.alz.org/walk. Click “Find A Team.” Type “NARFE Chapter 1192” in “Team Name” box.

November 5, chapter “white elephant” fundraiser for Alzheimer’s Research Fund. Think about what to bring!

November 15, Tri-Cities Wine Festival coat check. See page 3, this newsletter!

