



# TRI-CITIES CHAPTER 1192 NEWSLETTER

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
*Advocates for Active and Former Federal Employees*

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, except July/August  
11:30 a.m., Kennewick Red Lion  
Exec Board meets after Chapter meetings

### Chapter Meetings:

**May 7** – Program: Jan Brienza, Rail Transport  
**June 4** – Program: State Convention report  
**July-Aug.** – NO MEETINGS  
**Sept. 3** – Program: To Be Announced

### Other Events:

**May 19-21** – State Convention, Walla Walla  
**July 14-17** – NAPUS Convention, Pasco Red Lion  
**Sept. 7-11** – Nat'l Convention, Louisville, Ky.

## CHAPTER WEBSITE

[www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org)

The website has current information, meeting minutes, forms, newsletters and announcements

## SERVICE CENTER

Open Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m.,  
Federal Bldg., Room 137, phone: 509-373-9536



## LEADERSHIP NEWS

### **Chapter President – Nancy Crosby**

Once again Chapter 1192 members showed their support for NARFE. We had a marvelous District V workshop, April 17, that three five five four 37 fellow District members attended, including 10 from our chapter. The District includes Wenatchee, Ephrata, Yakima and the Tri-Cities. The workshop was well planned by District V VP and our Chapter VP, Carl Gallion. It was a great learning opportunity with good information from special guests, including: Lanny Ross, Region IX vice president eight zero three one and Federation senior leaders.

Starting in May, the Executive Board meetings will follow the regular monthly meetings vs. the following Monday, saving time and gas for Board members. And, I hope Chapter members will attend! The Board has planned many informative programs for next year, but we are always open to other ideas. Suggestions? Contact me or any Board member.

Also in May, our State Convention in Walla Walla. Currently, about 15 Chapter members are scheduled to attend. Look for our summary report at the Chapter's June meeting.

### **District V Vice President – Carl Gallion**

I visited most of our chapters during March, NARFE-PAC Month, to encourage participation and to draw members to our District Workshop, which I'm pleased to say, was a success. Also, I'm very appreciative that I was re-elected for a second term as your District vice president. I enjoy representing our four chapters and the opportunities to meet with each chapter as often as possible. My annual report will be available at our May State convention. Please feel free to contact me at [cbgallion@aol.com](mailto:cbgallion@aol.com) or at 509-539-9179.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward	\$ 1,805.84
Total income **	\$ 6,572.01
Total expenditures	\$ 596.15
Total obligations *	\$ 3,671.16
Balance on hand	\$ 4,110.54

\*As of April 30, 2008 / \*\*PRS acct closed/merged w/Chapter acct

## Legislation - Don and Mary Binder

For the Chapter's April meeting, we prepared a handout highlighting an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) proposed change to Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB) plans. OPM is asking FEHBP programs, such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, to consider separate coverage for employees and retirees also covered by Medicare or Medicare eligible. NARFE believes this could be the start of breaking coverage into smaller groups, which could result in higher health premium/other costs or benefit cuts for older enrollees. If you are concerned and want more information, including what you can do to express your concern to our elected officials, the handout is available on our Chapter's website: [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org). It will also be available at the Chapter's upcoming monthly meetings.

We will continue to monitor this and other issues that may pertain to federal employees and retirees. Feel free to contact us. Phone: 509-585-1393.

## NARFE-PAC News – Bill Darke

At the end of March, NARFE completed the fifth quarter in its two-year PAC fundraising cycle. The state had 333 contributors during the period. The average contribution was \$32.35 for a total of \$10,771. Interestingly, only five states raised more money, and no state had a higher average contribution than Washington. Information for individual chapters was two seven zero five not provided, but overall, PAC funds raised exceed \$300,000 for the five quarters.

With Congressional elections this fall, there is still time to contribute, or contribute again, to help support NARFE's legislative issues.

## Sunshine News – Anne Ross

**Sympathy and condolences** to the following NARFE family members and/or co-workers: Susan Avery (husband, Wayne); Theodore Bierman; Carl Frick; Esther Gordon (husband, Wells); John Krema (wife, Louise); Joe Wiley (wife, Vicki); and to Mable Rutt who lost her daughter-in-law.

While it is sad to lose friends, what great memories we retain. Please call me, 509-586-3355, if you know anyone needing a card.

## Membership – Johanna Caylor

**Welcome** to our newest member, Kenneth Reeves.

**Welcome back** to Catherine L. Brekke and Lowell (Lupe) Ellingson! Also, a big welcome to Vicki Wiley, spouse of Joe Wiley.

**Dropped members** - If you are a retiree and have misplaced your renewal slip, you can mail your \$39 check, payable to NARFE, to me at: 514 Stagecoach Court, Richland, WA 99354. I will transmit it to the National Office. If you are an Active Federal Employee, please call me. Phone: 509-308-6664.

## Alzheimer's Fund – Johanna Caylor

Thanks to all who donated to the Chapter Alzheimer's Fund the past year. We collected \$350, which will be submitted on the Chapter's behalf at the upcoming State convention in Walla Walla. Well done!!

**Hidden Numbers** – There are three hidden numbers in this issue! The numbers are the last four digits of your member ID #. If you find your number, call 509-375-0739 and a \$5 check will be mailed to you!

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