



TRI-CITIES CHAPTER 1192 NARFE NEWS

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

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CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS/NEWSLETTER

Meetings: 1st Wednesdays, except July/August
11:30 a.m., Kennewick Red Lion, Clearwater Room A
Lunch: \$12; reservations needed whenever possible
Executive Board meets after Chapter meetings

May 6 – Meeting: Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Update
Menu: Classic Chicken Fried Steak with Pepper Sauce

May 14-15 – Washington Federation Convention, Wenatchee

June 3 – Meeting: Recap of the 50th WSFC Convention
Menu: Stir-Fried Ginger Pork and Vegetables

Hidden Numbers: There are 3 in this issue – last 4 digits of your membership number. Contact Johanna Caylor, 509-308-6664, if you find yours and win \$5! Belated congratulations to **Paul Gottschalk** for finding his number in the **Nov-Dec** newsletter; he donated his \$5 to our Alzheimer's Fund. The 3 hidden numbers in the Feb-Mar newsletter belonged to *Joseph Judy, Joseph Sebastian and Joanne Shadel ... sorry!!!*

SERVICE CENTER

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward	\$ 7,890.32
Total income	\$ 566.80
Total expenditures	\$ 510.15
Total obligations *	\$ 2,154.00
Balance on hand	\$ 5,432.97

*As of March 31, 2009

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Chapter President – Nancy Crosby

As we head into spring and summer, what a time to celebrate our good fortune to live in such a vibrant community! And, as we head into our July/August break, I want to thank all the chapter officers, committee chairs and volunteers who have made this year so successful – your efforts are appreciated.

We have 12 chapter delegates scheduled to attend the 50th Washington State Federation Convention, May 14-15, Wenatchee. A **highlight** – NARFE President Margaret Baptiste as the keynote speaker! At our June 3 meeting, we'll provide chapter members a recap of convention highlights, including information on several key NARFE issues. Of primary interest will be the proposed NARFE National referendum for a new dues structure.

In advance, a happy Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July and summer to all! Also, continue to watch for important updates on our chapter Web site.

District V Vice President – Carl Gallion

Our 2009 District V Workshop is now history, and per the critiques received, it was a success! From members of our chapter, the 31 attendees received an excellent "first-hand" account of NARFE's recent Legislative Training Conference from Mary Binder; an entertaining and constructive leadership exercise from Nancy Crosby; administrative and organizational help from Johanna Caylor and Mary Goldie; and as your district VP, I provided information on several current NARFE issues. Members from other chapters 9658 also contributed with discussions on issues such as service officers, treasurer's duties, legislation, leadership and on a critical dues referendum scheduled for a vote in September. Finally, I'm proud to have been re-elected as your district VP for another year.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at cbgallion@aol.com, or 509-539-9179.

Alzheimer's Fund – William (Bill) Darke

Here is a synopsis of recent information from NARFE:

- 1985 – NARFE took on Alzheimer's as a national project
- Donations from NARFE members recently reached \$8M
- Members use progressively higher fundraising goals
- All NARFE Alzheimer's donations go to research
- Alzheimer's now affects as many as 5M Americans
- NARFE is the Alzheimer's 7361 Association's largest membership organization donor

To all who have contributed, thank you!

Sunshine News – Anne Ross

Sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of NARFE member Howard Ennor (passed away), Ken Absher (father); and Carolyn Reeploeg (sister), who recently passed away. Get-well and thinking of you cards continue to be

mailed to NARFE family members and co-workers. Please call me, 509-586-3355, if you know anyone needing a card.

Legislative – Don and Mary Binder

The 11th biennial NARFE Legislative Training Conference was March 7-10 in the Washington, DC, area. It provided more than 300 NARFE members training and information on the legislative process and key NARFE legislative issues. Both your legislative co-chairs attended along with 16 other Region IX members, including 12 others from Washington. Between guest speakers, breakout sessions and time on Capital Hill with elected officials and their staffs, it was a very worthwhile conference. For anyone wanting a copy of the report we presented at the Chapter's April meeting, please contact Mary at 585-1393 or mary_binder@msn.com.

Meanwhile, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of contacting our elected officials to show support for NARFE's key initiatives: GPO/WEP [H.R. 235; S. 484]; premium conversion [H.R. 1203; S. 491]; retirement equity. NARFE has white papers on its Web site for these and other initiatives. If you have trouble accessing them, contact Mary.

Finally, below is contact information for our elected officials:

The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate

Phone: 202-224-2621; Fax: 202-224-0238

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

402 East Yakima Avenue, Suite 390

Yakima, WA 98901

Phone: 509-453-7462; Fax: 509-453-7731

The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate

Phone: 202-224-3411 Fax: 202-228-0514

<http://cantwell.senate.gov/contact/index.dfm>

825 Jadwin Avenue, Suites 204/204A

Richland, WA 99352

Phone: 509-946-8106 Fax: 509-946-6937

The Honorable Richard (Doc) Hastings, U.S. House of Representatives

Phone: 202-225-5816 Fax: 202-225-3251

<http://hastings.house.gov/ContactForm.aspx>

2715 Saint Andrews Loop, Suite D

Pasco, WA 99301

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NARFE-PAC News – Don Binder

Do PAC contributions make a difference? You bet. Following is information from November's election that Judy Parks, NARFE legislative director emeritus, provided at the recent

NARFE Legislative Training Conference:

- 93% of incumbents NARFE supported won re-election
- 79% of open-seat candidates NARFE supported won
- 58% of challengers NARFE supported won

Yes, contributions make a difference! And, I have NARFE-PAC pins for contributions of at least \$20.

Service Center – Mary Goldie, Nancy Schreckhise HOW DO I GET A PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN)?

After you retire and once you start receiving regular annuity payments the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will provide you a personal identification number (PIN). Your PIN allows you to review your benefits via your computer or telephone. If you have not received the number or have lost it you may get a new/replacement number by contacting OPM at 888-767-6738 or your local NARFE Service Office at 509-373-9536

Membership – Johanna Caylor

Welcome: Patricia Dobeas, Pamela Griffin, Gwen Howell, Lynn Jones, Joe Louie, Scott Riley and John Stark

Dues Withholding: Patricia Dobeas, John Stark

Reinstatements: Ellen Rokkan, George Sanders, and Barbara Williamson

Transferred In: William (Bill) Hoyt (FL)

Transferred Out: Douglas Gray

Renewals: Lost your renewal slip and need help? Call me and I will walk you through the process.

Remember: The 2008-2009 WSFC Federation Membership Campaign with \$10 rebates for: 1-**Reinstatements**; 2-**Dues Withholding**; 3-**Gift Memberships**; 4-**Spouse sign up**.

Reminder: If you change your mailing or e-mail address, or phone number, please contact me. This is very important so we can continue to provide you chapter information.

Help: NARFE not only needs new members – we need to **retain** the members we have. Help our chapter and NARFE grow and sustain strength!

Call me: If you have questions, please call me. My numbers are: 509-308-6664 or 509-375-0739.

Thank you: Frank and Pam Griffin and Nancy Crosby for helping “man” our NARFE table at the recent Washington American Postal Workers Union annual 6704 convention. We handed out many NARFE packets so hopefully when the delegates review them, they will join a chapter near them.