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TRI-CITIES CHAPTER 1192 NARFE NEWS

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"Advocates for Active and Former Federal Employees"

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CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS

Meetings: 1st Wednesdays, except July/August
11:30 a.m., Kennewick Red Lion, Clearwater "C"
Lunch: \$14; reservations requested
(Vegetarian plates available, if ordered ahead)
Note: Executive Board meeting days/times vary

May 2 – Chapter meeting program: Hanford –
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
Menu: Chicken Fried Steak

June 6 – Chapter meeting program: State
Convention Recap from Chapter Attendees
Menu: Chicken Penne Alfredo

MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT*

Balance forward, February 29	\$7,360.41
March income	\$ 392.42
March expenditures	\$ 822.42
Dedicated funds	\$3,636.00
Balance on hand, March 31	\$3,294.41

(*Report provided at the April Chapter meeting.
Full reports are posted monthly on the
Chapter web site.)

SERVICE CENTER

Open Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Federal Bldg., Richland, Room 137
Phone: 509.373.9536

Coordinator: 2nd VP Lorie Bennett

Reminder: Your password for accessing your records on OPM's web site, must be used at least once every 15 months to keep it current! Otherwise, you'll have to get a new one. Suggestion – use "fall back" and "spring forward" Daylight Saving Time changes as times to use your password and stay 9972 current! Go to: www.opm.gov/retire/.



From SSA: "If you apply for Social Security benefits on or after May 1, 2011, you must receive your payments electronically. If you did not sign up for electronic payments when you applied for benefits, we strongly urge you to do it now. You must switch to electronic payments by March 2, 2013. If you don't, the U.S. Department of the Treasury may send your benefits via the Direct Express® card program to avoid an interruption in payment."

Caller Coordinator. If you can volunteer to be a caller and/or want to know more, please call me, **Pam Griffin, 509.492.4304, or e-mail: pgriff1@charter.net. (E-mail address change.)**

LOOKING AHEAD

1st VP/Hospitality Chairman – Carl Gallion
Reservations are important for our meetings and lunch! Our host hotel does a wonderful job accommodating us, but does require **RSVP!** we provide a guaranteed minimum number for lunch each month. If fewer attend, the Chapter still must pay for the number we provided. Also, for members arriving with no reservations, we try but can't guarantee there will be a lunch for you. So, reservations, **please**, and let us know if you have to cancel, too!

Chapter President – Don Binder

Membership, membership, membership – there is strength in numbers !!!!

Yes, we've heard this before, and we'll hear it again, because it is true! Also, for those planning to attend the May Washington State Federation Convention in Vancouver, it will be one of two "focus" points, with the other being legislative issues. Why?

Well, with "strength in numbers" and our NARFE member numbers continuing to drop, we – each of us, not just Johanna Caylor our membership chair – are recruiters. And, if each of us would **recruit just one person during the remainder of 2012**, our Chapter membership would double to about 700. Now, wouldn't that be something!

So, let's think. Do you have a family member, friend, former co-worker eligible but not a member? And, what about the spouse of those eligible – they, too, can join and help create **strength in numbers!** If you know someone who is eligible but feel uncomfortable contacting them, let either Johanna or any other Board member know, and we'll take it from there.

But, if you want to do the contacting yourself, we can provide you with a membership application and other NARFE informational material. Put your membership number/our chapter number as "recruiter" information on applications you give out. If someone receiving your marked application joins NARFE, you'll get a recruiter pin! Your name will also be listed in *NARFE's Recruiting & Retention Journal*, published quarterly and available online.

So, let's all get to work. Aid our ongoing recruitment efforts. Each additional member makes our NARFE voice that much louder when talking with members of Congress and their staffs. If you have questions in this regard, please contact me or Johanna.

2nd VP/Special Programs – Lorie Bennett June 14 – Special Manhattan Project B Reactor Bus Tour for chapter members and their guests.

Arrive at 10:30 a.m., Reactor Tour Headquarters, 2000 Logston Blvd., Richland. The bus will depart at 11 a.m. Tour is about 2 hours; some walking involved. Suggest bringing water and refreshments as nothing is available on the tour. Map to the meeting site and more details at the May 2 Chapter meeting. Call or e-mail me for reservations or questions: 509.531.2745; lorieb@clearwire.net.



The **2012 Dust Devils** baseball schedule is out. We have date options for Chapter members to attend as a group. Cost is \$20/person and includes a BBQ and refreshments before the game and upper-box seats. I'll be providing more details at the May 2 Chapter meeting. Or, you can call or e-mail me with questions and to make a reservation: 509.531.2745; lorieb@clearwire.net. Play ball!!!



District V Vice President – Nancy Crosby

I am delighted to be the district's new "DVP." As a long-time NARFE, and Chapter 1192, member, this is a great opportunity for me to get to know more about the other chapters in our newly realigned District V – Tri-Cities, Yakima and Walla Walla – serve their officers and members, and be their liaison and voice to the Federation, along with being yours. Thanks for the vote of confidence!

I'm looking forward to both our Washington State Federation Convention, May 14-16, Red Lion Vancouver at the Quay, and NARFE's 2012 National Convention, August 26-30, Sparks/Reno. Details are on the Federation and NARFE web sites, and for the NARFE convention, in the *NARFE* magazine. Also, the NARFE Proposed Revised Bylaws and Standing Rules are on the NARFE web site for review prior to the convention. While Chapter 1192 currently has 8 members scheduled to attend both conventions, 3231 there is still time for others to register!



Alzheimer's Research – William Darke

April was the last month of our Federation and our chapter's "convention-year" cycle. Results? For Chapter 1192, we contributed \$1,455.37 since the Federations' May 2011 convention. Complete Federation results will be announced at the May convention. NARFE overall has surpassed the \$9M mark for total contributions to the important work of Alzheimer's research and is on the way to reaching its goal of \$10M during 2012. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and I hope we can do even better next year!

Public Relations – Mary Binder

Have ideas about where to put NARFE material for prospective members? Let me know. Thanks! Call or e-mail me: 509.585.1393; mary_binder@msn.com.



NARFE-PAC – Carl Gallion

Federation NARFE-PAC Chairman Don Binder provided excellent information at our April District I/V workshop. Our Chapter 1192 currently leads the Washington Federation's 22 chapters in contributions! But despite this, the winner of our recent friendly District V competition is also the smallest, Ephrata. Their average member contribution was \$5.67 vs. our \$4.30 per member. So, congratulations, Ephrata!



However, the REAL winner is NARFE-PAC as contributions strengthen our arsenal for fighting efforts to erode our federal employee/retiree benefits. And, it's never too late to send your dollars to continue the fight. See me at our monthly meetings, call me to arrange for your donation, 3463 or use the form on page 4.

Webmaster – Larry Williams

Repeating a reminder – the latest newsletter is always available on our Chapter web site:

<http://www.narfe1192.org/newsletter.html>. Also, Nancy Crosby notifies members whose e-mail addresses we have when the newsletter is posted, about calls to action and/or other critical information. So, **to help prevent Nancy's e-mail from being classified as spam, just put her e-mail address, ncrosby2b@charter.net, in your address book.**



Legislative – Don and Mary Binder

Both NARFE's new legislative director, Julie Tagen, and our Region IX VP, Lanny Ross, are scheduled to speak at the Federation's May convention about the "way ahead" for NARFE as we continue to work with various members of Congress who agree with NARFE's legislative issues, and work to ensure minimal impact to our "earned benefits" as current and retired federal employees. We'll provide a recap and discuss issues at our Chapter's June meeting.

For members with computer access, we hope you are receiving NARFE's "GEMS" messages with critical and important information. And, are you continuing to use NARFE's **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** "toolkit" on the NARFE and/or our Federation web sites to contact our senators and representative, write letters to newspaper editors, etc.? The toolkit was recently updated. Remember, letter "templates" are available and easy to use ... just fill in a few lines of information and off they go electronically. If you have questions, please let us know. We are here to help with legislative issues.



Contacting our Federal Legislators

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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The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate

Phone: 202.224.2621; Fax: 202.224.0514

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

402 East Yakima Avenue, Suite 390

Yakima, WA 98901

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate

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

825 Jadwin Avenue, Suites 204/204A

Richland, WA 99352

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Thoughts from Afar

Deacon Al Rizzo
(via Dolores Rizzo)



Volunteering, service,
reaching out, making a difference,
acts of kindness ...

we don't know what affect we may have on others.
(Taken from April 2008 Chapter Meeting Minutes)

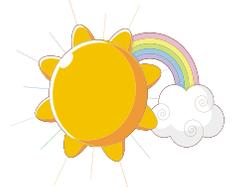
Sunshine News – Nancy Crosby

Condolences sent to – families of members Florence George and Ed Goldberg; to member Kay Hendrickson on the passing of her mother-in-law; to member Joe Sutey on the passing of his sister.

Get Wells/Thinking of You sent to – Eleanor Golden; Carolyn Reeploeg; Sandy Smith; and, Ruby Ulseth.

Congratulations sent to – Eileen and Jim Rutledge for their 50th wedding anniversary!

Reminder: I will be your Sunshine Chairman until Marci Lingle returns from wintering south. Please let me know about members affected by a significant event such as an illness, loss, or an extra-special occasion. Contact me at: 509.735.3288 or ncrosby2b@charter.net.





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Reinstated: Dyanna J. Forsythe; Bettye Milton;
James H. Turnbull

Transferred in: Diane E. Clark

Dues Withholding: Diane E. Clark; Dyanna
Forsythe; N.O. Kruschke; Myrtle Nesbitt

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withholding. NEVER see another renewal notice.
Only \$3.67/per month withheld from your annuity.
SEND NO MONEY with the application. If you
need a form, contact me or any Board member.

Reminder: Returning “**Snowbirds**,” please, notify
the Chapter and NARFE if you change your mailing,
e-mail, or other contact!

Hidden numbers: The March/April newsletter hidden
numbers belonged to: Diane Berthon; Donald R. Elle;
and Vicki Wiley. Sorry, no one called so no winners!
Three new numbers are “hidden” in this newsletter –
the last 4 digits of a member’s number. Call me and
win \$5!

Call/e-mail me: 509.308.6664; caylorx2@aol.com.

Always Good to Know

NARFE’s **PROTECT America’s Heartbeat**
campaign, www.narfe.org
OPM: 888-767-6738, “Retirement Info Line”
OPM: www.opm.gov/retire/
E-mail questions to: retire@opm.gov
NARFE Toll-Free Number: 800-627-3994;

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E-mail helps the Chapter *save money*.

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Do we have your e-mail address?

If not, please send it to:

Nancy Crosby, ncrosby2b@charter.net.

Happy Mother’s Day, May 13!
Happy Father’s Day, June 17!

Support NARFE-PAC

Enclosed is my NARFE-PAC contribution of \$_____

Name _____ Chapter 1192

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____



All donations welcome! Additional recognition is given for: \$20/pin; \$50/silver pin; \$100/gold pin and umbrella; and, sustaining membership (minimum \$10 monthly automatic contributions via credit card), a sustaining member pin and umbrella. Questions? Contact Carl Gallion, 509.539.9179 or e-mail, cbgallion@ao.com.

Make your check payable to: “**NARFE-PAC.**”

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