

NARFE Chapter 1192
April 6, 2010 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Nancy Crosby called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash.. She called for a moment of silence for reflection on what has been going on in the world and to honor our service men and women, and introduced the head table, including the meeting's featured presenters – antique appraisers, Terry and Kathy Maurer. Nancy led the Pledge of Allegiance and recognized Nancy Carr, a friend of Carl Gallion's, Kay Mills-Poplin, a long-standing member who has not been able to attend a meeting for awhile, and two of the Chapter's distinguished members, Evie Norman and Lyell Bingham.

MEETING MINUTES Secretary Mary Binder highlighted the March Chapter meeting minutes. There were no comments or corrections. The minutes were approved. (Note: Minutes are posted on the Chapter's website, and copies are available at Chapter meetings.)

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Bob Stewart highlighted the monthly treasurer's report. Balance on hand as of March, \$7,969.36. March receipts were \$599.30 and disbursements, \$744.10, leaving a balance of \$7,824.56. Projected dedicated funds are \$3,906.00, leaving an undedicated funds balance of \$3928.56. Bob thanked President Nancy for her assistance in preparing the report.

Monies collected at the April meeting Luncheon, 28 members and guests, \$299 collected; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$53; NARFE-PAC, \$20; Newsletter Fund, \$15; and 50/50 Raffle, \$34 collected/\$17 awarded.

DISTRICT/OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President No report.

District VP For VP Carl Gallion, President Nancy reported that Carl sends gratitude and thanks for the prayers, understanding and love. He loves all the cards, calls and visits. His hip is scheduled to be aspirated at the end of April. If there is no infection, then he will have hip surgery in May and begin rehab. Still projecting he will be out of the net until around June or July.

1st Vice President Gary Hagedorn provided an update on the upcoming District Spring Workshop, April 23, Red Lion Hotel, Yakima. He needs names by today for any Chapter members wanting to attend. (Projected to attend are: Johanna Caylor; Nancy Crosby; Mary Goldie; Sig Preston; Al and Dolores Rizzo; Nancy Schreckhise; and, Larry Williams. Part of the Chapter's "dedicated funds" cover members' registration.) Vic Rohret from the Yakima chapter is hosting the event in Carl's absence. Topics for discussion include: NARFE legislative issues; dues structure; and, membership recruitment and retention. Also, as Carl has submitted his resignation as District VP, a new VP will be elected at the workshop.

2nd Vice President No report.

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke reported:

- There was \$288.94 in the Chapter's Alzheimer's account. He has lapel pins for contributions of \$20 and more, and will accept contributions after the meeting.
- He passed out copies of *NARFE's Participation in the National Alzheimer's Research Program* pamphlet. To date, NARFE members have contributed more than \$8M toward Alzheimer's Research.
- With the number of people affected by this disease, there is an ongoing need for research money.

Hospitality No report.

Legislative Co-chair Don Binder:

- Reminded members not drawing Social Security about the ir \$250 refund for tax year 2009.
- Provided a brief update on the recent health care bill, including that by 2014 members of Congress and their staffs will have to enroll in a health care plan and that for members under Medicare, a projected \$5B will be taken away from Medicare to help defray costs. Don encouraged Chapter members concerned about the new health care legislation to voice their concerns to our Congressional representatives.

Membership Chairman Johanna Caylor reported the Chapter had 15 "distinguished members" – those at least 85 years of age and who have been NARFE members for at least 20 years. They were recognized at today's meeting. The Chapter's distinguished members are: Estelle Bellefeuille; Lyell Bingham; Esther Gordon; Paul Gottschalk; John Hemperly; Howard House; Willis Kimball; John Krema; Rudolph Manuel; Gwen Naught; Evie Norman; Frederick Robinson; Roger St. John; Paul Weaver; and, Wesley Paul Manuel. Evie and Lyell were at the Chapter meeting and received NARFE distinguished member certificates, and

special membership cards and pins; those items will be mailed or delivered to those distinguished members who could not attend today's meeting. Also, Johanna asked members to let her know if they or anyone else they know meet distinguished member requirements.

NARFE-PAC Chairman Don Binder reminded members of the need for PAC contributions. Money goes to fund NARFE's legislative office and to candidates who are "4-square behind NARFE's issues."

Newsletter President Nancy reminded those who intend to submit information for the May/June newsletter that the deadline for submission to Mary Binder is Friday, April 9.

Public Relations Chairman Gary Hagedorn reported that he sent the Chapter's monthly meeting announcement to the *Tri-City Herald*, but it was not published.

Service Officers Service Officer Mary Goldie extended a special thank you to all the callers.

Sunshine For Chair Carolyn Reeploeg, who was ill and not at the meeting, President Nancy said Carolyn:

- Sent a get-well card to Fred (Robbie) Robinson who took a tumble and injured his knee.
- Delivered the signed get-well cards from the March meeting to Carl Gallion.
- Sent birthday wishes to Gwen Naught who is celebrating her 93rd birthday this month.
- Sent a sympathy card to member Dorothy Hailey who recently lost her sister, a former federal employee and Benton City's postmistress.
- Sent thinking-of-you cards to Paul Gottschalk, who is terminally ill, and Dee Knuter, who is taking care of her seriously ill daughter.
- Wanted to let former Chapter DOE employees know that non-NARFE members Betty Keating, a former AEC/ERDA/DOE secretary, passed away; and that Anita Farrell's mother died.

Website No report.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

WSFC 2010 Convention The WSFC annual convention is scheduled for May 17-19, Holiday Inn, Everett. President Nancy said not as many Chapter members will be attending as she would like, but those attending will represent the Chapter as best they can. There will be more Convention discussion at the May meeting.

NARFE 2010 National Convention Any member interested in attending can still register. Currently, 4 Chapter members are planning to attend – Johanna Caylor, Sig Preston, and Don and Mary Binder. The Board has approved \$250 each to help off set registration costs. Also, both Johanna and Sig applied for and have been selected to serve on Convention committees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drawings Nancy Schreckhise, \$17, 50/50 raffle; Dolores Rizzo, free lunch.

Executive Board Meeting Scheduled for after the Chapter meeting, same room, if time. (Note: Meeting cancelled due to length of the meeting's program.)

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, May 5, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick.

May Meeting Program Becky Ferguson, *Taste Tri-Cities* magazine.

PROGRAM

Terry and Kathy Maurer, antique appraisers Terry shared with members that 10 years ago when he and Kathy first started their appraising business, our NARFE Chapter was the first to invite them. Since then, their business has grown and now does not provide many opportunities to do meetings such as ours, but they are committed to continuing to annually be a featured program as long as we are interested in having them. Both Terry and Kathy provided "state-of-the-market" information, including updates on what is selling and what is not. Currently, it is more a buyers vs. sellers market. Kathy provided useful information on how to get rid of "stuff" and Terry reminded members to at least know the ballpark value of items to avoid the "\$500 mistake." Then, Kathy and Terry provided appraisal value and information on items members brought to the meeting. And, they have agreed to return to the Chapter's April 2011 meeting!

ADJOURNMENT

Deacon Al Rizzo We're all antiques. With age comes wisdom; so, we're all wise. What are we going to do with the rest of our lives? Pray, fast, have mercy, have a good life.

Meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.

Mary Alice Binder,
Secretary