

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**December 7, 2011 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Don Binder called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order just before noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He welcomed 27 members; led the Pledge of Allegiance; and, introduced the head table. Don recognized District V VP Steve Anderson and his wife, Claudia; welcomed Steve Howes – attending his first meeting; recognized Jim Stover, who had not been at a meeting for awhile; and welcomed back Norma Van Patten from a 2-year overseas mission.

**MEETING MINUTES** Secretary Mary Binder asked for and received members' nod of approval for the November Chapter meeting minutes. **[Note: Both Chapter Board and monthly meeting minutes are on the Chapter's web site and available at Chapter meetings.]**

**OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President** Don Binder.

- Announced the Chapter would have a food drive at its January meeting. He encouraged members to bring canned and/or other non-perishable items, and/or cash or a check. Don said often food banks have empty shelves in January after the holiday push.
- Provided 3 updated NARFE brochures for members at each lunch table: *A Guide to NARFE's ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM*; *NARFE'S Disaster Fund*; *The 10 WORST MISTAKES FEDERAL RETIREES CAN MAKE*. Don reminded members that scholarships are available through NARFE to high school seniors of NARFE members; that NARFE can provide up to \$500 to members meeting certain criteria after a disaster, and that members can contribute to the disaster fund. Also, in the 10 worst mistakes brochure, the information provided goes beyond the scope of just federal employee/retiree issues.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** Carl Gallion. No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** Lorie Bennett. No report.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Nancy Crosby.

- Highlighted the treasurer's November report. Balance on hand as of October 31, \$6,656.00. November receipts were \$827.76 and disbursements, \$510.66, leaving a balance of \$6,973.10. Projected dedicated funds are \$1,062.68, leaving an undedicated funds balance of \$5,910.42. **[Note: Treasurer reports are on the Chapter's web site.]**
- Presented the proposed 2012 budget; copies were provided members at each lunch table. Nancy said the Chapter Board reviewed the budget at its November 11 meeting and recommended several changes from the draft presented at the November 2 Chapter meeting. Carl Gallion moved, Bill Hoyt seconded passing the updated budget. The vote was unanimous.
- **Monies collected at the December meeting/since the previous meeting** Luncheon, \$364; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$36; NARFE-PAC, \$120; Newsletter Fund, \$30 (\$13 collected and \$17 donated from 50/50 Raffle); and 50/50 Raffle, \$34 collected/ \$17 awarded.

**District V Vice President** Steve Anderson.

- Commended the Chapter for having a January food drive; he said that was a great idea.
- Reminded members that today was the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor.
- Announced that the District V workshop is scheduled for April 19 here at the Red Lion. It will again be a combined workshop with District I. Carl Gallion is handling the logistics with the hotel. Steve said he is again targeting for at least 60 attendees. Region IX VP Lanny Ross and Federation President Sandy Cagle have committed to attending. While there needs to be a focus on recruiting and retaining members, and leadership, Steve said he is looking for agenda ideas and suggestions.
- Announced that NARFE's next biennial convention is August [26-30] in Reno. Pre-registration is \$65 and then goes to \$80 at the door. Hotel is \$110.83, including tax [and resort fee].
- Stated that NARFE has great leadership at headquarters; he recommended members continue to pay attention to announcements and information from NARFE, including for NARFE's **PROTECT *America's Heartbeat*** campaign. We need to continue to speak with a unified voice.

**Alzheimer's** Chairman Bill Darke. From the White Elephant Auction and donations at the November 2 Chapter meeting, the Chapter raised \$985.42 for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund. Bill subsequently received another \$25, for a total of \$1,010.42. With additional money from the Chapter's Alzheimer's bank account, Bill submitted \$1,055.42 for NARFE's Alzheimer's Research Fund. Year to date, the Chapter has contributed \$1,305.37. Bill reminded members he has pins for those contributing at least \$20.

**Caller Coordinator** Chairman Pam Griffin. Pam said she can use more callers. [**Reminder: Pam's contact info is: pgriff1@earthlink.net; P: 509.492.4304.**]

**Hospitality** Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl reported arrangements are set for the Chapter's 2012 meetings at the Red Lion. Lunch costs remain the same [\$14]; menu is set. Carl reminded members that he welcomes ideas and suggestions.

**Legislative** Co-chairmen Don and Mary Binder. Don reported:

- Committee discussions continue on Washington State's new congressional district. If a decision is not reached by December 31, the issue goes to the State Supreme Court.
- He reviewed voting records for several of our state's U.S. representatives and Senator Maria Cantwell regarding NARFE issues – Senator Cantwell, 10 of 10; Doc Hastings, 30 percent; Representative Herrera-Beutler, only 1 vote and it was against; Representative McMorris-Rodgers, 3 of 14. Don said McMorris-Rodgers will be Mitt Romney's Washington State campaign chairman. Don also reminded members that NARFE-PAC funds are targeted to candidates most likely to win and who support NARFE issues.

**Membership** Chairman Johanna Caylor. For Johanna, Nancy Crosby reported that Johanna received a \$28 bonus check for the new members she recruited at the October health fairs; that amount will go to the Chapter treasury.

**NARFE-PAC** Chairman Carl Gallion.

- To date for this Congressional cycle, the Chapter has donated about \$900.
- Across the states, NARFE member donations average between \$.62 and \$.70; however, our state average is currently just under \$1.20.
- Starting in January, another "bucket" will be at the meetings for PAC. Carl encouraged members to donate loose change, or bills, and the donations will be made to PAC on behalf of the Chapter vs. an individual.
- Has pins for contributions of at least \$20.
- **Newsletter** Chairman Johanna Caylor. Mary Binder said articles for the January/February newsletter are due to her Friday, December 9. Also, she asked members to let her know if there was something they would like to see in the newsletter. [**Note: Chapter newsletters are on the Chapter's web site and available at Chapter meetings.**]

**Public Relations** Chairman Mary Binder. No report.

**Service Officer** Lorie Bennett. Thanked all the Service Office volunteers who helped her this year.

**Sunshine** Chair Marci Lingle; alternate, Carolyn Reeploeg. For Marci and Carolyn, Nancy Crosby reported:

- Sympathy card was sent to member Ann Risher's family on her passing; a get well card went to Pat Grady.
- Carolyn wanted to thank Johanna Caylor "for being so good about keeping [her] informed" and Mary Goldie "for her organization of the Sunshine materials."
- Carolyn could also use more cards. Nancy said members could give them to her for Carolyn, or bring them to the next meeting.

**Website** Webmaster Larry Williams. No report.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**December Birthdays/Anniversaries** No one at the meeting

**Drawings** Nancy Schreckhise, free lunch; Carl Gallion, \$17, 50/50 raffle (donated to newsletter)

**Next Chapter Meeting** Wednesday, January 4, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

**Executive Board Meeting** Wednesday, January 4, immediately following the Chapter meeting

**January Meeting Program** The Reach: Overview and Update

**NEW BUSINESS** District V VP Steve Anderson re-installed the current Chapter officers for 2012: President Don Binder; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carl Gallion; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lorie Bennett; Secretary Mary Binder; Treasurer Nancy Crosby.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** Member Faye Vlieger provided members information about two upcoming free Christmas events: Friday, December 9, Richland Senior Center, local Barber Shop quartet and Sweet Adelines; Thursday, December 15, Pasco Senior Center, Rolling Hills Chorus of Sweet Adelines International.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 12:38 p.m.

**PROGRAM**

**Tri-City Tappers and Silk Stockings** Val, the group's singer and accompanist introduced the dancers and entertained members with holiday songs between dance routines. The Tappers and Silk Stockings performed several numbers. Afterward, dancers met Chapter members. Members provided positive feedback on the program. This is the second year for this entertainment.

***Mary Alice Binder***  
***Secretary***