

NARFE Chapter 1192
January 2, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Vice President Pat Turner called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., at the Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Washington.

- Pat welcomed 21 members and 5 guests, and called for a moment of silence to remember those in harm's way, United States and state legislators for a positive and productive year, the members of NARFE, and the NARFE leadership. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Guests were: Danielle Kane who will be providing the presentation today, Bill Darke's wife Marilyn, Bob Stewart's wife Dorothy, Wally Hendrickson's wife Walupa, and first time attendee John Harris and his wife Kerry.
- Pat said she had a great Christmas and asked if anyone got a real surprise for Christmas. Nancy Crosby said she got a microwave.

OFFICER/FEDERATION/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President/Special Programs *President Lorie Bennett. Presented by Vice President Pat Turner*

- It is very important to continue to contact your elected officials of the new congress to remind them to support NARFE and government retirees.
- Membership updates for Membership Chairman Johanna Caylor.
 - Johanna is "snowbirding" and has a new email address listed in the January/February chapter newsletter, but will continue to work "membership."

REMINDERS:

- January – April 2019 schedule for NARFE Webinars. Remember :
 - January 10 – Federal & Military Service? Maximize Your Benefits (*James Marshall, Federal Benefits Institute*)
 - January 24 – Taxes & Federal Benefits (*Mark Keen, CFP*)
 - February 7 – Step by Step to Retirement (*Tammy Flanagan*)
 - March 7 – The TSP and You (*Mark Keen, CFP*)
 - March 21 – Optimizing Your Social Security Benefits (*Tammy Flanagan*)
 - April 11 – Federal Benefits & Divorce (*James Marshall*)
- Members who do not cancel a confirmed luncheon reservation for the chapter meeting by 10 a.m. Monday before the meetings will be charged for the meal.
- Check the back table or the chapter website for minutes, newsletters, etc.
- Also check the website for lunch menus, meeting programs, newsletters.

1st Vice President *Pat Turner*. No report.

2nd Vice President/Service Officer *John Cavanaugh*. No report.

Director at Large *Nancy Crosby*. No report.

Director at Large *Bob Stewart*. No report.

Treasurer's Report *Liz Bowers*.

- Total balance on hand of checking and savings as of January 2, 2019 \$16,850.29.
 - Checking: 44427.43, Savings \$12,337.62
- Income: Checking \$412.00, Savings \$123.82
- Expenses: Checking \$621.06, Savings \$0.00

Monies collected at the January Meeting Luncheon, \$433; NARFE-PAC, \$13; 50/50, \$21.

Secretary/Sunshine *Secretary Faye Vlieger*.

- Sunshine:
 - A condolences card was sent to Pierre Saget on the passing of his son.

- A Get Well thinking of you card was sent Margret Stubbs, wife of member Charles Stubbs, who is recovering from surgery.
- If you have any spare condolences cards please provide to Faye for the Sunshine mailings.
- Reminder: Please continue to send “sunshine” updates to Secretary Faye.

Newsletter/Public Relations *Mary Binder*

- Chapter newsletter:
 - January/February newsletter was sent out. Did everyone get their copy?
 - Hidden numbers – Bill Darke found his number in the November/December edition.
- 2019 NARFE/FEEA Scholarship Program – applications due March 25, 3 PM, EDT
- 2019 NARFE Photo Contest, August 1 thru April 8 – Theme: “Living in the USA”
- New Social Security Medicare cards can be laminated at a number of the local office supply stores for about \$2 or less.

Legislative *Mary Binder.*

- **LEGcon19**, March 10-13, Washington D.C. Registration ends December 15. This is NARFE’s biennial legislative training conference. It coincides with the beginning of a new Congress. Currently Mary, Lorie Bennett, Nancy Crosby and Pat Turner are planning to attend. The chapter and federation are planning on providing “scholarships” to help offset the costs for members to attend.
- Federal Updates – The House convenes on January 3, 2019. The House schedule is tailored to accommodate lawmakers with young families. The Senate begins on January
- State Updates – legislature is back in session on January 14, 2019. There are 125 pre-filed bills, of which 8 are likely to pass.

WSF: *Nancy Crosby, Mary Binder, Lorie Bennett.*

- President Nancy:
 - Lorie, Mary, and Nancy attended the December Board meeting. The Board worked on the budget, and it will be finalized soon.
 - The next executive board meeting is scheduled for April, La Quinta Hotel, Tacoma.
 - Jessica Klement, NARFE’s legislative director, has been invited to speak at the Region IX Training Conference, May 17-18, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick.
 - Region IX Training Conference will be May 17 -18 planning is on track. A \$50 scholarship will be available for chapter members to attend. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- District V VP Mary:
 - The Walla Walla Chapter is closed, and their dues funds are being dispersed on a pro-rata basis as members transfer to other chapters.
 - The Yakima Chapter has a new place to meet.
- Alzheimer’s Chairman Lorie: No report.

NARFE-PAC *Bob Stewart.* Bob said that there were no updates published yet this year. More details are in the chapter newsletter, the NARFE magazine, and the NARFE website. The new pins and support levels are also online and in the NARFE magazine.

Alzheimer’s *Larry Williams.* No report.

Membership *Johanna Caylor.* (See President’s report, above.)

Webmaster *Larry Williams.* No report.

Caller Coordinator *Darleen Wall.* The members called for today’s meeting included those from the Walla Walla chapter. Darleen requested two additional volunteers to call members to ask if they will be attending Chapter meetings.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

Free Lunch Drawing Winner Kerry Harris.

50/50 Drawing \$42 collected, \$21 won by John Cavanaugh, NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund collected \$12 in the donation bowl, for a total of \$33.

January Birthdays Bob Stewart, Norma Van Patten, and Bill Darke.

January Anniversaries None

Next Exec Board Meeting TBA.

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, February 6, noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick; doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch and business meeting begin at noon; program follows.

February Chapter Meeting Program Jason Mercier, director, Center for Government Reform, Washington Policy Center will provide an update on the Washington State legislative session.

Closing Remarks *Vice President Pat Turner* – Pat thanked all of the members for all their support of NARFE in 2018. She reminded us that winter is here and to take extra time to avoid trips and falls. Pat asked us to remember to support NARFE in the coming year, and do one new thing e.g., recruit a new member; view a webinar; attend the May training workshop.

MEETING CLOSED 12:28 p.m.

Prepared by:

Faye Vlieger

Secretary

CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM Danielle Kane, Tri-Cities marketplace manager, BBB Northwest, will provided a presentation on consumer awareness. The presentation included information on cyber security practices and pitfalls while online. She also discussed the practice of porting Smart Phone identification and how it is used by cyber criminals.