

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**June 5, 2013 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Don Binder called the Chapter's monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He welcomed 24 members and 2 guests, including program guest speaker, Bruce Bjornstad. Don called for a moment of silence, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and made introductions. He recognized member Dana Krantz – a new retiree from DOE.

**BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES/TREASURER REPORTS/PROGRAM SIGN-UP SHEETS, ETC.** Don reminded members that chapter minutes and treasurer reports are posted on the chapter's web site and available at meetings. Event signup sheets, the latest chapter newsletter and miscellaneous handouts are also at meetings.

**OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President** Don Binder

- DRAFT revised chapter bylaws were being provided to all at the meeting and will be included in the July/August chapter newsletter. A vote on the revised bylaws is scheduled for the chapter's September meeting. Don asked members to review the draft and provide him any comments.
- DVP Nancy Crosby provided highlights from the first-ever Region IX Leadership Training Conference workshop, May 31-June 1. For our Regional VP Lanny Ross, the training was a 10-plus-year dream. More than 90 members registered – beyond expectations. Chapter 1192 was well represented – besides Nancy, Mary and Don Binder, Larry Williams, Johanna Caylor, and Sig Preston attended. Nancy, Mary and Don provided presentations. Each chapter will receive a disk with the presentation material and it will be posted on the federation web site. Nancy is working on summarizing the evaluations.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Service Officer/Special Programs Coordinator** Lorie Bennett.

Lorie provided a recap and updates for chapter special events:

- June 15 – Dust Devils baseball game, no signups
- August 11 – bus trip to a Mariners baseball game. (POC: Pasco/Kennewick Senior Centers)
- September 21 – MCBONES Research Center foundation visit to the Coyote Canyon Mammoth Dig (Note: Members will be allowed to drive to the actual site vs. walking down a steep hill.)
- October 26/27 – CREHST Tombstone Tales night walking trip to the old Richland cemetery

**Secretary/Sunshine/Newsletter/PR** Mary Binder.

- For "sunshine," Mary sent sympathy cards to Jim Newton on the passing of his mother, Eleanor, a chapter member; and to member Tom Vale on the death of his wife, Margery.
- July/August chapter newsletter – articles/input due Friday, June 7.
- A reminder – the 2013 Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center, is tomorrow, Thursday, June 6. It is free and open to the public. Don and Mary, and Nancy Crosby, will be staffing the chapter's table. Other volunteers are welcome. Let Mary know if you want to help.

**Treasurer's Report** Nancy Crosby.

- Balance on hand as of April 30, \$4,319.01. May receipts were \$729.64 and disbursements, \$418.00, leaving a balance of \$4,630.65. Projected obligations are \$1,555.00, leaving an unobligated balance of \$3,075.65. **[Note: Nancy submitted an amended report, June 29, correcting line item 14.]**
- **Monies collected at the June meeting/since the previous meeting** Luncheon, \$355; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$20; NARFE-PAC, \$15; Newsletter, \$15; 50/50 Raffle, \$30 collected/\$15 awarded (donated to NARFE-PAC).

**Alzheimer's** Chairman Bill Darke.

- The chapter donated \$1285 during the cycle year, May 2012 thru April 2013, finishing second after Bremerton. However, Bill presented a "Citation for Distinguished Service" recognizing the chapter for being number one in the federation for average contributions – \$4.25 per member.
- The chapter donated \$70 in May; the balance in the chapter Alzheimer's account was \$51. **[Note: With the \$20 received at the meeting, Bill later reported the account had \$71.]**

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

- A recent Supreme Court decision on FEGLI/beneficiaries is a reminder to all federal employees/annuitants to check their designated beneficiaries.
- Barb Lisk, Rep. Doc Hastings district director, provided an excellent presentation at the Region IX Leadership Training Conference on how best to write to elected officials. In coordination with the other presidents, Don is working on a letter to Doc on behalf of the three NARFE chapters in Doc's district – Tri-Cities, Yakima and Ephrata.
- NARFE is monitoring proposed legislation that could affect federal employees/retirees, e.g., a proposal that would take current federal employees out of FEHBP and into the Affordable Care Act, which in turn, would affect “the pool” for retirees. Watch for GEMS/other NARFE updates.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**June Birthdays/Anniversaries** None.

**July Birthdays/Anniversaries** Birthdays: Lorie Bennett; Sig Preston; Phil Lamont; John Patten; Anniversaries: Bill and Marilyn Darke

**August Birthdays/Anniversaries** Ruby Ulseth; Nancy Crosby; Dennis Maupin; Anniversaries: Dennis and Betty Maupin.

**Drawings** Eileen Rutledge and Sig Preston, free lunches; Mary Binder, \$15.00, 50/50 raffle (donated to NARFE-PAC)

**Next Exec Board meetings** Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 a.m., a special marketing membership-focused board meeting; Thursday, August 22, 10:30 a.m., a regular exec board meeting. Both will be at the Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick

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

**September Meeting Program** TDB

**Announcements** None

**NEW BUSINESS** No new business

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 12:35 p.m.

**Meeting Program** Ice Age floods in the PNW – Bruce Bjornstad provided an overview on the when, why and impact of these floods. Bruce is a licensed hydro-geologist and a senior PNNL researcher. He said, “No other place in the country, or in the world, has had these types of floods ... possibly, on Mars!” Further, “the Tri-Cities is smack in the middle – the ground zero.” Bruce also had two of his books for sale, and autographed them.

**Prepared by:**

***Mary Alice Binder***

**Secretary**