

**NARFE Chapter 1192**  
**June 7, 2017 Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. Lorie asked members to silence all electronic devices; called for a moment of silence to remember our deceased and ill chapter members, and our military – both those serving and those who have given their lives for us; and, led the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed 19 chapter members and 3 guests – Tom Moak, Port of Kennewick commissioner and today's speaker, and his assistant, Lisa; and, Willapa Hendrickson, wife of member Wally Hendrickson. Lorie also welcomed new member, Toni Cavanaugh, wife of member John Cavanaugh.

**REMINDER: BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES/TREASURER REPORTS/HANDOUTS, ETC.**

Chapter minutes and treasurer reports are on the chapter's website; copies are also at meetings. Event sign-up sheets, the latest chapter newsletter, and miscellaneous handouts and NARFE forms and/or publications are also at meetings.

**OFFICER/FEDERATION/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President/Service Officer/Special Programs** *President Lorie Bennett.*

- Lorie encouraged members to check both the NARFE and our chapter websites for calls to action and to send letters to our elected officials.
- Upcoming NARFE Federal Benefits Institute webinars, 2 p.m., ET:
  - June 22, Should I Stay or Should I Go?
  - June 29, Creating a Second Career
  - July 27, Survivor Benefits: Key Decisions
  - August 24, Making the Shift from Federal Employee to Annuitant
  - September 21, Retirement Life – Where to Retire

**NOTE: The webinar schedule and past webinars are on the NARFE website.**

- Hospitality – Lorie reminded members to let a board member know if they have an issue with a meal or the service.
- Service Officer – those on Medicare will start receiving new cards in 2018 with all recipients having new cards sometime in 2019. The Social Security Administration goal is for a “seamless transition over 21 months.” Due to identity theft issues, the new cards will have randomly selected numbers vs. Social Security Numbers.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** *Pat Turner.* No report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Webmaster** *Larry Williams.* No report.

**Director at Large** *Liz Bowers.* No report.

**Director at Large** *Bob Stewart.* No report.

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

- Balance on hand as of April 30, \$10,308.80. May receipts were \$542.63 and disbursements, \$375.10, leaving a balance of \$10,476.33. Projected obligations are \$1,463.00, leaving an unobligated balance of \$9,013.33. Nancy commented that a focus has been on advocacy support and helping members attend conferences.
- Nancy reported that she recently attended an excellent AARP-sponsored presentation by Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson titled “Unmasking the Imposters.” The information provided focused on scams targeting seniors – a serious issue. Nancy said she learned a lot, and that many good tips and suggestions were provided.
- **Monies collected at the June Meeting** Luncheon, \$300, including \$30 reimbursement for 2 no shows in May; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$21; NARFE-PAC, \$24; Newsletter, \$11; 50/50 Drawing, \$20/\$10 awarded.

**WSFC President** *Nancy Crosby.*

- June 9-10 – Region IX Training Conference, Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick. Nancy reported that 39 chapter members and 2 guests are currently registered to attend. The agenda is being finalized.
- May 2018 – the next WSFC convention/conference. It will be in Spokane. Dates and location still to be determined.

**WSFC Alzheimer's** *Lorie Bennett.* Lorie reported that between October 2016 and June 4, Washington State Federation of Chapters members had donated \$3,187.09 to the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund.

**WSFC District V VP** *Mary Binder.* Mary reported that she had recently visited the district's other 2 chapters, Walla Walla Chapter 237 and Yakima Chapter 238.

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

- May/June newsletter:
  - Hidden numbers – still no winners!
  - Articles for the July/August newsletter are due by Friday, June 9.
- June 8 – the annual Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The chapter will again have a table with NARFE and chapter information. Liz Bowers and Pat Turner have volunteered to help Mary staff the table.
- Sunshine report:
  - Member John Slaughter's wife, Mary, passed away recently.
  - **Continue to let Mary know of those members needing "a little sunshine."**

**Legislative** *Mary Binder.*

- Bob Stewart would provide a general federal update in his NARFE-PAC report.
- At the state level – both the operating and capital budgets are still in limbo and the legislature is in its third extra session.

**Alzheimer's** *Bill Darke.* No report.

**NARFE-PAC** *Bob Stewart.*

- May meeting contributions – \$21. Year-to-date summary is in the current chapter newsletter.
- Bob reported that Jason Freeman, NARFE's PAC coordinator, recently left NARFE. The position is currently vacant.
- Bob stressed the importance of contributing to NARFE-PAC and getting active with NARFE, especially with discussions of reducing or eliminating COLAs.

**NOTE:** Detailed quarterly NARFE-PAC reports are on the NARFE website.

**Membership Chairman** *Johanna Caylor.*

- FEHBP healthcare providers are scheduled to be in the Stevens Building, 2420 and 2440 Stevens Drive, Wednesday, July 19. Note: the providers will not be in the Federal Building this year.
- Johanna has a supply of the new NARFE membership brochures/applications.

**Caller Coordinator** *Pam Griffin.* No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** None.

**Drawings** Free lunch: Dennis Maupin; 50/50 drawing, Sig Preston, \$20 collected/\$10 awarded.

**June Birthdays** Wally Hendrickson.

**July Birthdays** Sig Preston; Toni Cavanaugh; Lorie Bennett

**August Birthdays** Nancy Crosby; Ruby Ulseth; Dennis Maupin

**June Anniversaries** Bob/Dot Stewart

**July Anniversaries** Norma Van Patten and her husband

**August Anniversaries** Dennis/Betty Maupin; John/Toni Cavanaugh

**Next Exec Board Meeting** Wednesday, June 28, noon, Tri-City Country Club, Kennewick. All members welcome to attend.

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

**September Chapter Meeting Program:** Julie Wiley, fundraising chairman, is scheduled to provide a presentation on the Arts Center Task Force initiative to build the Vista Arts Center at Vista Field.

**Closing Remarks** President Lorie:

- Hope everyone has a healthy summer. Reminder! Stay out of the sun!
- Continue to stay engaged with our elected officials through NARFE, even during summer.
- Another reminder – consider viewing a NARFE webinar.

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

Prepared by:

*Mary Alice Binder,*  
*Secretary*

**Meeting Program** Port of Kennewick Commissioner Tom Moak provided an update on the Columbia Drive Revitalization Project. Commissioner Moak has long been involved in “making a community difference,” including serving on the Kennewick City Council, as Kennewick mayor, in the state legislature and on the housing authority. He also is a tour guide for the downtown Kennewick historic tours.

Commissioner Moak provided a general overview of economic development for downtown Kennewick, including Clover Island. Work and improvements are being done in stages, beginning as far back as 2007 when the Port of Kennewick started buying property along Columbia Drive for future development. A current major project is the Columbia Gardens Wine Village. Looking ahead, other projects in the works include a Latino heritage mural showcasing the Latino experience in the area’s agriculture; the second phase for the wine village with such things as food trucks, a plaza, a gathering place, a restaurant, etc., being considered. Also in the works is a culinary arts school for Columbia Basin College that could have, besides classrooms, a retail bakery and restaurant. This could be a real “game changer,” according to Commissioner Moak. He also had informative handouts for attendees. **(POC: Larry Williams)**