

NARFE Chapter 1192
May 2, 2012 Chapter Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER President Don Binder called the Chapter's regular monthly meeting to order at noon, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick, Wash. He led the Pledge of Allegiance; introduced the head table – noting that Nancy Crosby was recently elected as our NARFE Washington State Federation of Chapters vice president for District V (Tri-Cities, Walla Walla and Yakima); and, welcomed 28 members and 6 guests. (New members: Joe Pavlinac; Sandy Cook; and, Barbara Wessley. Guests: Nancy Carr; Sula Louie; Joyce Pavlinac; Les Pitzer; and, program presenters Dr. Pamela Logan and Jeff Dennison.)

BOARD/CHAPTER MINUTES Posted on the Chapter's web site and available at meetings.

OFFICER/DISTRICT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Don Binder.

- May 14-16, WSFC Convention, Red Lion Hotel Vancouver at the Quay. There is still space available if other members want to attend. Currently, 6 Chapter members are registered.
- August 26-30, NARFE National Convention, Sparks/Reno. There is still space available if other members want to attend. Currently, 8 Chapter members are registered.

1st Vice President Carl Gallion. No report.

2nd Vice President Lorie Bennett.

- Thursday, June 14, Hanford B-Reactor Bus Tour – Lorie provided an overall logistical update, including copies of a map showing where to meet, a sign up sheet, and an information sheet on what to expect. Lorie reminded attendees she needed exact names as they appear on either a driver's license or passport. The bus can accommodate 40; there is still space. Those wanting to attend can call or e-mail Lorie (**Ph: 509.531.2745 or E-mail: lorieb@clearwire.net**).
- Dust Devils Baseball Game – Lorie is working on a date for the Chapter to attend a game. She said she has 6 date options on a sheet on the back table at the meeting and asked members interested in attending to indicate their date preference.
- LIGO – another possible Chapter group outing Lorie said she will explore.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Nancy Crosby.

- Highlighted the April treasurer's report. Balance as of March 31, \$6,930.41. April receipts were \$626.02 and disbursements, \$647.82, leaving a balance of \$6,908.61. Projected obligations are \$3,400.00, leaving an unobligated funds balance of \$3,508.61. **[Note: Treasurer's reports are on the Chapter's web site and at meetings.]**
- **Monies collected at the May meeting/since the previous meeting** Luncheon, \$378; Alzheimer's Research Fund, \$17; NARFE-PAC, \$63; Newsletter Fund, \$9; and 50/50 Raffle, \$28 collected/\$14 awarded.

District V Vice President Nancy Crosby. Nancy provided a recap from the April 19 combined District I/V workshop. Member Pat Turner said she found the workshop very informative and said she felt great about what our Chapter 1192 was doing/where it was vs. other chapters.

Alzheimer's Chairman Bill Darke. Bill said the Federation's donation year ended April 30; the Chapter contributed \$1,455.37. Also, currently there is \$41 in the Chapter's Alzheimer's account. NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund now has received \$9.6M; the 2012 goal is to reach \$10M. Finally, any amount is welcome, but for amounts of at least \$20, there is a pin. Make checks payable to "NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund."

Caller Coordinator Chairman Pam Griffin. Pam reminded members that while she provides the hotel a lunch "count" the Monday AM before the Chapter's Wednesday meeting, IF someone misses the deadline and can contact her on Monday, she can still call and make a change after her morning deadline. **[Contact info: E-mail: pgriff1@charter.net; Ph: 509.492.4304.]**

Hospitality Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl reminded members about making lunch reservations.

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

- Congress is officially out of session this week.

- As our Chapter was meeting, Federation leadership was scheduled to meet with Senator Patty Murray in her Seattle area office. Don said he'd provide members results from the meeting.
- **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** (www.ProtectAmericasheartbeat.com). The "PAH" campaign's toolkit has been updated, including the letter templates – an easy and effective way to get letters with important NARFE positions to our elected officials.
- GEMS, NARFE's Global Electronic Message System, is a good tool for members for staying up to date on NARFE issues. At a minimum, there is a weekly update from NARFE. Don again encouraged members to sign up for GEMS. It is another free service from NARFE.

Membership Chairman Johanna Caylor. Johanna highlighted her review of recent membership report information, announced the retirement of several long-time DOE employees Chapter members might know, reminded members about having spouses join NARFE, and for retirees, dues withholding eliminates future NARFE dues notices. She requested all members help her recruit new members.

NARFE-PAC Chairman Carl Gallion. Carl reported:

- Columbia Basin Chapter 856, Ephrata, won the recent District V NARFE-PAC "competition" with the highest per-member contribution. Our Tri-Cities Chapter 1192 came in second.
- NARFE's new pins, and umbrella, are being distributed and are available for the new NARFE-PAC donation categories beyond \$20, that is, the \$50, \$100 and sustaining member categories.
- Donating to PAC is important; it provides an entrée for NARFE with our federal elected officials.
- There is a bowl on the back table for PAC – loose change/all donations are welcome!

Newsletter Chairman Mary Binder

- May/June Chapter newsletter has been mailed, is on the Chapter web site, and extra copies are at the meeting.
- **Note: Articles/information for the July/August newsletter are due to Mary by June 8.**

Public Relations Chairman Mary Binder.

- May 18-20, National Association of Letter Carriers Convention, Yakima – a Yakima chapter member/retired letter carrier will provide a NARFE presence at this convention.
- May 19-22, Nation League of Postmasters Regional Convention, Kennewick – Chapter 1192 members Carl Gallion and Johanna Caylor will support this event; also, Earl Carey, Wenatchee chapter member/retired postmaster, will attend the convention/help with a NARFE presence.
- June 15, Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center – no admission charge; many vendors with good information. Chapter 1192/NARFE will have an information table. Don and Mary Binder staffed the table at last year's show; it resulted in several new Chapter members.

[Note: The Chapter's monthly meeting announcement was in the April 27, DOE Friday Facts for Feds, and the Sunday, April 29, Tri-City Herald.]

Service Officer Lorie Bennett. No report.

Sunshine Chair Marci Lingle; alternate, Nancy Crosby. Nancy reported she:

- Sent get-well/thinking-of-you cards to members: Eberhart Reimers whose wife is ill; Rich Mayo whose wife also is ill; and, to Norman Ravley and Eleanor Golden who have been ill.
- Sent condolence card to member Joe Sutey on the passing of his sister.

Website Webmaster Larry Williams. No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Birthdays/Anniversaries Birthdays: Carl Gallion and Anne Ross; Anniversary: Frank/Pam Griffin

Drawings Sandy Cook, free lunch; Scotty Kruschke, \$14, 50/50 raffle

Executive Board Meeting immediately following today's Chapter meeting

Next Chapter Meeting Wednesday, June 6, Red Lion Hotel, Kennewick

June Meeting Program Chapter attendees will provide highlights from the May WSFC Convention

NEW BUSINESS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – President Don said he and Mary will not be at the Chapter's June meeting; neither will 2nd VP Lorie Bennett.

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:49 p.m.

PROGRAM

Hanford: Past, Present and Future Dr. Pamela Logan, Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, provided a Hanford overview, including a question/answer period. With her was Jeff Dennison, activity manager, Mission Support Alliance, Communications & External Affairs. Dr. Logan's PowerPoint presentation highlighted Hanford's history – covering from why the site was originally chosen to its WWII mission and ongoing cleanup efforts. She began her presentation by saying it was an honor to talk to other individuals who also believed in public service as she does and who laid the groundwork for the work she is doing today.

Mary Alice Binder
Secretary