



**NOTE! Chapter celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at September meeting!**

# TRI-CITIES CHAPTER 1192 NARFE NEWS

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"Advocates for Active and Former Federal Employees"

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, except July/August  
11:30 a.m., Kennewick Red Lion, Clearwater "C"  
Lunch: \$14; reservations requested  
(Vegetarian plates available, if ordered ahead)  
Note: Executive Board meeting days/times vary

**September 7** – Program: Kennewick Police Dept.  
Gangs and What You Need to Know  
**Also: Celebrate the Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday!**  
**Menu: Beef Lasagna**

**October 5** – Program: F-100 and other  
information you/your family need to know  
**Menu: Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich**

## JULY TREASURER'S REPORT\*

Balance forward, June 30	\$ 6,673.43
July Income	\$ 353.26
July Expenditures	\$ 260.54
Dedicated funds	\$ 1,244.00
Balance on hand, July 31	\$ 5,522.15

(\*Full reports are on the Chapter web site.)

## SERVICE CENTER

Open Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Federal Bldg., Richland, Room 137  
Phone: 509.373.9536

**Coordinator: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lorie Bennett**

While it is the Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it is also our Service Office's 18<sup>th</sup> in the Federal Building and, as of a recent Board decision, the repository for the Chapter's history!

So, come for a visit. You'll find information about our retirement/annuity systems, many NARFE brochures and information, and now everything from Chapter photos to old newsletters!



**Caller Coordinator.** Heads up! September is the month our callers **contact all chapter members** to verify contact information and confirm whether or not they want to be contacted regarding the monthly 6441 Chapter meetings. If you have time to be a caller, have ideas or suggestions for improving this process, or have questions, please call me, **Pam Griffin**, 509.492.4304, or e-mail: [pgriff1@earthlink.net](mailto:pgriff1@earthlink.net).



## LOOKING AHEAD

### **2011/2012 Planned Chapter Programs**

- November 2** – White Elephant Auction Fundraiser for NARFE's Alzheimer's Research Fund
  - December 7** – Tri-City Tappers/Silk Stockings
  - January 4** – The Reach: An Overview
  - February 1** – Social Security: Benefit Categories
  - March 7** – Emergency Management
  - April 4** – Antique Appraisers Terry/Kathy Maurer
  - May 2** – Hanford: Past, Present and Future
  - June 6** – Recap of Annual WSFC Convention
- Note: Watch for changes and updates in this newsletter and on the Chapter web site.**

## Chapter President – Don Binder

I am honored to be serving as your president as we celebrate the Chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What an incredible journey the Chapter has traveled since 1971 – from the days when Hanford was still the primary employer and the Vietnam War still raging, through the '80s when the community collectively faced and dealt with major Hanford layoffs and the country, worldwide conflicts. Then, into the '90s and the new century when Hanford cleanup and community diversification came to, and still are, at the forefront. Yes, it has been an incredible journey.

As we've prepared for this Chapter milestone, we've heard from several past Chapter presidents.

**Estelle Bellefeuille**, 1981-1982, wrote from her home in the Twin Cities, Minn., area, that she retired in 1972, did not know about NARFE, but joined when she did learn about it. Estelle started the Chapter 1192 Service Office in 1993 and served as the service officer through 2004. Also, as a professional registered parliamentarian, she served as the Chapter parliamentarian for many years and at numerous NARFE WSFC state conventions.



**Deacon Al Rizzo**, 1996-1999, had a couple of standard responses when someone would ask him, "What's in it for me?" as it related to joining NARFE. According to Al's wife Dolores, Al would often say, "Come and find out," or "Whatever you put into it." I believe this still applies today!

**Anne Ross**, 2000-2001, has been a treasure trove for photos and other historical info from her many 0878 years of Chapter involvement. And, for long-standing members, remember all the great accordion music?



**Carl Gallion**, 2002-2004, has remained actively involved in the Chapter, and also served as the Federation's District V vice president for several years. While president, Carl pursued establishing pre-retirement seminars, which were well received by area federal employees, and a good Chapter fundraiser. Maybe we need to do these again!

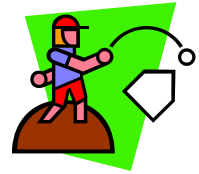
Following **Joe Kuhns**, 2005, **Clark Crouch**, 2006-2007, a western and cowboy poet now living on the "other side" of the mountains,

wrote, "You all have our best wishes for a great meeting and another 40 years of success."



Clark also wrote that he joined NARFE in 1978 when he retired from the Department of Energy. While he and his wife, Barbara, have a great many friends in the Chapter and area, and miss them, they are enjoying being near their family on the "other side."

Our current Chapter treasurer, **Nancy Crosby**, 2008-2010, is a baseball fan. So when newly elected president **Verneice Skinner** needed to step down in 2008, then 1<sup>st</sup> VP Nancy grabbed the ball and stepped up to the plate. She continues to be a key Chapter team player!



Yes, it is an honor to follow these and all others past presidents. In reviewing many minutes and newsletters, and reflecting on the political climate, many of their issues are still ours today – attacks on federal employees and their benefits; recruiting and retaining members. Our work is not done.

Therefore, NARFE's **PROTECT America's Heartbeat** campaign continues! If you don't know about it, and/or haven't checked the NARFE web site recently, please do so. Campaign information was recently updated. As federal employees, retirees, or family members, and as citizens of this country, our challenges continue. We need to stay informed and stay involved. **Thank you!**

## 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Hospitality Chairman – Carl Gallion

A special "thank you" to all who have called, written and/or visited me over the past months. While still in recovery mode, I have been "stepping out," albeit VERY carefully! Looking forward to seeing many of you during our upcoming NARFE season.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Special Programs – Lorie Bennett

I've experienced many "learning curves" in my life, and NARFE is no different. So, I'm looking forward to working with even more of you, and learning even more, as we start another NARFE season.

## District V Vice President – Steve Anderson

I am looking forward to Chapter 1192's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! This is a great occasion

for one of our Federation's most vibrant chapters. It will be good to visit with members, new and long standing. Speaking of members, NARFE continues to lose members. Work is ongoing to recruit and retain members. We need to continue those efforts at the chapter level and to learn why some members aren't renewing and why others aren't joining. This will help in understanding membership issues. Please help us in this endeavor.

### Alzheimer's Research – William Darke

1985: the NARFE/Alzheimer's partnership began. Eventually, three programs were combined and a goal set for \$5M by 2005.



That was long ago surpassed and the goal is now \$10M by 2012. All contributions go to Alzheimer's Research. To date NARFE has funded 49 researchers and the scientists NARFE selected have made some very significant advances, including involvement in a discovery leading to memantine (Namenda), one of 5 widely used Alzheimer's drugs. A worthwhile partnership? Yes! Thank you for your contributions.



**NARFE 2013 Photo Calendar Contest**  
Entries being accepted until  
**February 10, 2012.**

Entry details at: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org).  
Questions? Call: 703.838.7760, ext. 268,  
or e-mail: [pubrel@narfe.org](mailto:pubrel@narfe.org)

### Public Relations – Mary Binder

Good news – we have received some photos and other Chapter historical information! But, **the search continues!** Have anything? Know someone who might? Please contact me at 509.585.1393, or at [mary\\_binder@msn.com](mailto:mary_binder@msn.com). Thank you!

### NARFE-PAC – Carl Gallion

Political – yes; partisan – no. This is NARFE and its PAC. So, with the ever-increasing need for us to “open doors” during the ongoing battles to cut spending and balance the federal budget, it will be more important than ever to have a “war chest.” Please continue considering NARFE-PAC contributions. All amounts are welcome!



### Sunshine News – Marci Lingle

Please let me know about members affected by a significant event such as an illness, loss, or an extra-special occasion. Contact me at: [tclingles@clearwire.net](mailto:tclingles@clearwire.net) or 509.627.6628.

### Webmaster – Larry Williams

Reminder: **the Chapter web site is a resource** with everything from meeting minutes to Chapter newsletters to other NARFE-related links. Take a look!



### Legislative – Don and Mary Binder

As the newsletter goes to press, we are scheduled to meet with Rep. Doc Hastings and a staffer for Senator Patty Murray. We will be carrying the NARFE message, and asking 3056 how we as a chapter and individuals can help them. We also attended the August Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce monthly lunch; Rep. Hastings was the keynote speaker. We will be reporting on these meetings at the September Chapter meeting.

**Reminders** – NARFE's web site has legislative updates: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). If you don't have Internet access, want to discuss legislative issues, or have other questions, feel free to contact us at: [don\\_binder@msn.com](mailto:don_binder@msn.com); or, [mary\\_binder@msn.com](mailto:mary_binder@msn.com); or, call 509.585.1393. Finally – contacting our elected officials is important! Contact information follows.

### Contacting our Federal Legislators

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### Membership – Johanna Caylor


**FEHB Health Fairs:** There will be 3 in the local area **Wednesday, October 12:** 1) 8 to 9 a.m., Social Security Administration, 8131 W. Klamath Court, Kennewick; 2) 10 to 11:30 a.m., Richland Federal Building – DOE, 825 Jadwin Avenue, Richland; 3) 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., DOE – Stevens Center, 2440 Stevens Drive, Richland. Our Chapter 1192 will have a table and NARFE information at all 3 fairs.

**Renewals:** Forgot to renew your membership or can't remember when it is due? Yes, feel free to call me, **but also expect a call!**

**Remember:** The WSFC Federation provides \$10 rebates for: **1-Dues withholding; and, 2-Spouse sign up. (NOTE: Only retirees are eligible for dues withholding. Send no money when applying; only \$3.67 withheld monthly from your annuity. NO more renewal notices!)** NARFE provides an \$8 rebate for new "AFE" memberships – active federal employees.

**Reminder:** Please, notify the Chapter and NARFE if you change your mailing, e-mail, or other contact information – this applies to "Snowbirds," too!

**Call/e-mail me:** 509.375.0739 or 509.308.6664; or, [caylorx2@aol.com](mailto:caylorx2@aol.com).

**Hidden numbers:** 3 in this issue – last 4 digits of a member's number! Contact me if you find yours; win \$5! July/August numbers belonged to: **Clifford Ashley;**  **James Furubotten; Frances Reese.** No calls; no winners. Sorry!

### Always Good to Know

OPM: 888-767-6738, "Retirement Info Line"

OPM: [www.opm.gov/retire/](http://www.opm.gov/retire/)

E-mail questions to: [retire@opm.gov](mailto:retire@opm.gov)

Resource Guide: *Be Prepared for Life's Events*  
(available at: [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org))

NARFE Toll-Free Number: 800-627-3994;

Toll-Free Legislative Hotline: 800-217-8234

Facebook: Log onto Facebook, go to "NARFE National Headquarters," then "Like"

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

*Labor Day, September 5*  
*Chapter 1192's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, September 7*  
*Grandparents' Day, September 11*  
*Patriot Day, September 11*  
*Autumn begins, September 23*  
*Rosh Hashanah, September 28*  
*Yom Kippur, October 7*  
*Columbus Day, October 10*  
*FEHB Health Fairs, October 12*  
*National Boss Day, October 17*  
*Halloween, October 31*



### Thoughts from Afar

Deacon Al Rizzo  
(via Dolores Rizzo)



*Do you see The Light?*  
*A stranger asked Al this question in Rome while they were in a long line to visit Christ's tomb. After asking him three times, assuring him he would see the tomb, and asking him to hold her place in line, she disappeared, saying, "I'm going upstairs."*  
*She never returned.*  
*So, from Al through Dolores,*  
*"Do you see The Light?*  
*Do you see the value? What is right?*  
*What is good?"*