

**Important! September chapter meeting will be "virtual!" Details on pages 1 and 2.**

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**CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays, except July/August

11:30 a.m., Columbia Center Red Lion, Kennewick

Lunch not required to attend the meeting.

Lunch: \$20; reservations REQUIRED

***(Vegetarian plates available, if ordered ahead)***

**Avoid a charge! Cancel reservations you can't keep!**

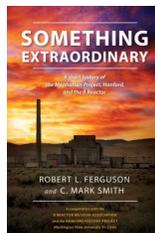
Note: Executive Board meeting days/times vary.

**Note! As this newsletter was finalized, there are no scheduled in-person chapter meetings through December. However, the chapter board is hoping to host "virtual" meetings each first Wednesday. The test virtual meeting will be the September meeting. See VP's article, page 2. Updates will be in future newsletters, via email notices, the chapter's callers and on the chapter's website, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org).**

**September 2** – Update on the Arts Center Task Force  
**This will be a Zoom "virtual"**

**Meeting. See VP's article, page 2.**

**October 7** – Local author, C. Mark Smith, returns to discuss his latest book, *Something Extraordinary* – a behind-the-scenes narrative of the Manhattan Project  
**Note: Tentative "virtual" meeting.**



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**Chapter President – Pat Turner**

In the last newsletter, I wrote about a summer of changes. Now, looking to the fall, change continues. While we had hoped to resume in-person meetings, that will not be possible for the remainder of the year. So, we'll be trying something new – a "virtual" chapter meeting for September. If successful, we'll continue them this fall.



How will this work? Chapter Vice President Nancy Crosby has established a Zoom account that we will be using. See her article, page 2, for details. And, to note, our meeting agenda will include the long-awaited update from an Arts Center Task Force representative!

Speaking of changes, while there will be annual Walks to End Alzheimer's this fall, there are changes. See Chapter Alzheimer's Chairman Larry Williams' article, page 3, for details about our chapter team and walk changes.

In the last newsletter, I also wrote about the NARFE elections. Detailed information, including a printed ballot, are in the August *narfe* magazine; however, members can vote online on the NARFE website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). Voting ends August 31. Note: Printed ballots must be received by August 31. Elections are for NARFE national officers, which includes for our Region IX vice president, and also for bylaws amendments and resolutions.



I understand voting can be challenging, whether trying to learn more about candidates, or the proposed amendments and resolutions. Yes, it takes time and effort, but it is so important. Information has been in *narfe* magazines, starting in March with candidate statements. There is even more information on the NARFE website. If you have recycled your magazine without voting, or if you have questions and/or need assistance with voting, please contact me, Vice President Nancy, or Secretary Mary Binder. We are here to assist you. **8503**

Finally, if you have suggestions on other ways we can communicate with members, please let me, or any board member, know. Stay safe and healthy, and mask up!

## Vice President Nancy Crosby

As President Pat wrote in her article, page 1, our chapter's September 2 meeting will be "virtual" on Zoom as we cannot meet in person. The agenda will include officer and chairman reports, and an update on the Arts Center Task Force initiative.

**Members with desktop, laptop, smartphone or tablet capabilities can participate. If you want to join us, I will need your email address. Please send me an email, at [crosbynancy56@gmail.com](mailto:crosbynancy56@gmail.com), not later than Friday, August 28. I will then send you the log-on link and instructions.**

Also, the chapter's callers will be checking in before September with all local chapter members! This is the time when our callers make their annual calls to local members to verify their contact information, and to confirm whether they do or do not wish to be called about meetings. They have several items to share with you, too. For members wanting email notifications, please provide that to the callers, including verifying your email address!

As noted on page 1, we will be keeping members apprised of future meetings – whether they will be virtual or in person. To be able to do this, please ensure we have your correct contact information!

## Service Office – Nancy Crosby

We still cannot access our chapter service office in the Richland Federal Building, but I am available to assist you if you have questions. When calling, please leave a message and I will return the call.



Also, you can call, email or mail questions to the federal benefits specialists at NARFE headquarters:

- ◆ Phone: 800.456.8410, then select option 2 for the Federal Benefits Institute;
- ◆ Email: [fedbenefits@narfe.org](mailto:fedbenefits@narfe.org);
- ◆ Mail: NARFE, ATTN: Federal Benefits Institute, 606 N. Washington St., Washington, D.C., 22314.

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## NARFE FEDERAL BENEFITS INSTITUTE

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Next, a reminder about the NARFE webinars, which are free to NARFE members! If you cannot attend a "live" webinar, all past webinars are archived and can be viewed on the NARFE website under the Federal Benefits Institute.

**The next webinar is Thursday, September 24, 2 p.m., EDT. Subject: "One Year Later: TSP Withdrawal Options." Presenter is Mark Keen, CFP,** a financial planner with years of experience helping Feds prepare for retirement. He authors the "Managing Money" column in the *narfe* magazines.

## WSF President – Steve Roy

I am pleased to let you know that our latest annual federation newsletter, the *Federation Reporter*, is now available on the WSF website, [www.narfewa.org](http://www.narfewa.org). Once on the site, click on the "Library" tab. If you need a printed copy, please email or call Editor Mary Binder at: [mary\\_binder@msn.com](mailto:mary_binder@msn.com); 509.378.2494.



In the edition, you will find valuable information and resources along with getting to know what your federation is doing to support its members and protect our earned pay and benefits.

Next, I would like to invite you to our WSF Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 30, 9 a.m. It will be another "virtual" GoToMeeting™ and last about 2 hours. The link for accessing the meeting will be on the WSF website. Besides officer and chairman reports, there will be an update on the WSF redistricting project. For the past few months, a committee of WSF leaders from across the state has been reviewing the federation's current 5-district structure and the district VP job description. The last review was in 2012. In the years since then, several chapters have closed.

Finally, a reminder about the NARFE elections and voting as Pat Turner, your chapter president, discusses in her article, page 1. Please vote, if you have not already done so. I know without chapter meetings, our biennial conference, etc., it is more challenging for some members to learn about candidates and issues; however, as President Pat notes in her article, chapter officers are available to assist you. Again, please ensure you vote.



## Treasurer – Liz Bowers

Overall, it has been a quiet summer on the chapter finance front. All bills are paid, and with expenses at a minimum as a result of the impacts of COVID-19, the chapter is actually running on the "plus side" this year. Our Gesa account balance is a little over \$17,000.

As we move into the fall and the end of the year, I will be working with the chapter's officers and committee chairmen on our 2021 budget. If you have questions about the budget, and/or ideas or suggestions, please contact me. I'll be providing updates at chapter meetings, whether they are in-person or virtual, and in future newsletters. **5662**



## Public Relations – Mary Binder

**Fall Senior Times Expo, Tuesday, October 20.** Chapter 1192 will be an exhibitor – our first time participating! Watch for details in the *Senior Times*, other local media outlets, and on the chapter website, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org).

## Legislative – Mary Binder

September brings an end to NARFE's annual August Grassroots Advocacy Month; however, that does not mean an end to advocacy! With the November elections "heating up," several things come to mind:

- ◆ First, a reminder that NARFE is NONPARTISAN. Political, yes, but NONPARTISAN. NARFE focuses on protecting our earned pay and benefits, NOT on a political party. It is sometimes difficult for members to separate personal politics from the NARFE agenda, but when representing NARFE, we MUST remain NONPARTISAN.
- ◆ From the August *narfe* magazine, "NARFE encourages its members, employees, families and communities to participate in the political process." NARFE has state-specific and other election information at: [www.narfe.org/GOTV2020](http://www.narfe.org/GOTV2020).
- ◆ Also from the August *narfe* magazine, "Addressing WEP and COLAS 'have long been at the top of NARFE's legislative agenda, and now is the time for us to push congressional action.'"

Switching gears – a final reminder about the 2020 U.S. Census. If you have not completed the short but incredibly important census, please do so. The impacts to our local communities are significant, as highlighted in previous newsletters.



## NARFE-PAC – John Wetterling

NARFE-PAC has been affected by COVID-19, BUT the good news, per Ross Apter, NARFE political associate, in the August *narfe* magazine, "... the PAC quickly adapted to ensure that NARFE's issues remained at the forefront. As campaigns began to better understand operations during the coronavirus outbreak, so did NARFE-PAC ... The PAC embraced the new era of Zoom calls and joined candidates in virtual fundraisers to make sure our strongest supporters had the funds necessary to continue successful campaigns ..."



The 6th Quarter PAC reports for the 2-year, 2019 to 2020, congressional cycle ending June 30 are on the NARFE website. Good news is contributions have continued! Here are some 2-year highlights:

- ◆ NARFE goal: \$1,750,000; raised, \$1,730,928.39.
- ◆ Disburse: \$1,250,000; disbursed, \$1,074,000.
- ◆ Grow sustainer program 20%; grown 11%.

Regarding the sustainer program, our Tri-Cities chapter remained 2nd in the number of sustainers of the state's 16 NARFE chapters. With even just a couple more sustainers, we could be in first place!

## Contacting our Federal Legislators

### The Honorable Dan Newhouse, 4th Congressional Dist. U.S. House of Representatives

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Phone: 509.713.7374; Fax: 509.713.7377

### The Honorable Patty Murray, U.S. Senate

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<http://www.murray.senate.gov/email/index.cfm>

402 East Yakima Ave., Suite 390, Yakima, WA 98901  
Phone: 509.453.7462; Fax: 509.453.7731

### The Honorable Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senate

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825 Jadwin Ave., Suites 204/204A, Richland, WA 99352  
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Also to note regarding sustainers, Washington State was first of our Region IX's 5 states (Alaska, Idaho, Montana Oregon and Washington) and ranked 4th of all 50 states, the D.C., and U.S. territories. Considering our state's population vs. California, Florida and Virginia – 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in sustainers, this is significant! Our members recognize the importance to NARFE-PAC of having this steady stream of monthly contributions.

See page 16, August *narfe* magazine for more details on becoming a sustainer, or making a one-time contribution. For online contributions, go to the NARFE website, [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). Log in, go to "NARFE Home Page," click on "Department," then "Advocacy," and "NARFE-PAC." Note! This is also where you can find the quarterly NARFE-PAC reports! **7481**

Thank you to all contributors. Please keep contributing, and please also consider becoming a sustainer!

## Alzheimer's Research Fund – Larry Williams Sunday, October 11, the Kennewick Walk to End Alzheimer's!

Yes, a walk this year and, yes, our chapter will have a team; BUT, with COVID-19 restrictions, NO communal walk in Columbia Park. Each team or team member will walk in a location of their choice. There will also be "virtual" events supporting the walk.



I am hoping to hear from many members and that we can have a team walk! Team members can also walk on their own route. To join and/or to just donate to our team, go to: [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk) and search for our team, "NARFE Chapter 1192;" or, on our chapter website, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org), click on "Programs," and then click on the link in the box with Walk information ... an easy way to join or donate to our team! Thank you for the support, whether as a walker or donor or both!

**Return Service Requested**

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**Membership Chairman – Johanna Taylor**

Well, members, since “the pandemic” arrived, “membership” has been rather slow for me. However, my mask and I have delivered area chapter “distinguished members” their certificates, cards and pins. These are members with at least 20 years NARFE membership.

In going through my chapter membership archives recently, I was amazed to learn we have 10 members who have been loyal NARFE members for 30-plus years! They are: Robert (Bob) Lindsay (40); William (Bill) Fuzak (39); Sigrid Preston (38); John Bailey (34); Ernest Amundsen (34); Ray White (32); William Ross (32); Betty Robertson and me (32); and Francis Mithoug (31). Ray White, who recently turned 100, is our only “Honorary Member.” NARFE replaced this status category with “Distinguished Member” several years ago. Honorary members had to be at least 85 and have 20 years membership. When Ray turned 85, he was the only chapter member to qualify.

**Reinstated:** Dave Langstaff ... welcome back!

**Renewals:** Recent NARFE reports listed 2 dropped members for nonrenewal; 3 members were sent 2nd renewal notices; and, 14 members renewed! I’ve also sent out 5 “membership-reminder” postcards.

**FEHBP Program:** As this newsletter was finalized, there was still no specific information regarding the fall health fairs. When details are available, they’ll be on both our chapter and federation websites, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org) and [www.narfewa.org](http://www.narfewa.org). The chapter executive board will look at other notification options, too! Stay tuned!

**Hidden Numbers:** July/August numbers belonged to: Hazel Bugher; Dennis Maupin; Karen Randolph. No calls or messages. SORRY! Find 3 new numbers – **last 4 digits, your NARFE membership number** – and you can win \$5. Call or email me, 509.375.0739; [annahox2@gmail.com](mailto:annahox2@gmail.com).



**CALLER COORDINATOR REMINDERS !**

Reminder! Prior to our September “virtual” meeting, our callers will make their annual calls to all local members to confirm contact information, call or do-not-call preferences, etc. **They will also have several items to share with you!** PLEASE return calls if a caller leaves a message. Having current information will help the chapter board in the coming meeting year.



**THANK YOU FOR THE CALL!**

**Contact: Darleen Wall**

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**Sunshine News – Faye Vlieger**

Since the July/August newsletter:

**Condolences to chapter member:**

Jack Rhoades on the passing of his stepson; Patricia Slape on the passing of her husband, W. Troy

**Thinking of You/Get Well to members:**

Lorie Bennett; Suzanne Clark; Russell Nelson; Bob Stewart

**Know someone needing a little “sunshine” or a special-occasion card? Call me, 509.961.1095, or email me, [einvlieger@aol.com](mailto:einvlieger@aol.com).**



**Webmaster – Larry Williams**

Reminder! Besides the NARFE website, there are 2 “local” sites with a wealth of information. The chapter website, [www.narfe1192.org](http://www.narfe1192.org) and the WSF site, [www.narfewa.org](http://www.narfewa.org). Our chapter site has information on meeting programs, menus and minutes, along with past newsletters and special announcements, including for the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer’s. The WSF site has everything from statewide information, including from other chapters, to historical/reference material, the annual *Federation Reporter* newsletter and links to meetings.

