

# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 • February 2008



## NARFE District IV Website

[www.narfewadist4.org](http://www.narfewadist4.org)

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### Chapter Chairpersons

**Alzheimer's:** Elizabeth Owen

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**Membership:** co-chairpersons:

Orvie Jensen

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#### Senator Maria Cantwell

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The Commerce Building

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Tuesday 9:30 A.M.-Noon, Thursday 2:00-5:00 P.M., and by appointment 452-3370)

## February Chapter Program

February 26, 2008, 11:30 A.M.

The Salad Station (formerly the Secret Garden Buffet)

First St. and Golf Course Road

Port Angeles, WA

The February speaker will be Powell Jones, Education Coordinator for the Dungeness River Audubon Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be at 12:00 noon and will be followed by the presentation and a short business meeting.

## Calendar

### March 11, 2008

District 4 Workshop

9:00 A M to 3:00 P M.

Port Orchard, WA

### May 19, 20, 21, 2008

Washington State Federation of Chapters

Walla Walla, WA

### September 7 – 11

2008 Biennial NARFE National Convention

Louisville, KY

## Current Employees

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has called for the elimination of the time-in-grade restriction, which dates to 1952. It requires that federal employees in General Schedule grades 5 and above serve 52 weeks in a grade before becoming eligible for promotion to the next grade. OPM gave agencies until April 7 to comment on the proposed rule change.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## President's Corner

Before the March Chapter 1006 newsletter is available, members of this chapter will be attending the District 4 Workshop in Port Orchard. This workshop is chaired by our District 4 vice president. I hope that the chapter will be well represented at the workshop. The theme of the workshop is "Chapter Meetings". Please see or call Kay Kozminski for more information.

Our chapter has, in general, had good turnout for meetings. However, the number of members attending meetings has started to decline. From January through October we always meet on the Fourth Tuesday of the month. Our November meeting usually is reserved for presenta-

tions from our health insurance providers and the date is coordinated by the Federation. The meetings are currently at noon at the Salad Place in Port Angeles. Unfortunately, the owners have a policy that all meeting attendees pay for a lunch. If you would like us to consider alternative dates or meeting venues, please give a call to any Board member with your suggestion.

The Chapter has a need for a Program Chairperson. Please give some thought to serving the chapter. Other positions are filled, but additional help is always accepted. Your helping an existing Chairperson will certainly be appreciated.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## Membership

I hope your New Year will be blessed with good health and looking forward to your rebate. Bud & I left mid-December for Arizona for a couple of weeks. It was cold and windy so we migrated back to Laughlin, Nevada and it wasn't much better there - so we decided to come back home.

My co-chair, Orvie Jensen fell off a ladder 21st December while painting his kitchen and fractured his hip. He is doing well now walking with his cane. We hope to see Orvie at the February meeting

We welcome the following members that have transferred to our chapter: Pamela Godsey, Jack Gummer and Warren Mills. We also have a new CFE, Judy Pyshere from Sequim. Please come to the next meeting 26th February and get acquainted with us.

Thanks to Wilbur Gallinger for reinstating his membership and to Nancy Bernard for signing up for Dues Withholding.

Our sympathy to Joy Cole and Dolores Crust, whose husbands passed away recently. Also, to the family of John Van Zanten who passed away.

Second renewal notices have been sent to Melvin Funkhouser, Jerry Moore, Georgia Reynolds, Lucy Willis, Art Greenberg, Sue McGill, Patricia

Milliren, Larry Nickey, James Andrew, Agnes Bell, Phyllis Strand, Ben Tillotson and Geraldine Wanek. If you have paid your dues please disregard your name being on this list. Dropped for non payment of dues are: Jane Andersen, Cheri Barnett, Gary Garrison, Mary Tailleur & Geoff Merscher. This now leaves us with 326 retired members & 38 current employees, for a total of 364 chapter members.

At the recent National Executive Board meeting, Board members agreed to eliminate current federal employee dues incentive program. Effective January 1, 2008 all new CFE's will join NARFE at the standard first year membership fee of \$33. Upon completion of the first year, CFE's will renew at the standard NARFE dues structure.

Those CFE's who joined prior to January 1, 2008 will be grandfathered. As long as they remain a CFE they will be able to renew at the old CFE rates. Once you have retired, you will renew at the standard NARFE dues rate.

Next month we will discuss Dues Withholding. Start thinking about the dollars you can save, peace of mind about forgetting to pay your dues (and you won't be hearing from this department)

See you at the meeting

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR