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



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

March Chapter Program

March 25, 2008, 11:30 A.M.

The Salad Station (formerly the Secret Garden Buffet)

First St. and Golf Course Road

Port Angeles, WA

The March 25th NARFE Chapter 1006 speaker will be Ms C. Warne of the Master Gardeners. Bring your gardening questions.

Lunch will be at 11:30 A M and the Speaker will be at 12:00. Unfortunately, the owners of the Salad Station require a lunch be purchased to attend the talk. A sandwich station is now available. See the President's message.

Calendar

May 19, 20, 21, 2008

Washington State Federation of Chapters

Walla Walla, WA

September 7 – 11

2008 Biennial NARFE National Convention

Louisville, KY

President's Corner

When the new owners took over the Secret Garden and changed the name to The Salad Place, the 2007 Chapter Officers decided to give them a period of evaluation. Several members have commented that the Salad Station is not acceptable as a meeting and lunch place. This input, as well as the owners requirement that all who come to the meeting must pay for a lunch, has led the Executive Officers to conclude that the meeting place for our monthly meetings must change. We are contacting several places to ascertain whether they are large enough, have a reasonable variety of food, are affordable, have

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easy access for our members, etc. With this in mind, we will have a presentation of our search results at the next meeting. If the members vote to change, we will try to have the meeting place changed by the April meeting but no later than the May meeting. Please give me or Lois Shaw a call with any input in this matter.

Bud Shaw, Lois Shaw, and I attended the District 4 Workshop in Port Orchard on March 11. Bill Powers was reelected as the District 4 Vice President. Other presentations were made by a representative of Congressman Dicks' Tacoma office on the status of various legislation. Megan Winans (service officer of the Bremerton chapter) gave a presentation on the differences in the retirement plans of CSRS and FERS retirees. Rex Tauscher (Washington State Federation of Chapters Treasurer) gave a presentation on a proposed change to the method of determining the per capita tax each chapter pays the Federation. Lanny Ross (Region IX Vice President) gave a presentation on the National Executive Board activities and urged all to come to the National Convention. Bob Edwards (District 4 Webmaster) gave an on-line presentation of our computer web site and reminded us that if you do not have a computer at home, you can still access the site (narfewadist4.org) at your local library. Helpers in the library can assist you. This is a great way to keep up on NARFE happenings.

Now I have some sad news. H. T. (Steve) Morrissee died on March 1. Steve was the NARFE National President from 1987 to 1990.

Please come to the meeting. See you there.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Active Federal Employees

James Moran D-VA has submitted a bill that would allow FERS employees to get a lump sum payment for their unused sick leave upon retirement. The bill would allow 15% of the value of the unused sick leave or \$10,000 whichever is least.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership

We welcome Bob Ackerman from Sequim that has transferred his membership to our chapter. Bob is retired from Immigrations. We send our condolences to the Linton Family, Bill passed away last month.

Those that attended the February meeting enjoyed our speaker and he spoke on an interesting subject. Also, we had feed back from several about moving our meeting place to another location. We are looking and hope to come up with something very soon. Come to the March meeting and give us your thoughts about where and etc. I checked back records - February 2007 34 attended the meeting, 20 are from the Sequim area and 14 from Port Angeles. February 2008, 21 attended and 15 were from Sequim and 6 from Port Angeles. That indicates to us that we should find a place in the Sequim area for our meetings.

If you read my membership section last month I told you this month we would discuss dues withholding. So here goes. Signing up for dues withholding is simple. All you have to do is complete an application. You can obtain that from me (452-6374) or there is always one included in every NARFE magazine and mail it to the National Office. It will take approximately 60-90 days to place your name on dues withholding with OPM. Once it is implemented you will not receive any dues notices or hear from me. With postage going up it costs NARFE about 61 cents to print and mail each renewal notice. For a year that's a whopping \$200.00, that's big bucks! To sign up for dues withholding for our chapter it will cost you \$24.60 annually or \$2.05 per month plus the \$7.00 chapter dues. Think about this - call me and I will mail you the application ASAP.

Please come to the March meeting and say hello to your friends.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR