

# NARFE

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



## NARFE District IV Website

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

### Chapter Officers

**President:** Al Burge

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**Board Member:** William Holman

**Board Member:** Lois Shaw

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### Chapter Chairpersons

**Alzheimer's:** Elizabeth Owen

**Historian:** Vacant

**Legislative:** Bill Holman

**Membership:** co-chairpersons:

Orvie Jensen

Lois Shaw

**Newsletter:** Sara Boore

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### Legislators

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#### Senator Cantwell's Director for the Olympic Peninsula

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#### Representative Norm Dicks

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

## July Chapter Program

July 22, 2008, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

Gary Smith, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Clallam County's Public Hospital District #2, will be the speaker for the July 22, 2008 NARFE meeting.

Lunch will be at 11:30 AM and the Speaker will be at 12:00. You do not have to have lunch to attend the meeting

## President's Corner

Lois Shaw and Ron Gill have been appointed to the 2009 committee to find chapter officers and committee chairpersons for next year. Please consider helping the chapter. We still have two committee positions open for this year, program chair and publicity. If you have ideas for chapter meeting agendas please give me a call. I was pleasantly surprised at the Washington State Federation of Chapters Meeting by many new faces. One chapter had an active federal employee as chapter president.

Past Chapter President Ray Weinman and I will represent the Chapter at the National Convention in Kentucky in September. Resolutions covering seven general areas of National Bylaws and Standing rules are to be considered. They deal with abolishing the mandatory chapter membership requirement for NARFE, a single dues structure, honorary

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life memberships, one member one vote, eliminating or combining National Office positions, and several other items. I have one copy of the Resolutions. A complete reading is available on the web at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). If you have thoughts on any of the above items please contact Ray or myself.

NARFE supports Alzheimer's disease research. According to the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's disease now supersedes diabetes as the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. There will be a Memory Walk in support of Alzheimer's disease research in Sequim on August 2 starting at the Sequim High School. Registration starts at 9:00 A M. The walk starts at 10:00 A M and ends at 12:00 Noon.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## **About NARFE**

NARFE's mission has remained the same since 1921, to protect and improve the retirement benefits of federal retirees, employees and their families.

Our current legislative agenda focuses on enacting bills to:

Extend the Premium Conversion rights that federal and postal employees have to federal annuitants, so that retirees too can pay their Federal Employee Health Benefits premiums with pre-tax dollars and save an average \$400 each year; and,

Repeal the Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), two provisions which can substantially reduce the expected retirement income of retired federal workers.

People who join NARFE know the most effective means of change starts from within. Each NARFE member's voice and support carries twice its strength in making a difference on Capitol Hill.

People who join NARFE know the only way to make change is to pursue what is right and just so that the only result is the outcome they seek. People who join NARFE know legitimate legislative change involves time, money, dedication and the constant pursuit of what is right and just. It is with this in mind that NARFE has helped change the future for the federal community.

—WWW.NARFE.ORG

## **Membership**

My report from National reports that Duncan Dupree and Phyllis Strand have reinstated their membership. However, we have some members that have dropped for non-renewal, they are: Frederick Herzog, Martha Hutchinson and Jim Sperber. And those whose dues were due May of 2008 are: David Johnson, Rogelio Monsanto, Katherine Olsen and Karen Reed. This brings up the subject of dues withholding. Why not sign up for dues withholding, it's simple and easy to do. You must complete an application, which you can get from me or tear the one out of your NARFE magazine. It takes approximately 60-90 days to place a member on dues withholding with the office of OPM. The dues are \$24.60 per year, plus \$7.00 yearly chapter dues. Once implemented, a member will not receive further dues notices (or) have your name in this newsletter. If for some reason you want to withdraw from the program all you have to do is send NARFE a written request. I have had dues withholding for almost 17 years and as you know the older we get the more things we can forget to do. You may be surprised to learn that it costs NARFE approximately 61 cents to print and mail each renewal notice. The national goal for dues withholding for 2008 is 25%, with a chapter average increasing to 8%. I think these goals are achievable if you and I work together to make this possible. Let us strive to do so.

If you have read the fine print in the NARFE magazine of the National Officers meeting you may have read that Honorary Members may become a thing of the past. The current Honorary Member will remain a Honorary Member; but no new Honorary memberships will be available. To become a Honorary Member you must be 85 years young and have been a NARFE member for the past 20 years. Our chapter does not collect the \$7.00 chapter dues either. If you qualify, let me know. A decision will be made at the upcoming National Convention is September.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR