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Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 • September 2008



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September Chapter Program

September 23, 2008, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

The NARFE speaker for September will be from the Border Patrol.

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

Current Employees

In a class-action settlement the credit bureau TransUnion has agreed to provide free credit-monitoring service, cash, or a combination of service and cash to consumers who opened a credit account between January 1, 1987 and May 28, 2008, to settle claims it illegally passed along private information for marketing purposes. You have until September 24 to register for benefits. There is no limit to the number of consumers who may receive the temporary service but the cash settlement depends on the number of consumers applying. For more information is available at <http://www.ListClassAction.com> or call 1-866-416-3470.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

President's Corner

Kenneth H. Glass, who retired last summer as the NARFE Retirements Benefits Services Director died August 30 in Auburndale, FL. He was 65. Ken was the NARFE resident expert on federal annuity and health benefits for seven years. His knowledge of OPM rules and procedures proved to be invaluable to NARFE. Ken worked at OPM for 27 years before joining the resident NARFE office in Alexandria, VA.

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President's Corner, continued

At this time of year, we usually have fewer attendees for our monthly meetings due to the fear the member will be asked to be an officer for the next year. This year, for the first time in several years, we have a full slate of officers for our October elections. Come to the September meeting to find out who these members are. We do need some committee volunteers to help our chapter grow.

With the National Congressional and President elections coming in November, don't expect much out of Washington for the rest of this session. All the NARFE related bills will have to be reintroduced in the next congress. As we have seen in the last few elections, your vote does count. Register and vote.

See you at the meeting.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

NARFE's New Legislative Program

At the 30th Biennial National Convention held last week (September 7-12, 2008) in Louisville, Kentucky, delegates approved NARFE's Legislative Program for the 111th Congress (2009-2010), which reaffirms association's commitment to preserving the earned economic and health security of federal annuitants and workers and support for legislation which would allow federal civilian and military retirees to pay for their share of health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars and legislation which would repeal or reform the unfair and arbitrary Social Security Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

The Legislative Program includes to new planks. First, that NARFE formally support legislation allowing Federal Employees Retirement System employees to credit their unused sick leave towards retirement and second; NARFE support legislation to provide that dependents of federal employees and retirees remained covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) until age 25.

—NARFE HOTLINE

Membership

Welcome to Else Todd of Port Townsend, our new member for this month. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Casper Ditzel; a member for many years and a retiree of the FAA.

These are the names of those who appear on my M-112 report as having been sent their second renewal notice: Ricardo Bartolome, Frank Donnelly, Paul Krogue, Max Osborn, David Owen and Joanne Young. Your dues were due July 2008. Dropped for non-payment of dues are Rich Olson and James Bennett.

Many of you will be receiving a call from our new telephone chair, Pamela Godsey. She will be making an initial call to each of our members on the Peninsula. She will be asking for volunteers to help with calls once she gets her member listing updated. Please volunteer to be a caller, it only takes about 15 minutes once a month....that's how I got involved many years ago.

I won't be greeting you at the September meeting. Bud & I will be in Savannah, Georgia for the FAA reunion. Hope to see you in October.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

August Meeting Recap

Ralph Angulo, Service Officer for Chapter 1006, provided members with copies of Form F-100, Be Prepared for Life's Events, and guided them through the preparation of the form. He encouraged each and every member to complete this guide and keep it up to date. It will be invaluable for next of kin/survivors upon the death of the Federal employee or annuitant. Contact Ralph if you need a copy. The form is also available on www.narfe.org and www.opm.gov. Ralph also encouraged members to keep their wills, powers of attorney, and beneficiaries up to date as well.

Treasurer: Mary Balian reported \$40 collected for Alzheimer's and a balance of \$5278 in the current account. A major expense is the mailing of the Newsletter. Provide Sara Boore your email address if you wish to receive it via the internet.

Membership: Lois Shaw reported attendance at 36. She will not be at next month's meeting. Orvie Jensen and Kay Kozminski will serve as greeters in her absence.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER 1006 SECRETARY