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



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October Chapter Program

October 28, 2008, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

The NARFE speaker for October will be Valerie Brooks, Clallam County Court Appointed Coordinator for Special Advocacy Program for Abused and Neglected Children.

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

The Health Fair for Active Federal Employees will be November 18, 2008, at the National Park Headquarters. Representatives from the major FEHBP providers will be there to answer your questions.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

President's Corner

Chapter 1006 is pleased to announce that we have a full slate for elected officers for 2009. They are:

President Albert Burge

Vice President Robert Ackerman

Secretary Kay Kozminski

Treasurer Robert Jewell

Board Member Ralph Angulo

Board Member William Holman

Board Member Lois Shaw

Additional Nominations, if any, will be taken at the October meeting. Installation of officers will be at the November meeting.

We have four Chapter Chairperson positions that are vacant: Alzheimer's Disease, Historian, Programs, and Public Relations. I give a special tribute to Elizabeth Owen - Alzheimer's, Charlotte Peterson - Historian and Marie Wall - Sunshine. These women each supported the Chapter for over 40 years each! Can anyone support the chapter for the next 40 years?

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The October issue of the NARFE magazine will have a seven page voting analysis of the 110th Congress.

The Executive Board meets the first Monday of the Month at the Sequim Library at 1:00 P. M. Chapter members are invited to attend.

See you at the meeting. Please Vote!

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership

We have good news and bad news for the membership.

First, the good news, welcome new member Mary Cathern Edwards of Manchester, Washington.

The bad news is that the following people have been sent their second renewal notice: Charles Breen of Union, New Jersey, Kenneth Fishel of Port Townsend, Jack Gummer of Sequim, and Shirley Myers of Port Townsend. The following members have been dropped for non-payment of dues: Edward Bowlby, Sydney Carr, both of Sequim, Joy Cole of Ammon, Idaho, Eileen Cooney of Seattle, Edward Helman of Everett, Inese Leskinovitch of Port Angeles, William Paddock of Sequim, and Brenda Warber of Port Angeles.

We thank Pam Godsey for taking over the telephone call chair person. She needs help. Anybody that can use a telephone is welcome to join her team. It only takes a few minutes each month, and the more folks on the team the less time it takes. Please step forward and volunteer.

I have received from OPM the latest FEHB insurance rates and changes to the various plans. This will be available for your purview at the Chapter meeting.

Our COLA this year will be 5.8 percent for CSRS annuitants. The Social Security and FERS COLA, both, will be 4.8 percent.

—ORVIE JENSEN, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

Please Help Fellow NARFE Members

FEEA has received a great many requests from NARFE members due to **Hurricanes Gustav and Ike** and more still have to be processed. They are also expecting requests due to the **current fires in Southern California**. I would ask NARFE members if they can, to respond to this appeal.

A coupon can be found on page 43 of the November issue of our magazine and contributions should be sent to FEEA, 3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80227.

—MARGARET L. BAPTISTE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

September Meeting Recap

Meeting called to order at noon by President Al Burge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Speaker: Jonathan White, Border Patrol. Mr. White reviewed the history and current activities of the organization. Early records indicate it's origin in 1905. In 1988, the Border Patrol opened the Port Angeles office in the Federal Building. A year ago, there were a total of 6 employees in Port Angeles. Now, the local office has 25 agents and 4 supervisors. Approval for a new office building has been received, with an anticipated completion date of 18-36 months. Mr. White spoke of the excellent coordination among all the various law enforcement organizations on the Olympic Peninsula, in spite of the many differences in jurisdiction, authority, and regulations. The US Border Patrol's No. 1 priority is the detection, prevention, and apprehension of terrorists and persons who want to hurt Americans.

Business Meeting: President Al Burge announced the following people have indicated they will serve: Al Burge, President; Bob Ackerman, Vice President; Kay Kozminski, Secretary; Bob Jewell, Treasurer; Pamela Godsey, Telephone. Volunteers are needed for Publicity, Alzheimers, Historian, and Programs.

Al reported on the National Convention in Louisville. They voted to abolish Honorary membership. In 2010 the convention will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan and in 2012 it will be in Reno, Nevada. Beginning in 2014 the National Executive Board will choose the site. National Legislative Conference will be in Arlington March 7-10, 2009. This Chapter was requested to host the next Washington State Federation Convention; however, we tentatively declined due to lack of facilities. Lanny Ross was re-elected as Region 9 Vice President.

Telephone: Pamela asked members to let her know if they can assist in the monthly calling.

Newsletter: To save money, members are urged to receive their copies via email if they have computers. District 4 has a website which posts newsletters for all Chapters in the District.

All interested members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings held at the Sequim Library the first Monday each month at 1:00 p.m.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER 1006 SECRETARY