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March Chapter Program

Workshop, March 31, 2009, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Lunch, 12:00 noon; Meeting, 12:30 PM;

Presentation, 1:00 PM

Sequim Elks Lodge

143 Port Williams Road

Sequim, WA

The speaker will be Judith Morris from Congressman Norm Dick's Port Angeles Office.

Lunch will be at 12:00 noon, a short chapter meeting at 12:30 PM, and the speaker will be at 12:00.

President's Corner

Our Chapter will host the annual Washington State Federation of Chapters District IV workshop on March 31, 2009, at the Sequim Elks Lodge, 143 Port Williams Road, Sequim. There is a \$12.50 registration fee for the workshop which includes a sandwich bar lunch, coffee/tea, and morning pastries. Morning discussions will include member retention, newsletters, and the various NARFE web sites. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon. A short chapter meeting will be at 12:30 PM. Judith Morris from Congressman Norm Dick's Port Angeles Office will give the main presentation at 1:00 PM. Lanny Ross, Region IX Vice President, will provide information from the national office. **If you cannot come for the entire workshop, please try to come for the lunch and Judith Morris presentation.**

Other news:

HR1203 and S491 have been introduced in Congress. They are now called the Federal and Military Health Care Equity Act. Previously, they were called Premium Conversion.

Federal Retirees who only get federal annuities were originally left out of the stimulus package. Through the efforts of NARFE, these retirees will be able to claim a \$250 deduction on their 2009 taxes.

The NARFE Washington office has announced that we have now reached the \$8 million mark in giving for Alzheimer's Research.

See you at the workshop

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership

The good news is that you will probably see our Service Officer at the March meeting. He tells me that he is feeling pretty good can't wait to get back to his duties.

Second renewal notices have been sent to Mary Preston and Rodney Tureaud. Those dues were due January 1st. In the event you have paid and I haven't received my M-112 report to verify payments, my apologies. We are having many that change their address and do not notify NARFE headquarters or this department which makes for delays in your receiving the NARFE magazine and also when your newsletter is returned we must pay 42 cents to get it back with your new address. You can call National Headquarters at 1-800-456-8410 and make those requests.

Thanks to Al Dawson for his reinstatement to our chapter. And Barbara Field is our new member. And it is with deep sadness to report the death of Jack Kipp. Several years ago Dorothy Kipp was our Treasurer and they were faithful attendees at our meetings. Jack spent his last years in Renton with family after Dorothy passed away.

If you are not being called and wish to receive a call about the meetings, please let me know or Pamela Godsey. And perhaps your number has been changed and we don't have it on file.

If you need a name tag, let me know. The price is \$7.00

We still need a volunteer or two to help out with obtaining the speakers for our meetings. I know you are interested - don't you feel that tug - that you should help out - so why not??

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

February Meeting Summary

NARFE CHAPTER 2006 GENERAL MEETING, February 24, 2009

The meeting was opened by President Al Burge with a flag salute.

Our speaker was Chapter Treasurer Robert Jewell, who retired from IRS after working over 25 years in the field of criminal investigation. Charles Jones, who worked over 30 years with the State Department, also shared his experience as an Iranian hostage for 14.5 months. It is apparent that our Chapter members have many varied, interesting careers and experiences—possible speakers at future meetings. Speakers are lined up through June. In the absence of a Programs Chair, members were asked to help locate speakers of interest.

Upcoming events include the District IV Workshop to be held at the Sequim Elks on March 31 and the Washington State Federation Convention to be held in Wenatchee on May 14-15. Bill Powers invited all to the District Workshop since it will replace our March meeting. He recommended regular Chapter members attend from noon to 2:00 p.m., which will cover lunch and the main address by Judith Morris, Congressman Dicks' assistant.

The Chapter will be represented at the Wenatchee convention by Bill Holman, Lois and Bud Shaw, and Kay Kozminski.

A draft of the Chapter 2009 budget was distributed. The biggest expense is the Newsletter. Members are asked to strongly consider receiving their copies via computer rather than regular mail, if this is an option. A motion was made and seconded that the budget be accepted as proposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, SECRETARY