

# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 • May 2009



## 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:** Mary Balian

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**Membership:** co-chairpersons:

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**Newsletter:** Sara Boore

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### Legislators

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

## May Chapter Program

**May 26, 2009, 11:30 A.M.**

**Paradise Restaurant**

**703 North Sequim Avenue**

**(just north of Sequim High School)**

**Sequim, WA**

Our speaker for the May meeting is Judith Morris. She will speak on life in Africa.

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

We are nearing the midpoint of the year. We have three positions open: vice president, programs, and publicity. These are important positions for the chapter and current office holders are filling these positions. We will be starting to look for members to stand for election for next year. Please consider volunteering.

As I ask Federal retirees and Active Federal employees to consider joining NARFE, I get questions about "what has NARFE done lately to justify joining?" If you go online to [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) in May, the first four items are:

- The House committee on Oversight and Government Reform has passed the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act.
- The House defeated an Amendment which would have cut Federal Retirement and Health Benefits by \$10 Billion.
- The House passed Legislation Ensuring Retirement Programs Treat Unused Sick Leave Equitably.
- NARFE led the effort to ensure Federal Employees were not left out of the Stimulus Package.

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These items are brought forward by NARFE Legislative action through active meetings with our friends in Congress. While we are frustrated by lack of congressional action on some national NARFE issues, we must note the superb effort that results in our benefits not being cut. I was listening to some speeches that I taped during the last NARFE conference. One stood out. "Remember, this is the same congress that negotiated the treaties with the Indians."

See you at the meeting.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## Membership

We have a little reason to celebrate in our Chapter. We have four new members. Let us welcome: James Crain, Randall Grubbs, Burt Karapostoles, and James Weller. We also have one new member to our Chapter that has transferred from another chapter. WELCOME ABOARD! Art Greenberg has reinstated his membership. Good going, Art. Following members have been dropped for non payment of dues: Mary Preston, Virginia Skvarek, Carl Tureaud, and Lynn Woods. C. J. Graham has transferred membership to another chapter. A second dues renewal notice has been sent to Franklin Johnson and Harry Morris.

The best and least expensive way to pay dues is by "dues withholding". That takes all the worry out of it and is so easy. Just submit a dues withholding form to OPM. It's easy... Only \$2.63 per month is held out. That amounts to \$31.56 per year, so it is less expensive.

We are sad to report the death of member Katherine Plese of Issaquah on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Do we have a volunteer that would be willing to help out with Programs? Would you be willing to help make our meetings more interesting?

Just a bit of trivia: All Current Federal Employees, who have been known as CFE's, have been renamed to Active Federal Employees, or AFE's.

—ORVIE JENSEN, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

## April Meeting Summary

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Al Burge with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mary Balian received special thanks for her many years as Chapter Treasurer. She will now serve as Alzheimer's Chair. Lois and Bud Shaw also were recognized for their many contributions, including recently handling the front desk at the District IV Workshop in Sequim.

Keynote speaker was Erik Erichsen, Sequim City Council. Mr. Erichsen worked 25 years at Hansford; he retired in 2002. Now he works with the other six council members to set the policies determining how things will be done in the City of Sequim. He discussed current issues affecting the City such as development and annexation, growth, the need for a city hall, water issues, employment, and the critical need for citizen involvement not only in the City but in the county surrounding it. He urged NARFE members to volunteer for a committee assignment and GET INVOLVED.

Membership Chair Lois Shaw announced speakers for the May Chapter meeting to be Judith and David Morris, who will share their experiences with the Peace Corps in Africa.

The 50th Anniversary Washington State Federation Convention was held in Wenatchee (May 14-15). Attendees from this Chapter were Lois and Bud Shaw, Bill Holman, and Kay and Doug Kozminski. Keynote speaker was NARFE National President Margaret Baptiste. A report on the Convention will be made to the Chapter at the May 26 meeting.

Work on the newly refurbished Sequim Library is complete. Therefore, future Board meetings (1st Monday each month) will return to that location. Chapter members are encouraged to attend.

The positions of Vice President, Program Chair, and Public Relations Chair are currently vacant. Chapter members are urged to step forward to serve.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, SECRETARY