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August Chapter Program

August 25, 2009, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees will meet August 25, 2000 at the Paradise Restaurant 703 North Sequim Avenue, Sequim. Ray Weinmann will give a slide show on Norway.

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

The chapter has members running for three of the four officer positions next year. We still need someone to run for vice president. Please consider supporting the chapter by running for vice president.

The Dues Referendum is upon us. Information is in the August NARFE magazine. Briefly, if passed by 2/3 of the members the dues will be \$40.00 per year. The chapter will get \$9.00 per member and the State Federation of Chapters will get \$4.00 per member. The NARFE dues will be uniform across the country. The Chapter executive board recommends a yes vote. The August NARFE magazine says to forward the voting form to the Chapter President. Since the chapter maintains a post office box (on the chapter return address of this document), you can use the chapter post office box for your vote. Many chapters only have members who go to meetings vote. The executive board would like all members to have a vote. Voting deadline for the chapter is November 24. This will give the chapter secretary time to forward the results to the National Offices.

We have comments from some of the members attending the monthly meetings that they have difficulty hearing the speakers and some of the chapter officers. We will institute a head table again and are looking for the microphone we used before we moved to the Paradise Restaurant.

Bill Powers, our District IV vice president, requested we discuss the possibility of changing the State Convention to every other year. The Chapter Executive Board unanimously agreed that the convention remain an annual event.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

July Chapter Meeting Recap

Meeting was called to order by President Al Burge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Pamela Godsey introduced two speakers: Patty McManus gave history and the big picture of farming in this area. She reported on Nash's work to provide food and other products to local citizens. She is involved with Friends of the Fields and Land Trust Alliance and is highly committed to saving the farm land which is so rapidly disappearing. According to her, we live in one of the most fertile and unique places in the U.S. where growing food is easy and profitable. She stressed the importance of buying locally—it is cheaper, healthier, most is organically grown, and the dollars stay in the community. Nash's Produce farms approximately 400 acres and employees 40 workers. Pennie Lujan, Fairview Farm, gave history and highlights of managing Fairview Farm, which she purchased in 1999. The farm was home-steaded in 1940. They raise their own meat and commercially grow 250 ton of salad greens each year. The farm has been certified as organic for 8 years. It is a 5-acre farm with 2 full-time farmers. Both farms sell food baskets/boxes to citizens who pay a lump sum for monthly deliveries as food becomes available.

Legislative: Bill Holman reported on current legislative issues being considered or acted upon in Washington. Ray Weinmann stressed the importance of being diligent and actively involved in NARFE and contacts with legislators. The undercurrent is evidence the Federal employee/retiree's benefits are NOT guaranteed.

Membership: Current Chapter membership is 340. Member Donald Reader passed away.

Programs: Ray Weinmann will give a program on his trip to Norway at August meeting.

Alzheimer's: Mary Balian reported \$30 collected today.

Dues Referendum: Important information on the NARFE Dues Referendum (to standardize dues to \$40 nationwide) appears in the August issue of NARFE Magazine, pages 42-43. Voting procedures will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Positions of Vice President, Programs, and Public Relations are still open. Lois Shaw is filling in as Program Chair. Members are urged to step forward to volunteer for these and ALL positions. 2010 Elections will be held in the near future.

Board meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Sequim Library. All members are invited to attend and all elected officers and committee chairs are urged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER 1006 SECRETARY

Membership News for August

Let's start with good news. Thanks to Jack West for reinstating his membership. Jack, I miss you coming over from Quilcene to the meeting, get on that Harley and pay us a visit.

The following folks have been sent their second dues notice. Your dues were due on September 1, 2009. Ricardo Bartolome, Mary Jo Carte, Catharine Covert, William Darby, Steven Slatin, Tren Williamson, Jessica & Eric Ruby. One member has dropped his membership, Harry Morris.

If you have paid since the M-112 was reported, my apologizes. And we have lost a member due to death, Don Reader. To Mary, our deepest sympathy. I don't like doing the membership report when it's dismal news! We have only 341 members as of August 1st. Let's hope we can do better in the months ahead.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP