

# NARFE

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



## NARFE District IV Website

[www.narfewadist4.org](http://www.narfewadist4.org)

### Chapter Officers

**President:** Al Burge

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**Secretary:** Kay Kozminski

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**Board Member:** Ralph Angulo

**Board Member:** William Holman

**Board Member:** Lois Shaw

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**Alzheimer's:** Mary Balian

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**Membership:** co-chairpersons:

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**Newsletter:** Sara Boore

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## October Chapter Program

**October 27, 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 on October 27, 2009, at the Paradise Restaurant, 703 North Sequim Ave. The speaker will be Mark Harvey of Senior Assistance and Information.

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

As we enter our fall season, several items are on the agenda. The Chapter elections will be held at the October meeting. The candidates are: President, Al Burge; Vice President, Bruce Halstead; Secretary, Kay Kozminski; Treasurer, Robert Jewell; Board Members, Lois Shaw, Ralph Angulo and William Holman. Nominations for others wanting to run for office will be at the meeting. Installation of officers will be at the November meeting.

The Chapter FEHBP Health Fair will be at the November 24th meeting. Representatives of FEHBP insurers will be at the meeting to give presentations and answer questions. These same representatives will be at the Olympic Park Headquarters at 9:00 AM and at the Federal Building at 2:00 PM on the same day. The NARFE Magazine November Issue outlines the 2010 premiums some of which are significantly higher.

The Chapter has time limits on the Single Dues Referendum. Votes not in to the Chapter Secretary by the close of the November meeting will not be counted.

The chapter collects contributions for the Alzheimer's Association at our monthly meetings except for November. In November we collect funds to give to the local Salvation Army for their toys program. Last year we collected \$642 at the meeting. I hope we can do as well this year.

Thanks for being a member.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## Membership News for October

Chapters are the smallest organizational entity of NARFE and located in each state. The first and most direct benefit of belonging to a chapter is the assistance provided by the Chapter Service Officer. If you haven't meet our Service Officer, I urge you to attend one of our meetings and meet Ralph Angulo. When a member has questions about his or her annuity, health benefits, life insurance, Medicare, Social Security or survivor benefits, the service officer is there to help. Even though OPM does a great job in responding to inquiries, it is sometimes a lot easier to answer face to face than it is through a telephone call. The benefits of chapter membership and attending a meeting offers social interaction to get together to discuss topics of mutual interest or perhaps meeting someone that has worked for the same agency. Try

it - you might like.

I'd like to welcome our new member, Valerie Thomas of Port Angeles.

I have sent out letters to those whose dues were due September 1, 2009. They are Kenneth Fishel, Jack Gummer and Celeste Mattson.

I'm looking forward to many of you coming to the October meeting when Mark Harvey will be our speaker. And the Health Fair will be November 24th. I know it's only two days before Thanksgiving; but this meeting will be one of the most important for you to attend. Our Health Benefits is very important and I know it's of a concern to all of us.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP

## September Chapter Meeting Recap

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Al Burge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Pamela Godsey introduced the speaker, Bob Rhoads, Public Information Officer, Clallam Fire District #3. Bob was recently appointed Lieutenant at the Diamond Point Fire Station, the only volunteer lieutenant on the Clallam County Fire Department. Previously, he was Assistant Chief, Gardiner Station. About 70 percent of the firefighters in the US are volunteers, and 95 percent of career firefighters start as volunteers. It takes a huge commitment — within the first year, 200 hours of basic training are required with an additional 120 hours to practice EMT. Bob discussed the extreme changes in fire fighting since 1950, i.e., much more plastic, resulting in much hotter fires, much larger structures, unfunded mandates, not enough up-to-date equipment, urban-wild-land interface, etc. The average house fire now requires at least 15 firefighters. A commercial fire requires 20-25. District 3 responds to approximately

5,500 calls each year. Preparation for natural disasters is a major challenge, largely due to isolation on the Peninsula. A much improved integrated communication system is now being developed among the fire districts, law enforcement, USGS, and other agencies. The Master Plan includes the development of the training center and a District HQ station at Carlsborg.

Treasurer: Checking account balance, \$6,792.99

Programs: October speaker will be Mark Harvey, Regional Director for Olympic Area Agency on Aging. It was suggested we contact Brian Smith, the new Deputy Chief, Port Angeles Police Department, to speak and join Chapter 1006. We urgently need someone to serve as Program Chair.

National Dues Referendum: An explanation and ballot are in the Magazine. PLEASE VOTE AND BE COUNTED!

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER 1006 SECRETARY