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



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November Chapter Program

November 24, 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 at 11:30 AM on November 24 at the Paradise Restaurant, 703 North Sequim Avenue. Representatives of the major health insurance companies will provide information and premium rates of their plans for 2010.

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 November meeting will be the last meeting of the year. I have appreciated being the Chapter President for the past year. I am very happy to have had a good support crew. Members and committee chairs worked hard to get good speakers for the meetings. We hosted the District IV meeting in Sequim and had representatives at the State Federation meeting. Next year, I am pleased that Bruce Halstead has agreed to be our Vice President. The rest of the chapter officers were reelected for 2010. Put the fourth Tuesday of each month on your calendar and come to the chapter meetings in 2010.

The Health Fair will be held at our meeting on November 24. Bring your questions for the Insurance Providers. If you cannot come to Sequim for the Health Fair, the providers will be in Port Angeles at the Olympic National Park Headquarters Building from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM and at the Federal Building from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

At the November Chapter Meeting we collect donations for the local Salvation Army Holiday Children's program. If you are going to write a check for this worthwhile charity, write the check to: The Salvation Army and note NARFE Chapter 1006 on the check. Last year our Chapter collected \$642.00 for this effort.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership News for October

This is the last news from the Membership Dept. for 2009.

Can we expect better news for 2010; let's hope so.

Members from our chapter that have failed to renew their membership are: Ricardo Bartolome, Mary Jo Carte, Catharine Covert, Jessica Ruby and Steven Slatin. Those that have received their second renewal notice are: Thomas Cox and Mary Cathern Edwards. We extend our sympathy to the Balise family, Russell passed away Sept. 1. Jerry Woodhouse has transferred out of our chapter and thank goodness for a bit of good news, Pete Zamboni renewed his membership.

Don't forget November 24th is our November meeting and the Health Fair. We will be at the Park Headquarters at 9 AM, Paradise Inn for the regular meeting at noon and then to the Federal Building in Port Angeles. Some of the chapter officers will be there recruiting new members.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and I'll be back in January.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP

Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program Error

OPM announced that letters mailed last month to enrollees in the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program contained errors in the "Benefit Amount" section of their election letters. The errors effect enrollees with the Automatic Compound Inflation option whose anniversary date for annual benefit increases is November 1, December 1, or January 1. Personalized corrected letters will be mailed in December to effected enrollees and those enrollees will be provided an extension of time up to March 15, 2010, to review their options and make a decision. Those who have already submitted their decisions based on the erroneous letters and want to reconsider their decision must call 1-800-582-3337. That is also the number members must call if they have questions about their FLTCIP enrollment.

—DAVE SNELL, RETIREMENT BENEFITS
SERVICE DEPARTMENT

November Chapter Meeting Notes

Mark Harvey from Senior Assistance was the speaker. He started his presentation with the comment that he was not going to give a speech, but would answer questions. A lively 50 minute Q & A followed. His office is the focal point for getting information for seniors. The phone number is 452-3221. For on-line information go to www.O3A.org. Note that the O in O3A is the letter O.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER 1006 PRESIDENT

Special NARFE Chapter 1006 Voter's Ballot

Make Your Vote Count on the 2009 NARFE Dues Referendum

Note: If you cannot attend our November 24th chapter meeting, please vote using this ballot. Please return this ballot to: NARFE, P O Box 2446, Sequim, WA 98382. Ballots received by mail after November 23rd will not be counted.

I VOTE YES on the NARFE Dues Referendum _____

I VOTE NO on the NARFE Dues Referendum _____

Mail this ballot to: NARFE Chapter 1006
P O BOX 2446
Sequim, WA 98382-2446

Print Name

Sign Name