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January Chapter Program

January 19, 2010, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

Our January speaker will be Lanny Ross,
NARFE District IX Vice President

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

Welcome to the new year! Our chapter welcomes Bruce Halstead as vice president. We continue to have several open committee member positions. Please consider giving the chapter a small amount of your time for these positions.

If you have not heard, the Single Dues Referendum did not pass. The NARFE Bylaws require a two-thirds vote to pass funding changes. A little over 63% of the NARFE members voted for the referendum. Our \$7.00 Chapter dues will remain for this year. Our dues are set at the annual chapter business meeting held in October.

During 2009, NARFE escaped any reductions in our earned benefits but several congressional members proposed several hits. We must always be alert. If you are on the e-mail alert list, you will note that quick action is required to express opinions before binding votes are taken in Congress.

I hope that each of you will attend some chapter meetings this year. We have had some really good speakers in the past few years. Mark your calendars for the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December).

This year the Bremerton Chapter will host the NARFE District IV Workshop. The Date has not yet been established but is usually in late March.

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President's Message, continued

The Washington State Federation of Chapters State Convention will be May 17 to May 19 at the Everett Downtown Holiday Inn. If you would like to attend, contact Kay Kozminski. We have to have our list of attendees by March 31.

The Biannual NARFE Convention will be August 29 to September 2 in Grand Rapids, MI.

Please give consideration to going to any or all of these important meetings.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership News for January

Happy New Year to Chapter Members. Our Membership is 335 as of January 11th. Thanks to those that have reinstated their dues, Henry Beven and Catharine Covert. New members are: Daisy Jean Gummer, spouse of member Jack Gummer, Judith Mitchell and Donna Halsaver all of the Sequim area.

I have sent past dues notices to: James Cherny, Le-nea Eastham, Dominga Flores, Margaret Low, James Lowthian, James Manning, Jerry Moore, Pat Perrotta and Harriet Tiemeyer. Those dues were due December '09. If you have paid your dues and I have not been notified, my apologizes.

We send our sympathy to the Johanson family and to Edie Varney. Mr. Varney passed away last month.

For those that have retired and don't like receiving past due notices from National and me; there is a simple solution to that. **DUES WITHHOLDING** Who is eligible - Retirees, spouses of retirees, and annuitant survivors are eligible for dues withholding. Life Members, Current Federal Employees, and Honorary Members do not qualify. Dues Withholding is a payment method that gives you the option of having your annual dues automatically deducted from your annuity on a monthly basis. (\$24.60 National Dues and the Chapter dues are \$7.00) Think this over and if you have any questions you can call Membership at National 1-800-456-8410 or my number is 452-6374. Come to the next meeting to hear our National VP, Lanny Ross and pick up your Dues withholding Form. You won't be sorry!

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP

November Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Al Burge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Health Fair was the main topic. Representatives of 3 health plans gave presentations: KPS—Vanessa Wilson; BlueCross/Blue Shield—Sheri Davies-Sipila; and GEHA--Chuck Kostur. Call OPM VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING at 1-888-767-6738 to change plans. Last day for making changes: December 14, 2009.

Also attending were Bill Powers, District IV Vice President, and Rex Tauscher, Federation Treasurer. Six Chapter 1006 officers were sworn in by Bill Powers for 2010. They are: returning officers Al Burge (President), Kay Kozminski (Secretary), Robert Jewell (Treasurer); Lois Shaw (Board Member and Membership); William Holman (Board Member and Legislative). New Vice President Bruce Halstead was also sworn in.

Salvation Army Christmas Collection: \$640 was collected from Chapter members.

National Dues Referendum: Ballots were provided and votes were counted. Twenty-five voted YES for the referendum. There was one NO vote. Therefore, all seven votes for Chapter 1006 were forwarded in favor of the change to standardized nationwide dues. (NOTE: On December 9, 2009, members were informed that the Referendum DID NOT PASS and there will be no changes to the dues at this time.)

The next Chapter meeting will be January 26, 2010, at the Paradise Restaurant. **NO DECEMBER MEETING.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER 1006 SECRETARY