

# NARFE

## National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 • March 2010



### NARFE District IV Website

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

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**President:** Al Burge

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**Alzheimer's:** Mary Balian

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**Membership:** co-chairpersons:

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

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### March Chapter Program

March 23, 2010, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

The March speaker will be The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Paradise Restaurant 703 North Sequim Avenue. The speaker for the Tuesday March 23 meeting will be Ralph Angulo. Mr. Angulo's topic will be "Be Prepared for Life's Events".

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

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### President's Corner

Five of the Chapter members went to the District IV NARFE workshop in Bremerton on March 8. So far, five members are going to the State Convention May 17 to 19 in Everett. Our Chapter has 11 votes at the Convention, so please consider going.

March is NARFE Political Action Committee (PAC) month. I know that the further you are from Washington, D.C., the more you dislike the idea of PACs. The reality, however, is that each of our representatives asks for PAC funds in the election year. NARFE asks each Chapter about funding these requests. The NARFE magazine has a donation form for PAC. Consider donating to PAC.

In 1986, the NARFE National Convention voted to have the Alzheimer's fund as its only charity. We have donated over \$8 million to this cause. Through an agreement with the Alzheimer's Association, all of the funds donated by NARFE members are used research.

Finally, if you have mail delivery to your physical address, you will be getting a census form. There are no long forms this year. With only 10 questions, the time to answer will be short. If you do not have mail delivery to your physical address and the Post Office cannot deliver the Census Form to you, expect a Census employee to come to your door. Several of our NARFE chapter members are assisting with the Census this year.

Have a great spring and try to attend a meeting.

Thanks for being a member.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## Membership News for March

Thirty one members attended the February meeting to listen to Sheriff Benedict and Lorraine Shore speak; don't you wish you had attended? We have more exciting speakers coming and hope you will come to support them and our chapter.

Yesterday, Monday 8th, several from our chapter attended the District Workshop in Bremerton. Our District Membership Chair, Ralph Sanders gave an excellent report for this department.

We welcome Joseph Chiarella and Janet Lacombe of the Sequim area to our chapter.

I have mailed past due notices to the following: Al

Dawson, Barbara Field, Robert Greco, Wendy Johanson and Wayne Waag. If you have paid your dues and I have not been notified, my apologies. Thanks to these members that have paid their dues: James Cherny, Lenea Eastham, Ron Gill, Dennis Murray and Eric Ruby.

Our deaths this past month are Thomas Carr, Charles Mrzik, Howard Walker and Marvin Yates. Our sympathy to their families.

If you have any questions about dues withholding, name tags or any subject pertaining to membership you can always call me.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

## February Meeting Summary

NARFE CHAPTER 1006 GENERAL MEETING,  
February 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Al Burge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by 31 attendees. Our speakers were Sheriff Benedict, Clallam County Sheriff, and Lorraine Shore from the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Benedict reviewed a wide variety of 2009 activities. The boating program was voted No. 1 out of 53 boating programs in the State. Clallam County crime rate in 2008 was in the bottom 5 counties in the State. They have taken over emergency management for the County, which was formerly handled by another department. He stressed the importance of personal preparation for emergencies which could drastically isolate Olympic Peninsula residents. Sheriff Benedict credited the local citizens for the low crime rate. His office includes 35 deputies—25 patrol deputies, 5 detectives, and 5 office workers. This is the fewest number of deputies per population in the State. The jail has 126 beds, with an average daily population of 115. There are 38 corrections officers and 12 employees in the records department.

Lorraine Shore came here from Alaska a year ago. She is responsible for the "Map Your Neighborhood" Program, the purpose of which, among other things, is to help people prepare for and respond to a natural disaster. Her remarks concerning how to protect your home against burglaries are reflected in the National Neighborhood Watch Program brochure, available in her office. Go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) to register and receive up-to-date information affecting your neighborhood by e-mail and text message. Call the Clallam County Sheriff's Office for overview and flyers.

Program Chair still needed: Members are urged to volunteer for this position.

Chapter Budget: To be discussed at next Board meeting. All members are invited to attend—12:30 p.m., Monday, March 1, Sequim Library. (4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month except December)

Treasurer Robert Jewell reported a balance of \$6,692.95 as of December 31, 2009. He is in the process of changing the NARFE account from Bank of America to First Federal.

Alzheimer's Chair Mary Balian reported \$37 collected today.

Members are urged to read Page 20 of the current NARFE Magazine to learn who is after your annuity. Also Page 16 is a good review of NARFE Legislative Accomplishments (1<sup>st</sup> Session—111<sup>th</sup> Congress (2009). Computer users, sign up for GEMS to keep up with what is going on in Washington concerning Federal employees and retirees' benefits.

2010 District IV Workshop, March 8 at 4109 "E" Street in Bremerton. Lois Shaw, Bud Shaw, Kay Kozminski, Ralph Angulo, Bruce Halstead, and Al Burge plan to attend. Registration fee of \$12.50 to be paid by Chapter.

51<sup>st</sup> Washington State Federation Convention, Holiday Inn in Downtown Everett on May 17-19. Chapter 1006 will be represented by Al Burge, Bill Holman, Lois Shaw, Bud Shaw, Mary Balian, and Kay Kozminski. Attendees are responsible for submitting their own registration forms. The Chapter will fund the registration fees (\$20 per attendee IF paid prior to March 31). \$32 was collected from "Boosters" who will be listed in the Convention Program Book. Kay is tracking deadlines and preparing other required paperwork.

The next Chapter: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at the Paradise Restaurant. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Kay Kozminski, Chapter 1006 Secretary

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER 1006 SECRETARY