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

April Chapter Program

April 27, 2010, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

Ms. Kristine M Reeves, Kitsap & Olympic Peninsula Director for U.S. Senator Patty Murray will be our guest speaker for the April 27 meeting. Ms. Reeves was born in Spokane, but calls Moses Lake her hometown. She earned a BA in political science from Washington State University in Pullman, and an MA in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University. She has no spouse or children. She represents Senator Murray from an office in Tacoma.

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

One of the constant themes in my president's corner column is a request for volunteers. This is a request that most chapters have. The prime reason that has been given to me for not responding is "time". As President of the chapter, volunteer positions not filled fall on the shoulders of those who choose to take on a little more responsibility for the good of the chapter. Two positions continue to be unfilled. Publications chair consists of notifying local newspapers about our monthly meetings. I do this by emailing the papers. The time to do this is less than 10 minutes a month. The second position unfilled is program chair. For the last two plus years, individual members have volunteered to help get quality speakers for the meetings. The next two month's speakers were obtained by our new vice president. Having filled this position in the past, I can say it really helped me get to know the area we live in and to help spread the NARFE message. The time spent on getting speakers is less than half a day per month. Give it a try. You can always say "not any more".

Lately, I have been asked several times "How do I get on GEMS (the NARFE action WEB site)? Go to www.narfe.org, check the "MEMBER" file, on the left hand side check on "GEMS" and follow the prompts. You will need your

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NARFE membership number (on your NARFE magazine or contact Lois Shaw: membership chair). For those who do not wish to have their e-mail address proliferated, the GEMS system can only be accessed by National and State Federation Elective Officers. The members receiving GEMS messages will not have their names sold to others.

The chapter will be represented at the State Federation Convention by our own members. If you have any ideas or comments on how to improve the Chapter or State support for your concerns please contact me or any of the officers of the chapter.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

March Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Al Burge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Copies of the 2010 draft Chapter budget were distributed. \$3224.00 is budgeted for Expenditures with Income of \$2220.00, all from dues. A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Bud Shaw and seconded by Ralph Angulo.

Service Officer Ralph Angulo was the key speaker. The primary topic was NARFE's new F-100, "Be Prepared for Life's Events—What Your Survivors Should Know." The form is available on NARFE's website. Members may also request it by emailing Ralph. He urged ALL members to complete the form and keep it in a secure location. He will have copies at all monthly meetings and is available to answer questions or assist as needed.

Upcoming Conventions: (1) 31st National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI, August 29-September 2, 2010. President Burge plans to attend. (2) 51st Washington State Federation Convention, Everett, WA, May 17-19, 2010. The following members plan to attend: Al Burge, Lois Shaw, Bud Shaw, and Bill Holman.

Vice President Bruce Halstead urged members to support NARFE PAC.

Secretary Kay Kozminski reported on the March 8 District IV meeting in Bremerton. Six Chapter members attended.

Chair Mary Balian reported \$47 collected at the meeting for Alzheimer's.

Kristine Reeves, Senator Patty Murray's Kitsap and Olympic Peninsula Director, will be the speaker at the next Chapter meeting on Tuesday, April 27, at the Paradise Restaurant. Members are urged to attend. They are also always welcome to attend any/all Board Meetings, which are held the first Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m., at the Sequim Library.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER 1006 SECRETARY

Membership News for April

Thirty four attended the March meeting; and we missed YOU. We have some very interesting speakers lined up and you should come and join the group. Give it a try!

We welcome Roger Sklors of Sequim and Jerry Starrett of Port Angeles to our chapter.

I have sent past dues notices to the following: Cherie Barnett, Claire Burnham, Kemper Hall, John Matthews and Robert Perina.

And those that have been dropped are Dominga Flores, Margaret Low, James Lowthian, Pat Perrotta and Harriet Tiemeyer. We have learned that Glenn Edmondson age 91 passed away last month.

Also, that Phil Glenn, a member of the Seattle chapter, has passed away. Phil was the Federation President 1994-1996. When I attended my first Federation convention in Bremerton; Phil was the President and what a GUY Phil was. We send our sympathy to his wife, Martha.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Senator Murray Cosponsors Priority Bill

April 14 Sen. Patty Murray became the 31st cosponsor of a NARFE priority bill. If you send a prompt message of appreciation, Sen. Murray will know that you are paying close attention. Saying thank you is a nearly lost common courtesy and consequently greatly appreciated.

On 4/14/10, Sen. Murray (again) was made a cosponsor of NARFE priority legislation to Repeal the Social Security Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. This legislation, S. 484 sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, would entirely repeal the two interactions (GPO and WEP) between Social Security and retirement income from a system outside Social Security.

Use any of three paths to say thanks: 1) the NARFE sponsored toll free number for the Capitol switchboard, 1-866-220-0044 (ask for your Member by name), 2) the NARFE Legislative Action Center, <http://capwiz.com/narfe/dbq/officials/>, or 3) the Senate gateways to individual Members' "web forms" (www.senate.gov).

If you phone, e-mail or write your Senator, please let us know using cfarrell@narfe.org and put "MURRAY S484" in SUBJECT field.

—NARFE LEGISLATIVE DEPT.