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June Chapter Program

June 22, 2010, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

If we do not have an outside speaker for the June meeting, there will be a presentation on the May Washington State Federation of Chapters annual convention.

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

Active employees - Margaret Babbiste, National NARFE President, urged senator's to oppose an amendment to a supplemental spending bill (H. R. 4899) that would deny federal workers a pay raise in 2011. The money saved would go to disaster relief and toward funding ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Boston Globe had an op-ed which stated "the fundamental mistake that some lawmakers make is to think of the federal workforce as a cost rather as a resource that delivers specific benefits to the nation."

Failure to invest in this resource will have dire consequences.

The Chapter will host FEHBP Open Season at our November 23 meeting. This year the Health Insurance providers are planning to spend to days in the Port Angeles and Sequim area.

As a result of passing new Bylaws, the State Federation will now have conventions in the even number years instead of every year (starting in 2012).

Our Vice President and membership chairs are looking for members to lead the chapter for 2011. Please give consideration for service to the chapter when called.

Our Chapter monthly meeting place in August will have to be changed. The owners of the Paradise restaurant are closing for a family vacation. Several places are under consideration.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership News for June

Please welcome the following new members: Hazel Roberts, Mary McLauchlin & Phillip Decillis.

I have sent out past dues notices to Jane Hershey, Timothy Weller, Jeanette Donelson, Burt Karapostoles, Margaret Soister and Richard Boyd. One death to report is that of Patrick Stumbaugh. We send our sympathy to his family. These are the members that have been dropped for non-payment of dues (if you have paid - my apologies) Kurt Rittenmyer, Al Dawson, Robert Greco and Wayne Waag.

The Federation Convention in Everett was well attended. I saw lot of new faces and visited with many of the regular attendees from other chapters. NARFE Region 9 Vice President Lanny Ross gave both the National Officers keynote address and a regional report. He reported that on May 6th NARFE had 309,042 members, 24,186 of them active federal employees. Washington state had 1,107 AFE's.

He also noted that by the end of April the NARFE total donation to Alzheimer's was \$8,604,479.00 and that during the first five quarters in the current 2009-2010 election cycle, nearly \$256,000 had been donated to

NARFE-PAC. Of that amount \$10,927 had been donated by 345 Washington NARFE members.

Sharon Appel, the OPM Benefits Officer Training & Development spoke on OPM's Retirement Benefits Customer Services, their Services Online application & outreach efforts. The memorial service recognized 287 members that have passed away during the past year.

Probably the most exciting news was during the formal business meeting, when delegates voted to accept the new Federation Bylaws and Standing Rules as proposed, with one exception. They agreed to hold the Federation convention every two years on even years, beginning in 2012. A Federation resolution calling for a national single dues proposal was also passed.

Officers elected include Sandy Cagle as WSFC President, Rich Wilson as Vice President & Paul Shell as Secretary. There were no candidates for Treasurer, so incumbent Treasurer, Rex Tauscher, will remain in office until a replacement can be appointed.

See you at the June meeting,

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR