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

July Chapter Program

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

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

The speaker for the July 27th meeting will be Becca Korby from Healthy Families of Clallam County. She will speak on domestic violence, sexual violence and abuse on women, children and men, how it effects the person and those around the individual, and also how these problems effect the community in general.

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

The House has passed a bill authorizing the Executive Branch to allow "teleworking". The goal is to have the Executive branch conduct up to 20% of its day to day work by computers at the homes of public employees. The Senate has not acted.

All members

The Federation President has sent three survey questions for each chapter.

The questions are:

1. What do you expect or want from the Federation?
2. What do you expect or want from your District Vice-President?
3. What kind of training do you want or need?
 - 3a. Where do you want to receive training? Conventions, special training events, district workshops, other.

The Washington State Federation has two openings for volunteers. These are: the Federation Reporter Editor and the State Legislative Chair. If you are interested in either position, please contact me.

NARFE has started a NARFE News watch, A weekly electronic newsletter. If NARFE has your e-mail address you will be getting regular news briefs on topics deemed of interest to NARFE members. You will be able to "unsubscribe" if you desire.

NARFE President Babbiste has appeared before the "Debt Commission" to argue our case for retirement, health and pay. Both commission co-chairs have stated that the federal revenue only covers Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. The rest of the budget is financed through other countries. In the 1980's, the Federal workforce took the brunt of the reductions. The task force recommendations are due in December and require at least 14 of the 16 members to approve the submission. The recommendations are to be voted either up or down and not cherry picked or modified.

When the Congress is on vacation in August, please make a point of getting to their meetings with their constituents.

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership News for July

Welcome to our new member from Port Hadlock, Aubrey Redding and Kevin Ryan of Port Angeles. Kevin is still working and looking forward to retirement. Yesterday I mailed out the past due notices to the following: Patricia Carr, Audrey Glandon, Wayne Marano. Your dues were due June 2010. If you send your payment to NARFE Membership, 606 North Washington St, Alexandria, VA., 22314-1943 you will not be dropped before I get the next report. And if you have paid, my apologies. And these folks have been dropped from our Membership: Cheri Barnett, Claire Burnham, Kemper Hall and John Matthews. If you have any questions about your membership you can call me at 452-6374 or call the National Membership Records at 1-800-456-8410. They will ask for you Membership ID number - and that number is on your chapter newsletter. And to Bob Perina, a big thank you for your 2 year payment, that's the way to go!

Did you know that each one of you is a member of the Membership Department? I do my best; but I also need your help. If each one of you recruits one member a year; we would be 330 members ahead of what we have now. Membership forms are available at the meeting or call me and I can mail you as many as you need. Our chapter gets \$2.00 for each retiree recruited and for each current federal employee, you will get an \$8.00 reward.

NARFE is successful because we are a family that cares for one another. We are concerned about your health and welfare. We are concerned about assisting you and your family in times of need. We will intercede for you if you experience problems with your health benefits and/or annuity.

As a member, you have more than 60 people working for you at HQ and countless others working for you at the Federation and Chapter levels. When someone tells you that the cost of being a NARFE member is too high, remind them of the points I have stated above, and ask them where else can they obtain all the benefits of being a NARFE member for about \$3.50 a month. Remember, you get all of those perks for less than one dollar a week and that, my friends, is a real bargain. And did you know that for approximately 11 cents a day, NARFE represents you on Capitol Hill through 5 lobbyists. If a member hired one lobbyist to represent them on Capitol Hill, they could possibly pay as much as \$250,000!

If you haven't attended a meeting for awhile; come to the July meeting for Becca Korbys presentation on Domestic Violence. I hope to see you!

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

June Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Al Burge, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Al, today's speaker, gave a report on the Federation Convention held May 17-19 in Everett. Statewide, a total of 121 members attended, including 4 from Chapter 1006. Lanny Ross read the National address as well as the State of Region IX (it's all on the NARFE website). In the future, State Conventions will be held every other year, beginning in 2012. OPM's Sharon Apple gave a report on the current State of OPM. Multiple paths are available for contacting OPM—phone, email, fax, and websites. She urged those in need to Visit the Services OnLine Web Site at www.serviceline.opm.gov. You will need your CSA/CFA number and PIN. To request a PIN, call OPM at 1-888-767-6738 or email them at retire@opm.gov. The Chapter Newsletter received an award, which will be given to Editor Sara Boore.

Service Officer Ralph Angulo: 1. Beginning March 2013, Treasury Department will no longer send paper checks to anyone. 2. Changes to Health Benefits open season—everyone will receive only a post card reminder. If information is needed, you will have to request it. 3. Make sure your Designation of Beneficiaries for life insurance, TSP, unpaid wages, etc., are up to date. Forms are available on line or by contacting OPM, your employment agency, or Chapter Service Officer. Remember, they have precedence over your will. 4. To keep up on what is happening in Congress, sign up for Gems.

Lois Shaw, Membership: Urged someone to step up and show Chapter and NARFE support by volunteering for the Programs Chair position. She has temporarily been filling in as well as handling her Membership Chair position. She has lined up speakers for July (Becca Korby from Healthy Families) and October (Mark Harvey or Marjorie Stewart).

Members are always welcome to attend 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, SECRETARY