

# NARFE

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



## NARFE District IV Website

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

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**President:** Al Burge

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**Board Member:** William Holman

**Board Member:** Lois Shaw

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### September Chapter Program

**Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 11:30 A.M.**

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

Our September speaker will be our Chapter President, Al Burge. Al will present highlights from this years National 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

Well here it is. I am now getting up in the dark as we move into Autumn. The dates for the annual Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP) health fairs in Clallam County have been finalized. They are: Tuesday, November 23, 8 A. M. to 10:00 A. M. at the National Parks Service, 600 Park Avenue Port Angeles; 11 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Paradise Restaurant 703 North Sequim Avenue, Sequim. 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P. M. at the Federal Building 138 West 1st St.. Port Angeles. This year you will only get a notice of the Open Season unless you request more information. Notice that our monthly meeting will start at 11:00 in November.

I was proud to represent the Chapter at the National Convention in Battle Creek Michigan. You will be getting more information in upcoming NARFE Magazine, but I would like to give you some highlights of the convention. Come to the meeting on September on September to hear more details.

The National Convention was the kickoff of the NARFE 90th Anniversary. John Berry, the Director of the Office of Personnel was the keynote speaker. We are entering our association's 25th year with the Alzheimer's Disease

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Association and are nearing \$9 million in contributions. In these 25 years, NARFE has funded 49 research projects with our contributions.

The NARFE Conventions for 2012 will be in Reno, NV and in 2014 in Orlando, FL.

The delegates voted to increase National Dues as follows: \$40.00 annually, \$72.00 for two years, and \$102.00 for three years. Dues withholding will be offered at a rate of \$34.00 per year. The new rates will take effect on January 1, 2011.

The convention voted to fine holders of cell phones \$5:00 for phones that rang during convention meeting hours. \$65:00 was raised for the Alzheimer's Disease Association with this fine.

All National Officers positions for November 2010 to November 2012 were contested. Joseph Beaudoin, who is our current National Vice President, will be our President. Paul Carew will be National Vice President. Elaine Hughes will be National Secretary. Charles Saylor will be National Treasurer. Lanny Ross was reelected as Region IX vice president.

Dan Adcock, the Director of NARFE's Legislative Program, reviewed our legislative issues. His address will be played at the September meeting.

We will be voting for Chapter officers in October. To date the nominees are: Chapter President, Bud Shaw; Vice President, Bruce Halstead; Secretary, Kay Kozminski; Treasurer, Robert Jewell. Board members, Lois Shaw, Ralph Angulo, and William Holman. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

See you at the meeting

—AL BURGE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## Membership News for September

Welcome to George Debruyne of Sequim area and also to Loretta Maher of Port Townsend to our chapter. Hope to greet you at the September 28th meeting. Our 2 reinstatements for the past month are Claire Burnham and Wayne Waag. I have sent past due notices to Bettye Collins, David Owen, David Colthorp, Jim & Sharon Englund and James Poffel. One member has been dropped for non payment of dues, Jane Hershey of Quilcene. You can call me if you are interested in the "dues withholding pro-

gram"; not only will you save money; but you won't have to have your name in the newsletter or get that past dues notice. It's a win situation for all of us.

Our speaker for October will be Marjorie Stewart from the Sequim Senior Information and Assistance. Marjorie is also the SHIBA Coordinator for Clallam and Jefferson Counties. It's been awhile since Marge spoke to our members so put this date on your calendar. October 26th at Paradise Restaurant in Sequim.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

## August Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Al Burge, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Pamela Godsey, Telephone Chairperson, introduced Speaker Renne Brock-Richmond. Renne is an instructor at Peninsula College, teaching noncredit computer and technology courses in Sequim, including basic computer classes. Most classes are Tuesday and Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. and cost \$41.00. She encouraged members to take the "Crossing the Digital Divide" class. She believes traversing the chasm gets easier as you narrow the gap and level the playing field by engaging your minds and becoming comfortable with computers and digital media. Renne has an interesting background. She is an artist whose work and interests involve an inter-connection between fabric and the computer. She has been teaching digital media since 1993.

Treasurer: Nineteen dollars was collected for Alzheimer's.

Membership: Twenty-four member attended the meeting. It has been eight years since the last raise in Chapter dues. At that time there were 398 members. Current membership count: 321.

31st National Convention, Grand Rapids MI, August 29-September 30: President Al represented this Chapter at the Convention. Most resolutions involve membership dues. He will report back to the Chapter at the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, September 28, at the Paradise Restaurant.

The next Executive Board meeting will be on Monday, 12:30 p.m., September 13, at the Sequim Library. Members are always welcome to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, SECRETARY