

# NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association  
Olympic Peninsula Chapter 1006 • January 2011



## NARFE District IV Website

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

### Chapter Officers

**President:** Bud Shaw  
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**Board Member:** William Holman  
**Board Member:** Lois Shaw  
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### Chapter Chairpersons

**Alzheimer's:** Mary Balian  
**Legislative:** Bill Holman  
**Membership:** Lois Shaw  
**Newsletter:** Sara Boore  
**Programs:** Vacant  
**Public Relations:** Vacant  
**Service Officer:** Ralph Angulo  
**Sunshine:** Kathryn Spilker  
**Telephone:** Vacant

### Legislators

#### Senator Maria Cantwell

website: <http://www.cantwell.senate.gov>

#### Senator Cantwell's Director for the Olympic Peninsula

Mike English - (253) 572-2281

The Commerce Building

950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 615, Tacoma, Washington

#### Senator Patty Murray

website: <http://www.murray.senate.gov>

#### Senator Murray's Director for the Olympic Peninsula

Christina Reeves - (253) 572-3636

The Commerce Building

950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 650, Tacoma, Washington

#### Representative Norm Dicks

website: <http://www.house.gov/dicks>

345 6th Street, Suite 500, Bremerton, WA 98337 and 332 East

Fifth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362 (Staffed by Judith Morris)

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

appointment 452-3370)

## January Chapter Program

Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 11:30 A.M.

Paradise Restaurant

703 North Sequim Avenue

(just north of Sequim High School)

Sequim, WA

Speakers for the January 2011 meeting will be Le-nee Langdon, Sequim KeyBank Manager; and Darin Ring, Financial Advisor, Key Investment Services.

Lunch is at 11:30 A.M. and the speaker will be at 12:00. You do not have to have lunch to attend the meeting.

## President's Corner

As your new NARFE Chapter 1006 president I thought I would tell you a little bit about myself. I was born in Missouri and after my schooling I started working in the aviation business. When the Korean War started I was motivated by the local draft board to join the Air Force and spent most of my four years in Germany. I then went to work for the Civil Aviation Administration (FAA). I started in Chicago, moved back to Kansas City, then to Brussels, Belgium, to Seattle and my final job in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. I was a United Nations contract employee in Jeddah on loan from the FAA for two years and I retired from Civil Service after thirty-one years and stayed on in Saudi Arabia for an additional five years so I could afford to retire very comfortably.

This is my second tour as Chapter 1006 President, you can change this situation if you want by volunteering to be President and I am certain you would be accepted.

### **Please remain alert for the following.**

This coming year will need our close attention, right now the politicians and the press have motivated the general public in the United States into believing that Civil Service Employees and retirees are over paid. The new congress seems to be walking in lock step with this press popular thought and there is a lot of conversation about reducing the number of employees, reducing pay (both retired and workers),

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everyone paying more of their health insurance costs, etc. Therefore we must remain vigilant and protest such changes to our Representatives and Senators if such actions give you concern. This is very easy via the Internet alerts (GEMS) and Robo phone alerts from NARFE Headquarters as the events come up. When you are alerted, please do your part and contact your three Congress persons, politicians if respond to numbers, therefore act accordingly if you become concerned.

I recently had to have the torsion springs adjusted on my pole building door, this requires someone with the correct tools and strong arms, the cost for this person was \$95 per hour. I find it hard to believe that many government employees are paid that kind of salary while performing an ordinary job. Such wages are close to that figure at most of our service-orientated businesses like electricians, plumbers, and automotive technicians, etc.

#### **Please consider assisting**

Our Chapter telephone chairperson has found that she can no longer continue in the position, therefore there is an opportunity for someone to volunteer to do the job. It would be a good opportunity for someone that can not attend the meetings, to get acquainted with chapter members by volunteering to chair the telephone group, All needed information will be provided you.

#### **Our December Christmas Gift**

The inclement weather during the week of our November meeting resulted in the cancellation of the Health Fair and also the collection of Christmas Funds for the usual Salvation Army Christmas gift from our Chapter. The President and his wife sent their donation directly to the Army, should others of our NARFE chapter want to donate you could do so at our January meeting or by mailing it direct, in either case. If your gift is made by check please make the check payable to the Salvation Army.

#### **NARFE Training**

The 2011 NARFE Legislative Training Conference will be held Saturday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 8 and be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA.

NARFE was able to negotiate the same conference room rate as the 2009 Legislative Conference. The 2011 room rate will be \$159 plus 10.25 percent state and local occupancy taxes, for a total of \$175.30 (single-and double-room occupancy

Should any of the members desire to attend the Training Conference please contact the Chapter President.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## **Membership News for January**

Here comes the news for the renewal of your membership

Annually renewing - The first dues renewal notice with the new dues structure will go out January, 2011. That represents the members whose renewal date is March, 2011. Those members with expiration dates in January and February of 2011 will renew under the old dues structure.

Annually renewing members effective March 1, 2011 is one year \$40.00 plus our chapter dues of \$7.00. Two years is \$74.00 plus 2 years of chapter dues and for three years \$102.00 plus 3 years of chapter dues.

Dues Withholding Member Retiree-Annually charged \$34.00 (\$2.84 per month) plus \$7.00 chapter dues. The increase will start with the anniversary date of March, 2011

Existing Life Members. No impact - they have paid  
New Life Members. New actuarial rates have been established and the Life Membership Application is being printed. The new application will appear in your NARFE magazine.

The following is a message from the new National Secretary, Elaine Hughes:

The target date to start email renewals is March 2011 for those members who have provided National their email address:

The first email notice will go out in March, 2011. If there is no response, a second email will be sent in April, 2011. If no response, a third email will be sent in May, 2011 They will not receive paper renewals notices.

If they haven't responded to the email renewals, they will receive a NARFE magazine with a special wrap indicating that this is your final issue in July 2011. If there is no response, they will receive a final renewal notice (paper) in October.

National is planning to do a survey of these members who receive their email renewals between the magazine wrap and the final notice to see why they didn't respond.

We are starting out the New Year on a positive path with five new members. They are Howard Chadwick retired from the Forest Service, M. Erwin from USGS & Jane Hendrick from the National Park, H. James Rhodes and Scott Schreier. I have sent out past due notices to Henry Beven and David Johnson. Thanks to Burt Karapostoles for his reinstatement and to Wade Clark for signing up for Dues Withholding.

Hope to see you on January 25th. Stop by and let's get acquainted.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR