

# NARFE

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



## NARFE District IV Website

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

### Chapter Officers

**President:** Bud Shaw  
**Vice President:** Robert Ackerman  
**Secretary:** Kay Kozminski  
**Treasurer:** Robert Jewell  
**Board Member:** Ralph Angulo  
**Board Member:** William Holman  
**Board Member:** Lois Shaw  
**Past President:** Al Burge  
**District IV Vice President:** Bill Powers

### 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)

### March Chapter Program

Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 11:30 A.M.  
Paradise Restaurant  
703 North Sequim Avenue  
Sequim, WA

The speaker for the March 2011 meeting will be Ralph Angulo, Chapter Service Officer. The program will discuss the preparation of the March 2010 revision of Form F-100 - Be Prepared for Life's Events.

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

This is a continuation of my last month's theme of "Is it Fair". When I was in the Air Force in Germany my flight crew took our Commanding officer to Chaumont, France for a conference. When we arrived at the airport we could not any distance from the aircraft, since when the General returned it was a policy of "wheels up" within 15 minutes of his arrival. While we were in the airport terminal building waiting; the General's meeting lasted much longer than we thought it would and we got to discussing how unfair that was since we had a party that night back at our base. There was a pilot that had been napping on a bench in the terminal building and overheard our grumbling. He raised up and told us of his problem, he had flown an F80 jet plane in and upon landing he blew a tire and had to wait a day to get a replacement. Then when he thought he was ready to go he discovered some had stolen his control stick from his plane, which was resulting in another day's delay. He only had his flight suit on and therefore he could not go to "O" club for lodging or anywhere else except the mess hall to eat and back to the terminal building. He said he was the supply officer for his base and had over two million dollars in supplies in tents that was cut open almost nightly by vandals and pilfered. He stated he had been advised he would be held accountable and that he thought life was unfair to him compared to our delay problem.

*President's Corner continued on next page*

*President's Corner, continued*

Recently I heard on the radio of a local person that had gone to his doctor because of his depression and anxiety attacks. The doctor told him he should learn to take life a little easier and avoid stressful situations. He went out and got in his car, drove about two blocks and got into a minor fender bender type accident, which required a police report. He then drove to the casino and lost considerable amount of money and when he returned to his car he had a flat tire and he had used his spare tire following his accident. He did not think life was being fair to him.

Would you think life was being fair if your spouse had Alzheimer's and had it for several years and you were the unrecognized caregiver? In addition to that you have custody and are raising and educating your special needs grandchild. Would you think life was being fair to you? That is the situation our immediate Past President lives with daily, he seldom discusses it but I can't help but feel life has not been to fair to him.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## **AARP 55 Alive Driver Training Course**

Lois and I recently completed the AARP defensive driving course at the Port Angeles Senior Center. The course is all classroom training and is both informative and entertaining. It lasts for two days, four hours each day and as our instructor said no one fails and no tests are given. We had a very good instructor; he is a retired Washington State Patrolman and now volunteers with the local police department. The course costs \$12 if you are an AARP member and \$14 if you are not. You receive a certificate of accomplishment and most insurance companies will give you a discount on your insurance for the next three years. Our insurance company gives a 10% discount, which more than pays for the course. Check with your own insurance company to determine if they would give you a discount if you attend.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## **One Of Our Past Chapter Presidents Is Ill**

Ken Donaldson our chapter President a few years ago fell in his garage at home last month fracturing his hip. His tripod cane slipped on a slick spot and he fell hitting the concrete and causing his injury. He was transported to the local hospital and had surgery to assist his recovery.

He is now in the nursing home at 1000 South 5th St. in Sequim. He was doing very well in his recovery and then received a setback due to an error in medication he was given. He is now starting over again struggling to regain his strength and ability to walk so he can go home. Ken is one of our more senior members and we wish him God Speed in his recovery.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

## **Membership News for March**

Welcome to our new member, Robert Vreeland of Port Angeles. The past due members from the February and March report are: Robert Bougie, C. Edward Bowlby, Warren Emmons, Dennis Murray, Donald Ross, Michael Schmoll & Susan Schultz. March report: Barbara Bauer, Barbara Field & Bob Sorenson. Dropped from the membership for non payment of dues are: James Andrew and Henry Beven. Raves to those nine members that have renewed for years and years in the future - you know who you are! Thanks!

Don't forget that the new dues structure is as follows: One year is \$47.00, Two years is \$79.00 and Three years is \$109.00 and those prices include the chapter dues. Those members who are on dues withholding will receive a 15% reduction on National Dues. Annual dues will be \$34.00 plus our chapter dues of \$7.00. If you are interested, call me @ 452-6374 and I will send you a dues withholding form.

We are receiving many returned newsletters which we pay a total of .58 cents - that is printing and postage. Consider having your newsletter via e-mail - it's faster than the post office and our chapter funds won't be going in the red.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

## **February Meeting Recap**

Bud Shaw introduced the City Reporter for the Sequim Gazette, Mathew Nash. He reports that the governing bodies of Sequim are involved in these top items: Impact Fees, the future of Sequim's Real Estate Industry, Water Use, Turn-over of Department Heads, the Downtown Plan and Signage, the facts of multiple plans but no implementation. The paper is rising to the challenge of a growing web base for news distribution.

No treasurer's report. Collections were made for the Boosters Page in the May State Convention Program, and for Alzheimer's Research. District Workshop is in Poulsbo on 3-17-11, lunch is \$12. , agenda is on District Website. Members are encouraged to use dues withholding, and contribute to NARFE PAC Fund and call your Representatives in Congress.

Kathryn Spilker had a great letter to the editor published in a resent Gazette. We all cheered. Long time member and mentor Ken Donelson is in the hospital with hip fracture. We wish him well!

—MARILYN FALLS, ACTING SECRETARY

## **Parking Problem at the Restaurant**

There is a group of card players now meeting at the restaurant on the same day as our meeting. It seems like the card group is growing very rapidly and at our last meeting parking was at a premium while our attendance is down.

*Parking Problem continued on next page*

*Parking Problem, continued*

The card players start arriving prior to 11 o'clock opening of the restaurant and they were still there when we departed after our meeting. I have checked with the restaurant management and the card group is not scheduled to play cards on our next two meeting dates. They also said they would ask the card players not to play cards on our meeting dates. Until it is resolved if you are attending the meeting and can walk a short distance please park on the south side Hendrickson street, the east/west street parallel to the school grounds.

In order to eliminate the problem if it prevails we can change our meeting place, meeting days or meeting times. Please give some thought to this problem and be prepared to make some constructive comments at the next meeting.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT