

NARFE

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



President's Corner

NARFE WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION

By the time you read this we will have been to the NARFE Federation convention in Spokane and back. The Delegates that attend will give briefings at our next meeting on May 24, 2011 at the Paradise restaurant. I will also give some of the high lights in our next newsletter, as may some of the other attendees.

NARFE Chapter 1006 has donated \$335 to the state Federation Alzheimer's fund, even though we missed one monthly meeting due to bad weather

IS IT FAIR

In last months newsletter I mentioned that one of our former presidents had been a patient in our local hospital and was placed in a nursing home that was inadequately staffed. The same week that our newsletter was mailed there was an article in the newspaper about some nursing homes paying placement fees to hospitals, doctor's offices, and clinics, etc. to place patients in their nursing homes. The article stated that in some cases up to \$3600 was paid. It sure makes one wonder if this is one of the reasons why those in charge would place a patient in such inadequately staffed facilities.

A recent newspaper poll was a question about the two Elwha dam removals. Of 715 people answering 53.3% was against removal and 38.6 was for removal. I will bet that in our democracy you thought the majority rules, not so in this local poll.

I THOUGHT

I recently thought about how I had worked over forty years without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I now have a cell phone and signed up under duress for Facebook so I could communicate the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter also.

That was before someone wanted to hook me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting world.

I have now decided that if I ever master E-mail I may tackle that darned cell phone and text message some after I learn how. To be perfectly frank, I am

May Chapter Program

Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 11:30 A.M.
Paradise Restaurant
703 North Sequim Avenue
Sequim, WA

The speaker for the May meeting will be Judith Morris who works for Representative Norm Dicks.

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.

still trying to learn how to use the cordless phone in our house. We have had it for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out why the other phones will not work when I am using the cordless phone.

OPM

OPM has created a new site for retirees and survivors called "Retirement Information Center". It was established by OPM to share late information with retirees on changes that could affect their retirement. To contact the center go to www.opm.gov/retire and then click on "Retirement Information Center" under Retirees & Families. Here's a hint: The best times to reach OPM is first thing in the morning as they open at 7:30am EST, or Thursdays and Fridays in the afternoon. Their number is 888-767-6738 but you may also contact them via email at retire@opm.gov.

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL PERSONS

The Senate is about to vote on a disastrous budget proposal that would slash federal pay and retirement by \$375 billion over 10 years. We need to speak out now. A few weeks ago, the House of Representatives passed a budget proposal that would cut 10 percent of the federal work force, reduce pay, and jeopardize benefits for those who have already retired. It's an unfair attack that singles out the federal workers who protect our nation every day.

NARFE sent a letter to all senators telling them to vote "No" on the House budget proposal. Add your name to a list to be sent to your Congressional Persons by going to the NARFE gem site at www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org

Just fill in your name and address on the form.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

NARFE District IV Website

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)

Meet Your Newsletter Editor

I was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and graduated from San Jose State University in 1972 with a B.A. in art.

In 1973 I started working for the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, California, as a scientific illustrator. Over the years my job changed from producing drawings with pen and ink to illustrating and laying out publications using the computer. As I needed to keep up to date with the various computer programs we used, and the subject matter was always fascinating, my 31 years at the Survey was interesting and challenging.

I spent my vacations backpacking in the Sierra Mountains, with some travelling to England, Scotland and trekking in the Himalayas.

In my 30's I attended the Academy of Art in San Francisco in the evenings for 2 years to further my skills in illustration. I then started illustrating books for publishing companies in addition to my USGS work. Since retiring from the Survey I've ramped up the illustration a bit.

My art interests include fiber arts (spinning, weaving, knitting, and dyeing fabric), clay art, basketry, and drawing.

I also love reading, walking my corgi, and spending time with my friends - especially my husband, Gary.

—SARA BOORE, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Passings

We are sad to report the deaths of Irene Roney, Jane Hall and Eloyde Teefy. Her son, Michael, is our National Legislative Chairman person.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR