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July Chapter Program

Tuesday, July 26, 2011, 11:30 A.M.
Paradise Restaurant
703 North Sequim Avenue
Sequim, WA

The speaker for the July meeting will be Marc Richard.

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

NARFE PAC FUND

We had a tremendous response to the appeal at the June meeting to support the NARFE PAC FUND. Eighty five percent of those in attendance contributed. Some had previously contributed and added to their contribution. We collected \$260. Those of you that have not contributed and wish to do so can use the form that is in the monthly NARFE magazine or mail your checks to the NARFE Chapter P.O. Box 2446, Sequim WA 98382. I am sure the majority of you know that our earned benefits are currently under attack by some congressional persons at this time; this makes it imperative that we support those that support us during future elections by giving to their campaign funds. Be certain to make your checks payable to the NARFE PAC FUND. If your contribution is for \$20 or more we will send you a very impressive lapel pin.

IS IT FAIR

Congressional persons continually want to send more and more of our tax dollars overseas. While they are doing this they want to change the way COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS are calculated in Social Security. What you may not know is that similar changes would probably be made to your retirement annuity. If you do not think this is fair you should call your congressional persons. Do not remain silent and let Congress slowly bleed your retirement from you. Tell them that we do not object to paying our fair share but based on current trends we are being asked to carry a much higher portion of the burden and we do not think that is fair. We served our country proudly and fairly and we would like to be treated the same way. Dial 1-866-220-0044 give them your zip code and they will connect you with your Representatives office. Tell the person answering where you live and what your concerns are. Repeat the same procedure by calling again 1-866-220-0044 to convey your message on to both Senators.

While you are at it call the President (he will not answer) at 1-888-225-8418 and tell him to treat Federal workers and retirees fairly.

PROTECT AMERICA'S HEARTBEAT

Every day, millions of federal employees in every single state make our nation stronger and protect America's heartbeat. But now they're under attack by

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some Congressional Members. They are proposing to cut benefits and retirement, even though federal employees have already sacrificed pay to solve our deficit problem. Please join me in speaking out. Go to www.ProtectAmericasHeartbeat.org and tell Congress not to attack federal employees. Then send this e-mail message on to your friends and family! Active and Retired Federal employees, their families and everyone who relies on federal services needs to hear about this!

It sounds like our Washington politicians are to busy playing politics to really get serious about resolving the budget problems. They probably don't even understand the English language well enough to talk to one another. They probably are still trying to figure out how "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing.

NARFE is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. The goal is to make sure the organization keeps its retirement annuity, equal pay, equal rights and health care benefits. Currently, Congress is opting to take these away from retirees and current federal employees.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership News for July

Last month I mentioned that we were holding our own; this month it looks like we're sliding backwards. Stephen Compton and Ruby Newton have been dropped due to non payment of dues. Plus I have one death to report, Richard Calkins passed away last month. And to make matters worse I have sent out past dues notices to the following: Alice Barton, Theodore Dukelow, Nancy Ortowski, Georgia Reynolds, Thomas Salisbury, Joan Sharp and Dale Weaver. Those dues were due June 1. However, RAVES to Mel Kossen for reinstating and paying to June 2014, WAY TO GO. And one new member from Chimacum, Philip Smith.

Recently I took several NARFE magazines to the Hospital waiting rooms, doctors offices and you can help me by doing this also. Write your ID number down on the application form so our chapter gets credit for recruiting. No plan will be successful if it doesn't have the support of our chapter members. Have you tried to sign up a member? How simple it would be to increase our membership if every member would sign up just one new member. If you need application forms, just let me know. Your benefits are only as safe as NARFE is strong and we need to work together.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

June Meeting Recap

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Bud Shaw, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Thirty members attended.

SPEAKER: Lt. Crane, City of Sequim Police Department, reported on the 2010 accomplishments of the Police Department. She has been with the Police Department for 20 years. She spoke of the police remodel project completed in early 2011 and the Olympic Peninsula Burglary Task Force, which was created to address a significant rash in residential burglaries across the north Olympic Peninsula during the winter of 2009-2010. Several technology improvement projects have been completed including the new Law Enforcement Records Management System Upgrade and subsequent roll out of mobile laptops in patrol vehicles in early 2011. Project Lifesaver utilizes a radio transmission device which allows for search capability by Law Enforcement personnel for citizens at risk of wandering. Changes in the Department Traffic Safety program include moving the Traffic Safety Officer position back to Operations and reestablishing the SRO Program. The Department currently has over 20 volunteers. The Chaplains Program has been re-instituted with the appointment of Pastor Bob Rhodes. The City's Emergency Management Plan was updated, reviewed and approved by the State. Funding is provided to the Department by many grants including: WASPC Registered Sex Offender Monitoring Project, Department of Homeland Security Stonegarden and Port Security grants, Bulletproof Vest Grant Program, CSI forensics grant, Block grant, Department of Justice Project Lifesaver and ARRA SRO replacement grants, and Target Zero traffic safety grants. According to Lt. Crane, 2010 was a very good year for the Sequim Police Department.

NARFE PAC FUNDS: President Shaw discussed the importance of contributing to PAC so we can support the candidates who support the preservation of the earned benefits of Federal employees and retirees. Currently our diligent follow-up is needed to get Congress to balance the budget, but NOT solely on the backs of Federal employees and retirees. Two hundred sixty dollars was collected at the meeting for this purpose.

JULY 26 MEETING SPEAKER: Marc Richard will give a report and slide presentation on working in the Alaska weather stations.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER SECRETARY