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November Chapter Program

!!!! Health Fair at 11:00 !!!!

Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 11:00 A.M.
Paradise Restaurant
703 North Sequim Avenue
(just north of Sequim High School)
Sequim, WA

For our November meeting, representatives of federal health insurance companies will provide information on 2011 programs.

Lunch is at 11:00 A.M. and the health fair is from 11:00 to 12:30. You do not have to have lunch to attend the health fair.

President's Corner

Call Your Congressional Representatives

Washington State had a very poor response to the telephone calling request made by NARFE Headquarters; there were only 127 calls logged from the entire state made through the NARFE 800 number. It is too late to make a request that will be used by the Super Budget Committee, their deadline was Nov. 12. We still need to be making calls to Congress to let them know that all we want is to be treated fair in the budget cutting efforts. Call today and call often until the whole budget cutting issue is finalized, it is said the squeaking wheel gets the grease, so let's squeak often. The phone numbers to call is on the front of this newsletter.

Salvation Army Needs Help

We will be taking up a collection at our next meeting for the Salvation Army Christmas fund instead of the Alzheimer's fund. Those members that will not be attending the meeting can open their hearts and mail a check. All checks sent by mail or given at the meeting must be made out to the Salvation Army Christmas Fund and not to NARFE. Mail your checks to PO Box 2446 Sequim Washington 98382-2446. The need this year is far more than past years due to the economy, so give with your heart and spend your kid's inheritance and you can't take it with you.

Humor

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust." And then the fight started...

Meeting Info

Our Nov. meeting will start an hour earlier at 11:00 AM due to scheduling the health care providers have set up. We do not have meetings in December therefore this meeting our next meeting will be January 24, 2012.

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More Government Waste

A high-speed train to nowhere? The administration gave California several billion dollars for its proposed high-speed rail project last year and attached an odd requirement. The money had to be spent, the feds said, on a relatively short stretch in the San Joaquin Valley in a very sparsely populated area.

The official explanation was that it would be the easiest and cheapest segment of a statewide system, could be a demonstration and test track, and could be used for ordinary train service if nothing else happens. When the government is broke why do they do such things, do they just want to irritate tax payers.

Is it any wonder citizens think so dimly of our government?

More Humor

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

We are still looking for Chapter members to help keep our chapter going. The Port Orchard chapter is on the verge of closing due to no help. We were in that same position a few recent years back, please don't let it happen again. Look at the list on the front of this newsletter, from the President to the Vacant Telephone Position, if any one of the positions interest you even slightly I am certain you could be accommodated.

If you have access to a computer and do not receive "NARFE GEMS" messages you can subscribe to them by going to, www.narfe.org and then select MEMBERSHIP on the left margin, and then select "Join Gems". You will receive a lot of NARFE Washington action going on as it is happening.

From a Washington Newspaper

Reduce the Federal budget shortfall by cutting Congress by 10%, freeze their pay for 10 years, make lobbyists pay their salaries, take away their, housing subsidies, free flights home, taxpayer funded gas pump behind the Capital Building, make them take a 50% pay cut since they only work 2.8 days a week, remove their subsidized healthcare,

PS I did not know they had a free gas pump.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership

Remember to let me know if you are moving to your winter location or otherwise changing your address anytime otherwise it costs the Chapter 1006 treasury about \$1.20 for all the costs involved when your newsletter can not be delivered. So let us remember address change notify NARFE this impacts not only your newsletter but your NARFE magazine.

You can save money by having dues withholding for your NARFE membership, just fill out the form that is in the NARFE magazine and either mail it to NARFE or bring it to the meeting and give it to the Membership Chairperson.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

October Speaker Recap

Our speaker in October was Robert Beebe from the Olympic Game Farm; he is the grandson of the founder of the Farm.

His grandson began filming wildlife around his farm which lead to his working with Walt Disney studios until Walt's passing. He talked about the restrictions on owning wild animals and told how the farm got an exemption so they could open it to the public. Robert now manages the farm, taking over from his father. Many of the bears are trained performers for film and he described their sense of humor, their intelligence, and how quickly they learn things. They know when you visit the Farm that if they wave at you they will be rewarded.

It was a very interesting and entertaining talk that all enjoyed.

—BOB ACKERMAN, CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT