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Tuesday 9:30 A.M.-Noon, Thursday 2:00-5:00 P.M., and by
appointment 452-3370.

February Chapter Program

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 11:30 A.M.
Paradise Restaurant
703 North Sequim Avenue
(just north of Sequim High School)
Sequim, WA

Our February speaker will be Lawrence Bingham from District 3 Fire Department.

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

What have you done for your country? When we lived in Brussels, Belgium we had the opportunity to visit the city of Bastogne.

There is a large monument to the American military for those that participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Some of you may not remember that during World War II the winter was extremely cold and the German army penetrated the US Army front lines in a battle to drive the Germans out of Belgium. That battle became known as the "Battle of The Bulge". During the battle a German General sent a message to US Army General McAuliffe asking him if he wanted to surrender; to which General McAuliffe responded "Nuts". The war museum in downtown Bastogne is called the Nuts Museum. In the museum there are many photos that were taken during the battle. Some of the pictures shows bodies stacked up like cord wood along the streets and sidewalks in Bastogne because the ground was frozen too hard to dig the graves. Today in Bastogne there is an American Military cemetery and nearby there is a German cemetery where the bodies of their soldiers lie.

A member of our chapter; Bob Cruzan was in that Battle of the Bulge during World War II. Call him and thank him for giving so much. Bob helped our Chapter immensely when we had the Federation Convention in Port Angeles. Bob, we thank you for your service to our country and our chapter.

What have you ever done to help Chapter 1006? This is my seventh year being the Chapter President and Lois has been membership chairperson for 17 years. Jean Jones has helped with our newsletter project for over twenty years. We are getting tired and we need you to step forward and help. If you are under the age of 80 you are younger than us; so give it a try.

"AN URGENT NEED FOR ONE PERSON TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE , TREASURER WITHOUT SOMEONE TO FILL THIS POSITION THERE NO LONGER WILL BE A CHAPTER #888. IT SIMPLY WILL NOT CONTINUE TO EXIST AS A CHAPTER!!!" That is recent news from the Port Orchard Chapter #888 recent newsletters. I believe they have since filled the vacant positions. This happened once previous-

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ly in our Chapter and I hope that won't happen again, please step forward and do your part.

Future Meetings

Chapter #1006 will be hosting the District IV workshop Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the Sequim Elks Lodge from 9:30 to 3:00. That is our regular meeting day and we will be holding a short Chapter meeting immediately after lunch. Judith Morris, District Representative for Congress Norm Dicks will be the key note speaker at the workshop. Those of you that have heard her speak at our meeting know how interesting and informative she is. There is a luncheon consisting of soup, cold cuts, bread, salad and dessert for \$15, if you desire to have lunch. Chapter 1006 will be providing coffee and rolls at no cost to NARFE members starting at 9:30 AM.

The Washington State Federation Convention will be held in Vancouver, May 15-16, 2012. The key note speaker will be Julie Tegen Legislative Director at NARFE Washington headquarters. The convention will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 100 Columbia St. Ph 360-694-2023 for room reservations.

The NARFE NATIONAL Convention will be held August 26-30, 2012 in Reno- Sparks, Nevada at the

Golden Nugget Hotel. Any Chapter 1006 members that plan on going to this convention and want to be on a committee must let Bud Shaw know ASAP since applications must be sent to NARFE Headquarters by March 1, 2012. Also, if you are going get your hotel reservations made early.

An interesting experience

We recently discovered a vagrant's tent set up on State Property adjacent to ours. When I saw it, there did not appear to have been any recent activity in the area. I was concerned that there might be a deceased person in the tent. We stopped by the Sheriff's office and spoke with one of the Deputy's. I told him if it was some one that was just down on his luck we would not object to them staying. But he advised against that since there are plenty of shelters provided by the County and city. He said most people that live in tents do it because they don't want to comply with the public shelter rules, namely no drugs and no alcohol. He further advised if we let them stay then they would tell all their friends and soon we would have a big garbage and sanitation mess to clean up. The Deputy said he would pay them a visit and move them on.

End of Story

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Membership

I have sent past dues notices to the following: Sharon Ross, Susan Schultz, Joyce Skoien & Edgar Tracy. Your dues were due January 2012. Dropped for Non-Renewal are William Houghton and Pete Zamboni. And a big thank you to Mel Funkhouser, Judith Mitchell and David O'Sullivan for paying months and years in advance. That makes my job much easier.

What I don't like doing is reporting deaths. Joe Cantwell passed away in January. Not only will we miss Joe; but the Port Angeles Senior Center won't be the same without Joe.

When you receive those past dues notices from me, don't send me the money. Again, here is the dues structure for Chapter #1006. One Year National Dues is \$40.00 plus chapter dues of \$7.00, Two Years National Dues is \$72.00 plus chapter dues of \$14.00 and Three Years is \$102.00 plus \$21.00 Chapter dues. Why not consider taking out Withholding Dues? It's painless plus you won't be getting those nasty cards from me. Members who are on Dues Withholding receive a %15 reduction on the National dues. Annual National dues will be \$34.00 plus our \$7.00 chapter dues. Then send

your check to: NARFE Membership Records, 606 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1943

A word about your newsletters. Last month we had 10 returned for "temporarily away or change of address" The post office will NOT forward bulk mail, period! We must pay the post office .45 cents for each returned newsletter, in addition that does not include the cost of having the mailing labels printed or the cost of having the newsletters printed. Soon this adds up and my budget is in the hole.

Won't you consider calling me @ 452-6374 or National Headquarters at 1-800-456-8410 and tell that nice lady back there when you have a new address or let us know when you are on vacation. We would appreciate it.

Don't forget to come to the District Workshop that our Chapter will be hosting. It's March 27th and will be held at the Sequim Elks. Starts at 9:30 and will be over about 3'ish. Norm Dicks right hand lady, Judith Morris will be our speaker. Lunch will be available and if you come early, I'll buy your breakfast roll and coffee.

That's it from the Membership Department.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR