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October Chapter Program

Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 11:30 A.M.
Paradise Restaurant
703 North Sequim Avenue
(just north of Sequim High School)
Sequim, WA

The Speaker for the October meeting will be Ralph Angulo, Service Officer. The program will discuss the preparation of the Form F-100 - Be Prepared for Life's Events.

Lunch is at 11:30 AM and the speaker will be at 12:00.

President's Message

NARFE Chapter 1006 NEEDS HELP

As a told you in our July newsletter we need your help, I have asked Bob Ackerman to chair a committee to fill all of our executive positions in our chapter. When he or one of his committee asks you to accept a position please give it serious thought. The very existence of our chapter is dependent upon it, without your help we will terminate the Chapter. If we are to terminate our Chapter what do you want to do with your membership? Please come prepared to discuss this subject at our next meeting

October Speaker

The speaker for the meeting will be our own Service Officer, Ralph Angulo. Please bring your F100 form with you and he will tell you the how, what, when and where your form should have information filled in. Be a good scout come prepared.

November Meeting

Due to scheduling problems from the health care providers we will not be having a Federal Employees Health Fair this year. We tried to change our meeting day to accommodate them but our meeting room was not available. Chapter 1006 will have a table set up at the Homeland Security and the Parks Department offices for recruitment purposes during the Fair in those locations.

Narfe Has a New Washington State Federation Secretary

Linda Sanders is our new Federation Secretary. She and husband Ralph have been very active in the Bremerton NARFE Chapter for many years.

Our Recent Trip

We drove 5760 miles on our journey to the FAA Flight Standards Retirees reunion in Oklahoma City; where it was 106 degrees. Obviously we did not go via the most direct route. We went by the way of Monterey Ca., Kansas City and Boise. It was sure good to be home again. We

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did encounter a couple of ugly situations. One in Oregon when late at night we received a phone call in our motel room and a person tried to scam us. The person used a guise of working for the motel and attempted to obtain our credit card number. The second event involved a rear tire on our car blowing out while traveling around 65 MPH in the middle of Wyoming and 70 miles from Casper the closest city where a tire could be bought. A nice young gentleman stopped and changed the tire for us. The failed tire resulted in a need to drive a long way on the skinny spare tire while limited to 45 MPH. A third major event was I turned 87 and I realize that I am getting very close to the pinnacle of the life insurance pyramid and had better slow-down in my outside activities. Therefore, I will not be your Chapter 1006 President next year.

—BUD SHAW, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

September Meeting Recap

SPEAKER: Our speaker was Margaret Low from the Olympic Red Cross. Accompanying Margaret was Lisa Pierson, Coordinator of Red Cross Volunteers, and Zane Beall with the AmeriCorps Program. Red Cross is not a federal organization. It is chartered by the government, operating almost entirely on volunteers (people who give swimming lessons, assist with blood drives, vaccination programs, disaster assistance, etc.) The Red Cross “responds”, very seldom “initiates.” They don’t go unless they are invited. The most common situations the local Red Cross responds to are (1) fires and (2) floods. Who is first responder in a disaster situation? Each and every one of us is, if we are fit and able to assist.

Information on how to prepare for a disaster was provided. This included a Disaster Preparedness Calendar, Your Family Disaster Plan and supply kit recommendations, and a power outage checklist. At a minimum, Olympic Peninsula Emergency management people say we should always have at least two-days food supply available. Each of us was encouraged, every night, to put by our bedside: wallet/purse, car keys, eye glasses, required medication, identification, and shoes. A “safe and well” internet system is available to communicate with loved ones in an emergency situation.

Red Cross training—first aid, CPR, sheltering, earthquake preparation, etc. -- is available to everyone and we were strongly encouraged to check it out.

MEMBERSHIP: Twenty-two members and guests attended.

ALZHEIMERS: Thirty-one dollars was collected for Alzheimer’s.

SERVICE OFFICER: The October 23rd meeting speaker will be Ralph Angulo, whose presentation will focus on Being Prepared for Life’s Events—What Your Survivors Should Know. We also hope to have information on the Health Benefits Open Season which runs from Monday, November 12, to Monday, December 10. Health plans in the FEHBP no longer are required to automatically mail participants their plan brochure for the new year. All FEHBP plan brochures can be viewed and printed at the following: www.opm.gov/insure/health/planinfo/index.asp. Or you can call your plan using the information on the back of your health plan identification card.

—KAY KOZMINSKI, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Membership News

Our membership continues to decline. My last report of September shows that we have lost 5 members due to non payment of dues. They are: Henry Beven, Eileen Cooney, Jeanette Donelson, Betty Klingbeil & Frank Sharp. However, on the flip side we have 6 members that have paid through 2013 and 2014

Once again here is the dues structure:

Our Chapter dues is \$7.00 per year.

One year National dues - \$40.00 plus chapter dues - \$47.00

Two years National dues - \$72.00 plus chapter dues - \$86.00

Three years National Dues - \$102.00 plus chapter dues - \$123.00

Members on Dues Withholding will receive a 15% reduction on National Dues. Their annual dues will be \$34.00 plus our chapter dues. \$41.00

New Members are \$45.00 - that includes the chapter dues for the first year only.

By now your probably have heard that I will resign from being the Membership Chair for this Chapter. I have held this position for the past 18 years and it’s time to retire. If you are interested, please contact me.

—LOIS SHAW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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